

## Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000

### NOTICE OF RELEVANT AUTHORITY DECISION FOLLOWING REVIEW OF DIRECTION RESTRICTING CROW ACCESS RIGHTS

Prepared by Natural England

**Access authority:** Northumberland County Council

**Relevant authority:** Natural England

**Local access forum:** Northumberland Joint LAF

Land Parcel Name:	Open Access or England Coast Path	Direction Ref.	Dates of restriction on existing directions:	Reason for Exclusion
Blyth estuary mud flats	England Coast Path: South Bents to Amble	2018038614	Access excluded at all times.  Runs from 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 to 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2058	Unsuitable for public access.  (section 25(A) CROW)

Natural England has now decided how to proceed following its review of the direction to restrict open access rights on this land. A consultation was held between 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 and 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

#### **Outcome of the review:**

Based on the responses received, Natural England's decision is to leave the original directions unchanged in the way they were originally proposed. The end date will change to 20<sup>th</sup> April 2063.

The relevant authority Natural England is satisfied that exclusion of the access rights to the extent specified is necessary under section 25(A) of CROW to:

Prevent danger to the public in areas of salt marsh and mud flat which are unsuitable for public access.

The attached site notice map shows the area of restricted coastal margin in red hatching.

Where a direction restricts access indefinitely, for more than five years, for part of every year, or for part of at least six consecutive years, we have a statutory duty to review it within five years of the date of its issue, therefore, the direction will be reviewed again before 20<sup>th</sup> April 2028.

Details of the restriction will appear on the relevant map of access land on the Open Access website - [www.openaccess.naturalengland.org.uk](http://www.openaccess.naturalengland.org.uk).