

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 |
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| Dune Grassland at Chibburn Links | England Coast Path: South Bents to Amble | 2018038615 | Excluded between 1 st November and 31 st April each year. 26 th July 2018 to 26 th July 2023 | CROW Act section 25(1)(b) public safety Preventing danger to the public from livestock |

Natural England has now decided how to proceed following its review of the directions to restrict open access rights on this land. A consultation was held between 22nd March 2023 and 7th 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 and extend the end date for a further six years.

It continues to be necessary to restrict CROW access to the coastal per the terms of these directions to prevent danger to the public from livestock.

Access to some of the land seaward of the England Coast Path at Chibburn Links is to be excluded by direction under s25(1)(b) of the CROW Act during the period 1st November to 31st April each year. This exclusion has been applied to protect the public from danger in the presence of livestock.

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 original directions will all be extended to an end date of 20th April 2029.

Details of the restriction will appear on the relevant map of access land on the Open Access website - www.openaccess.naturalengland.org.uk.