

Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000

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

Prepared by Natural England

Access authority: Kirklees Council and Peak District National Park Authority

Relevant authority: Natural England and Peak District National Park Authority

Local access forum: Peak District LAF

Direction reference:

Land Parcel Name	Direction Reference	Details of restriction on original direction
Deer Hill Site A	2004060106	Public Exclusion all year round until 20/5/2019 Public safety and land management
Deer Hill Site B	2014037129	Public Exclusion all year round until 31/12/2019 Public safety and land management

Natural England and the Peak District National Park Authority have now decided how to proceed following their review of the above mentioned long-term directions to restrict CROW access rights on this land.

A consultation was held between 24 May and 10 June 2019 with statutory consultees and the general public. We received feedback from Meltham Parish Council and the Peak District Local Access Forum (LAF).

In summary the feedback was as follows:

- The Peak District Local Access Forum noted that significant progress had been made on the previous reviews. On the basis that there were no changes in the level of use or the fall of shot zones, they would not raise any objections. However, they encouraged continuation of the permissive access and its promotion. They also queried the level of contact from user groups about access.
- Meltham Town Council supports the proposal but requests sufficient signage on the ground to inform visitors.

Outcome of the review:

NE and the PDNPA are satisfied that a restriction of CROW access is still necessary on land management and public safety grounds to allow shooting to take place without undue interruption and to prevent danger to the public.

The Club has provided details of the level of use of the club and that the fall of shot area is required in order to meet site certification requirements. The Club allows climbing to take place by way of structured permissive access but does not wish to extend this access more widely at this point.

The end date of the direction has been extended until 31 December 2024 in line with guidance that long-term directions should not be given for a period of more than 6 years.

Summary of changes made to the existing directions:

Land Parcel Name:	Details of restriction on original direction:	New details of restriction
Deer Hill Site A	Public exclusion all year round until 31/12/2019 Public safety and land management	Public exclusion all year round until 31/12/2024 Public safety and land management
Deer Hill Site B	Public exclusion all year round until 31/12/2019 Public safety and land management	Public exclusion all year round until 31/12/2024 Public safety and Land management

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

You should note that the applicant has the right to appeal within six weeks against our decision not to act in accordance with the application originally submitted to us. Only the applicant can appeal against this decision. Details of any appeal will appear on the Planning Inspectorate’s website at www.planning-inspectorate.gov.uk/

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.

Date review completed: 9/7/2019