

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: Dorset County Council
Relevant Authority: Natural England
Local Access Forum: Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole Local Access Forum

Direction reference: 2012056428

Land Parcel Name	Direction Reference	Details of restriction on original direction
Furzy Cliff	2012056428	Specific dates for the 2012 Olympics, then 19/8/12-22/6/18. Outline Direction, up to 28 days annually For Special Events

Natural England has now decided how to proceed following its review of the above mentioned long-term direction to restrict CROW Access rights on this land.

An initial consultation has been held between 3rd April 2017 and 21st April 2017 with statutory consultees and the general public. We received feedback from two consultees, The Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole Local Access Forum (LAF) and the Ramblers, Dorset Area.

In summary the feedback was that as this direction was set up mainly for use during the 2012 Olympic Sailing Events and it hasn't been used since, both responding consultees thought the direction should be revoked.

Outcome of the review:

Natural England's decision is to revoke the direction.

As there is no further long term direction being proposed, i.e. access will not be restricted for more than 6 months continuously; there is no requirement to carry out a second consultation.

This direction was made as part of Natural England's proposals for the Rufus Castle (Portland) to Lulworth Cove (Dorset - Weymouth) stretch of the England Coast Path. The Coastal Access rights came into force along this stretch of coast on 29 June 2012.

The approved route is part of the South West Coast Path National Trail, coastal access rights also apply within the coastal margin (including along the coast path itself).

As part of the proposals for this stretch it was determined that a direction would be required under s24 of the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000 to close the landward and seaward coastal margin and divert the England Coast Path at Furzy Cliff, Weymouth (SY699818), when it is being used for special events. The first of these events were during the 2012 Olympic sailing events held around Weymouth, and then an outline direction was given for up to 28 days annually for use during other events the council might wish to stage.

During the review process Natural England spoke with the 'Assets and Infrastructure Team', from the 'Dorset Councils Partnership' serving North Dorset District Council, West Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council.

They recognised that they hadn't used this direction since the Olympics and were unlikely too, and that unlike for example the Nothe, the area is very open with safety concerns around the cliff edge so isn't quite so suitable for ongoing special events.

Summary of changes made to the existing directions:

Land Parcel Name:	Details of restriction on original direction:	New details of restriction
Furzy Cliff	2012056428	Revoke – no direction

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.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/countryside/countryside.

Date review completed: 5th October 2017