

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: Hampshire
Relevant authority: Natural England
Local access forum: Hampshire
Direction reference: 2004090138

Land Parcel Name	Direction Reference	Details of restriction on original direction
Hook Links	2004090138	Access excluded 04/11/2019 – 15/12/2025 For Nature Conservation

Natural England has now decided how to proceed following its review of the above-mentioned long-term direction to restrict open access rights on this land. A consultation was held between 22/01/2025 & 28/02/2025 with statutory consultees and the general public. We did not receive any comments

Outcome of the review:

Natural England's decision is to (1) leave the original direction unchanged in the way it was originally proposed and extend the end date for a further six years

The site is within the Solent and Southampton Water RAMSAR, Solent Maritime SAC and Lee on Solent to Itchen Estuary SSSI and is an important waterfowl / wading bird over wintering and nesting site.

If access was allowed it would likely have a detrimental effect to the population of various species of bird, which include Linnets, Skylarks, Cetti's, Dartford and other Warblers. This site was also mentioned within the recent habitat regulations assessment used for proposals made for the Calshot to Gosport stretch of the England Coast Path.

Although the site itself was not included it was noted that the site could show a likely significant effect to the integrity of site features (breeding and non-breeding birds throughout the year) if access was allowed.

For long term directions

Natural England's policy for long term directions is that they should not be given for a period of more than 6 years. Therefore, the original direction will be extended to an end date of **15/12/2031**.

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

For long term directions

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: 05/03/2025