

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: Dorset County Council
Relevant Authority: Natural England
Local Access Forum: Dorset Local Access Forum

Direction reference: 2012056427 and 2012056430

Land Parcel Name	Direction Reference	Details of restriction on original direction
Nothe	2012056427	No Public Access on up to 28 days annually until 06/10/2023
Weymouth Beach	2012056430	No Public Access on up to 28 days annually until 03/11/2023

Natural England has now decided how to proceed following its review of the long-term direction to restrict open access rights on this land. A consultation was held between 08 April 2022 and 13 June 2022 with statutory consultees and the general public.

We received comments from the Local Access Forum. Their view was that they would prefer there to be no restrictions on either site, especially given the directions haven't been used since 2017, but if the directions are continued it is important the applicants notify Natural England of any dates called off.

Outcome of the review:

Natural England's decision is to revoke the directions.

Natural England's primary contact for both cases could not be reached, and no one from any organisation representing these sites replied to the consultation. Following the consultation previous contacts for this case were also contacted but their e-mail address were not active any longer.

Natural England then decided that as the directions haven't been used since the 2012 Olympics and there appears to be no one responsible for managing the use of these directions they are no longer required.

Natural England then contacted Weymouth Town Council to see if they knew who owned the sites so Natural England could contact someone to inform them the directions were being revoked. They replied that Weymouth Town Council are the

owners of the Nothe and Dorset Council are the landowners for Weymouth beach. Therefore these landowners are being informed that the directions are being revoked and if they need directions in the future they are welcome to contact us.

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: 16/09/2022