

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: Norfolk County Council

Relevant Authority: Natural England

Local Access Forum: Norfolk LAF

Direction references:

- 2014117438 – Sandy Gulls Caravan Park and Trimingham House Caravan Park
- 2014117440 – Beeston Regis Holiday Park and Laburnum Caravan Park

Land parcel name	Direction	Details of existing directions
Sandy Gulls Caravan Park	2014117438	Dogs must be on leads on the King Charles III England Coast Path/ Norfolk Coast Path all year round.
Trimingham House Caravan Park		
Beeston Regis Holiday Park	2014117440	
Laburnum Caravan Park		

Natural England has now decided how to proceed following its review of the above long-term directions to restrict CROW Access rights on this land. The two directions above are being reviewed together due to their proximity and similarity of issues. A consultation was held between 22 November and 16 December 2024 with statutory consultees and the general public; we did not receive any comments.

Outcome of the reviews

Natural England's decision is to leave the original directions unchanged in the way they were originally proposed and extend the end dates for a further six years. As these directions are a continuation of the current situation with only the end dates being changed a second consultation is not required.

Background to the sites and existing directions

The caravan parks listed above are situated on the Norfolk coast on the route of the King Charles II England Coast Path. The route at Beeston Regis Holiday Park and Laburnum Caravan Park also coincides with the Peddars Way and Norfolk Coast Path running through the sites.

All the parks have an established policy of restricting accompanied dogs to leads while on site. With the introduction of new coastal access rights on 11 December 2014, directions were given to restrict dogs to leads on the Coast Path all year round on each of these sites, to replicate this management.

The four parks are closed for some of the year, with a varied period of closure between sites ranging from 6 weeks to about 4 months (the closure period can vary each year). The managers on the sites were concerned about the introduction of new coastal access rights and asked for the restriction to be made year-round to give a consistent message to access users. When deciding the period of the restriction, Natural England looked to strike a balance between the interests of the public in having a right of access and the interests of the businesses. To provide clarity for walkers Natural England decided it was reasonable to apply a year-round exclusion on all the sites,

Natural England gave the original long-term directions on 26 November 2014. These directions were reviewed in 2019 and were extended for a further 6 years on 3 December 2019.

As part of the 2024 review, we received confirmation from each of the parks that the dog policy remains unchanged, and that they wish the restriction to continue.

The National Trail Officer will review the signage at these sites, to ensure dog walkers are clear on where they are entering and exiting a restricted area and must keep dogs on a lead.

Summary of the existing directions:

Land parcel name	Details of restriction on original direction:	New details of restriction
Sandy Gulls Caravan Park	Directions given under Section 24 restricting dogs to leads on the King Charles III England Coast Path/ Norfolk Coast Path all year round.	Dogs must be on leads on the King Charles III England Coast Path/ Norfolk Coast Path all year round.
Trimingham House Caravan Park		
Beeston Regis Holiday Park		
Laburnum Caravan Park		

Details of the restrictions will appear on the relevant map of access land on the Open Access website - www.openaccess.naturalengland.org.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: 19 December 2024