



CONSULTATION OUTCOME REPORT
COUNTRYSIDE AND RIGHTS OF WAY (CROW) Act 2000
PROPOSAL FOR A LONG-TERM DIRECTION RESTRICTING ACCESS
APRIL 2019

Land Parcel Name:	Direction Ref.
Silence & Old Grove Mines, Great Hucklow	2018088745

1) Introduction

The Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) has completed its consultation on the proposal for a long-term direction to restrict CROW access on this land. The consultation was held between 14 March and 5 April 2019.

The following consultation comments were received:

The Peak District Local Access Forum (PDLAF) have previously supported the Authority's approach to the subsidence problems here and considered the proposal at their Forum meeting on 14 March 2019. Given the current circumstances, the seeking of an independent geotechnical assessment and clarification given at the meeting about road and public footpath closures also being in place, the PDLAF unanimously agreed to: The proposed extension of the duration of the direction to 30th April, 2020, or such earlier time when and if the issues have been satisfactorily resolved.

Foolow Parish Meeting fully supported the proposals. The changes to the site in recent months have been witnessed as have people crossing in to these closed areas and they believe that the area should be closed for health and safety reasons whilst investigations and conclusions are being drawn up. The area is very unstable. Once these investigations and conclusions are drawn up, then would be the time to reconsider opening up the site.

Hucklow Parish Council and the Trustees of the Silence Heritage Site support the proposals.

2) Outcome

The PDNPA is satisfied that the restriction of CRoW access to the extent identified is necessary on public safety grounds having regard to the occurrences of instability, the presence of a potential contributory factor and the nature and character of the land.

The PDNPA considers that thorough and comprehensive evaluation is required to address the instability at Silence Mine and have commissioned independent investigations and a geotechnical assessment.

A direction, for the duration specified, will safeguard the public whilst allowing for the assessment of the effect and causes of the areas of collapse and for the instability to be addressed.

This direction shall cease to have effect on or before 30 April 2020 if the remediation has been undertaken to address the instability to the satisfaction of the PDNPA as Mineral Planning Authority.

In the event of the instability being more extensive or requiring more extensive remediation, the direction shall be further reviewed.

3) Summary of Restriction

Land Parcel Name:	Dates of Restriction	Reason for Exclusion
Silence & Old Grove Mines, Great Hucklow	30 April 2020	Public Safety

Details of the restriction will appear at www.openaccess.naturalengland.org.uk.