



CONSULTATION OUTCOME REPORT
COUNTRYSIDE AND RIGHTS OF WAY (CROW) Act 2000
PROPOSAL FOR A LONG-TERM DIRECTION RESTRICTING ACCESS
APRIL 2020

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 7 April and 27 April 2020.

The following consultation comments were received:

The **Peak District Local Access Forum** has discussed this case and supports the proposed direction as described, for a period of up to one year.

The **Trustees of Silence Heritage Site** consider that it's disappointing that the geotechnical investigations have not come to a conclusion a year after the original commission, yet understandable that any necessary remediation takes place before the site is reopened. This report is long overdue and should tell whether or not these falls are directly, indirectly or not related to the mining activity underneath the site and will then lead on to a review of future site safety. The trustees look forward to the time when the land is once more deemed safe enough to continue our work on its improvement. The longer this goes on the more work will be required to restore the habitat and its associated flora and fauna, which causes us concern.

It would be helpful to understand when the results of the geotechnical investigation will become available. It would be beneficial to all parties for the report to be published as soon as possible in order that plans can be made for the future development of the site and the highway for the benefit of the community. At this stage as no report is available, regrettably, it seems the only reasonable option is to continue the access restriction.

Foolow Parish Meeting is frustrated by the lack of the promised report. This report had it been delivered on time might have allowed a decision to be made to reopen access. But as the report has not been forthcoming, nor is it likely to be for quite some time, then access cannot be permitted. In the light of the recent collapse, then the closure is both understood and justifiable.

Great Hucklow Parish Council consider that the response provided by SHS represents the views of the community.

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. This report is due to be finalised imminently.

Having regard to the timescales for finalising and discussing the report, and in the light of delays resulting from Covid-19, an extension of up to one year is considered to be an appropriate period of time for identifying and rectifying the instability.

This direction shall cease to have effect on or before 30 April 2021 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 2021	Public Safety

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