

Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000

NOTICE OF RELEVANT AUTHORITY DECISION FOLLOWING REVIEW OF DIRECTION RESTRICTING COASTAL ACCESS RIGHTS

Prepared by Natural England

Access authority: Sunderland City Council
Relevant authority: Natural England
Local access forum: Tyne & Wear

Direction reference: 2013076871

Land Parcel Name	Direction Reference	Details of restriction on original direction
Sunderland Marina	2013076871	Restriction of rights to carry fishing equipment only

Natural England has now decided how to proceed following its review of the above mentioned long-term direction to restrict coastal access rights in association with the England Coast Path on this land. A consultation was held between 28th January 2019 and 22nd February 2019 with statutory consultees and the general public. We received feedback from the Ramblers (national representation)

In summary the feedback was as follows:

To clarify the nature of the restriction, which is to restrict the right to carry fishing equipment only. Following this clarification the Ramblers had no further comment.

Outcome of the review:

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

It is necessary to restrict the carrying of fishing equipment at the Marina due to the potential damage this equipment can and has in the past caused to vessels moored in the Marina which has the potential to impact on the property and the business of the Marina. This replicates the way the Marina managed access before the coastal access rights came into being.

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 varied to have an end date of 11th April 2025.

Details of the restriction 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: 7th March 2019