

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: 2013076869

Land Parcel Name	Direction Reference	Details of restriction on original direction
Sunderland Yacht Club	2013076869	To exclude access for 6 days a year

Natural England has now decided how to proceed following its review of the above 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 no comments.

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 of the outline direction for a further six years

Natural England are satisfied that the original reason for excluding access is still relevant. The Yacht Club lift boats in and out of the water in spring and autumn of each year. This operation takes place across the trail of the England Coast Path. An alternative route is provided and signposted when this operation is taking place. It is therefore necessary to continue to exclude access to the England Coast Path for up to six days in every year for land management reasons.

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 extended to 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