

Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000

NOTICE OF RELEVANT AUTHORITY DECISION FOLLOWING REVIEW OF DIRECTION RESTRICTING CROW ACCESS

Prepared by Dartmoor National Park Authority

Access authority: Dartmoor National Park Authority
Relevant authority: Dartmoor National Park Authority
Local access forum: Dartmoor Access Forum

Direction reference: 2005050806

Land Parcel Name	Direction Reference	Details of restriction on original direction
West Dart River Valley	2005050806	Exclusion of dogs

Dartmoor National Park Authority has now decided how to proceed following its review of the above mentioned [long-term] direction to restrict CROW Access rights on this land. A [second] consultation has been held between 26 October 2018 and 16 November 2018 with statutory consultees and the general public. We received feedback from a number of consultees including:

Dartmoor Preservation Association, Kennel Club, Natural England, Open Spaces Society and Ramblers

In summary the feedback was as follows:

All respondents were in support of the proposed variation to the access restriction

Outcome of the review:

Dartmoor National Park Authority's decision is to vary the extent or nature of the direction in a different way from that originally proposed

The Authority is mindful of pursuing the least restrictive approach when managing access and has concluded that the current level of restriction should be amended from a total exclusion on dogs, to a requirement to have dogs on leads at all times within the restriction zone.

For long term directions

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 December 2024.

Summary of changes made to the existing directions:

If you are only extending the end date and not varying the extent or nature of the direction you are not making a change to the direction and do not need to complete this section.

Land Parcel Name:	Details of restriction on original direction:	New details of restriction
West Dart River Valley	Exclusion of dogs All year around from 2005 until 2999	Dogs on leads All year round until 12 th December 2024

Details of the restriction will appear on the relevant map of access land on the Open Access website - www.openaccess.naturalengland.org.uk.

For applications which have been revoked or varied (by extent or nature – extending the end date and making no other change does not constitute a variation)

You should note that the applicant has the right to appeal within six weeks against our decision not to act in accordance with the application originally submitted to us. Only the applicant can appeal against this decision. Details of any appeal will appear on the Planning Inspectorate’s website at www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/countryside/countryside.

For long term directions

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: 13 December 2018