

Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000

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

Prepared by Natural England

Access authority: Cumbria County Council
Northumbria County Council
Relevant authority: Natural England
Local access forum: Cumbria LAF
Northumberland JLAF
Direction reference: 2009050253

Land Parcel Name	Direction Reference	Details of restriction on original direction
Willyshaw Rigg	2009050253	Dogs to be kept on the lead from 1st August to 10th December each year until 10/12/2015

Natural England has now decided how to proceed following its review of the above mentioned long-term direction to restrict open access rights on this land. A consultation has been held between 6th June to 12 July 2019 with statutory consultees and the general public. We did not receive any.

Outcome of the review:

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

The restriction is that dogs must be kept on a lead each year from 1st August to 10th December. It is necessary to restrict CROW access rights to this extent to avoid disturbance to game. We considered whether an outline restriction would be reasonable but due to the number of days shooting occurs on the moors we believe this would place an unreasonable burden on those managing the shoot.

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 29th July 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: 26th July 2019