

Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000:

NOTICE OF RELEVANT AUTHORITY DECISION FOLLOWING CONSULTATION ON A PROPOSED LONG-TERM RESTRICTION OF CROW ACCESS

Prepared by Forestry Commission

Case reference number: 2020029078
Name of site/land parcel: Wirchet Quarry
Grid reference: NY611978
Access authority: Northumberland County Council
Local access forum: Northumberland National Park & Countryside
Joint LAF
Consultation began: 09/04/2020
Consultation ended: 07/05/2020

Date of direction notice: **20/05/2020**

The Forestry Commission has now decided how to proceed following its consultation about a proposed direction to restrict CROW access on this land. The relevant authority's decision is to give a direction restricting CROW access in the way it originally proposed. This is because it is necessary to restrict CROW access to this extent to prevent danger to the public.

A copy of the direction is enclosed for your information. Details of the restriction will appear on the relevant map of access land on the Open Access website at <http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/openaccess>.

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 are obliged to review it within five years of the date of issue.

Justification for direction

- Official closure of CROW land is needed to exclude the public for safety reasons as timber harvesting operations are extremely hazardous.
- All consultation comments have been considered and no change to the proposed direction is required.