

Operations requiring Natural England's consent

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Section 28 (4)(b)

The operations listed below may damage the features of interest of West Penwith Moors and Downs ((Halow ha Gonyow Pennwydh West) SSSI. Before any of these operations are undertaken you must consult Natural England and may require our consent.

It is usually possible to carry out some of these operations in certain ways, or at specific times of year, or on certain parts of the SSSI, without damaging the features of interest. If you wish to carry out any of these activities please contact the Natural England Area Team who will give you advice and where appropriate issue you with a consent. Please help us by using the 'notice form' (provided at notification and available on request) to ask us for consent to carry out these operations.

In certain circumstances it will not be possible to consent these operations, because they would damage the features of interest. Where possible the Area Team will suggest alternative ways in which you may proceed, thereby enabling consent to be issued. To proceed without Natural England's consent may constitute an offence. If consent is refused, or conditions attached to it, which are not acceptable to you, you will be provided with details of how you may appeal to the Secretary of State.

Standard reference number Type of operation

1. Cultivation, including ploughing, rotovating, harrowing and re-seeding.
2. Grazing and alterations to the grazing regime (including type of stock, intensity or seasonal pattern of grazing).
3. Stock feeding and alterations to stock feeding practice.
4. Mowing or cutting vegetation and alterations to the mowing or cutting regime (such as from haymaking to silage).
5. Application of manure, slurry, silage liquor, fertilisers and lime.
6. Application of pesticides, including herbicides (weedkillers) whether terrestrial or aquatic, and veterinary products.
7. Dumping, spreading or discharging of any materials.
8. Burning and alterations to the pattern or frequency of burning.
9. Release into the site of any wild, feral, captive-bred or domestic animal, plant, seed or micro-organism (including genetically modified organisms).
10. Killing, injuring, taking or removal of any wild animal (including dead animals or parts thereof), or their eggs and nests, including pest control and disturbing them in their places of shelter.
11. Destruction, displacement, removal or cutting of any plant or plant remains, including tree, shrub, herb, hedge, dead or decaying wood, moss, lichen, fungal fruiting body, leaf-mould, turf or peat.
12. Tree and/or woodland management and alterations to tree and/or woodland management (including planting, felling, pruning and tree surgery, thinning, coppicing, changes in species composition, removal of fallen timber).

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13a.	Draining (including moor-gripping, the use of mole, tile, tunnel or other artificial drains).
13b	Modification to the structure of water courses (streams, springs, ditches, dykes and drains) including their banks and beds, as by re-alignment, regrading, damming or dredging.
13c.	Management of aquatic and bank vegetation for drainage purposes.
14.	Alterations to water levels and water tables and water utilisation (including irrigation, storage and abstraction from existing water bodies and through boreholes). Also the modification of current drainage operations, such as through installation of new pumps.
15.	Infilling or digging of ditches, dykes, drains, ponds, pools, marshes or pits.
20.	Extraction of minerals including peat, hard rock, sand and gravel, topsoil, subsoil and spoil.
21.	Destruction, construction, removal, rerouting, or regrading of roads, tracks, walls, fences, hardstands, banks, ditches or other earthworks, including soil and soft rock exposures or the laying, maintenance or removal of pipelines and cables, above or below ground.
22.	Storage of materials.
23.	Erection of permanent or temporary structures or the undertaking of engineering works, including drilling.
24a.	Modification of natural or man-made features and clearance of boulders, large stones, loose rock, scree.
26.	Use of vehicles or craft.
27.	Recreational or other activities likely to damage or disturb the features of special interest.
28a.	Game and waterfowl management and hunting practices and alterations to game or waterfowl management and hunting practice.

Notes

- i. This is a list of operations appearing to Natural England to be likely to damage the special features of the SSSI, as required under section 28 (4) (b) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.
- ii. Where an operation has been granted a consent, licence or permission from another authority separate consent will not be required from Natural England. However, other authorities are required to consult Natural England before such consents, licences or permissions are issued.
- iii. Any reference to 'animal' in this list shall be taken to include any mammal, reptile, amphibian, bird, fish, or invertebrate.

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