

Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (CROW)

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

Relevant authority: South Downs National Park Authority
Access authority: South Downs National Park Authority
Local Access Forum: South Downs Local Access Forum

Land Parcel Name:	Dates of restriction on previous direction:	Details of restriction on previous direction
Coffin Row	18/11/2004 – 6/12/2015	Avoidance of danger to the public (livestock). No access to walkers with dogs

South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) has decided, following its review of the above long-term direction, to restrict CROW access on this land and continue with the previous direction to exclude access with dogs.

SDNPA received responses to the consultation from the South Downs Local Access Forum and the Ramblers both of whom had no objection to the continuation of the restriction to exclude dogs.

Coffin Row (“the site”) is a small area of access land where Highland cattle graze for most of the year. For part of the year the cattle will be suckler cows with calves at foot. The site is part of Beacon Hill, Warnford SSSI and the cattle provide suitable grazing for the maintenance of the floristic interest.

The purpose of the restriction is to ensure public safety due to the presence on the site of Highland cattle. Highland cattle are known to be aggressive towards dogs, and particularly when there are calves; the topography of the site (a very steep slope) makes it very hard to move easily and quickly to safety. There are no convenient egress points. Little risk is foreseen for walkers without dogs.

Outcome of the review:

SDNPA has decided that the restriction to exclude access with dogs will continue until 14 November 2020. This will allow for a review within five years and time for appeal process should that occur. SDNPA will reassess the direction at any time should circumstances relating to the reason for the restriction change.

Summary of changes made to the existing direction:

Land Parcel Name:	Dates of restriction on previous direction:	New dates for direction
Coffin Row	18/11/2004 – 6/12/2015	14/11/2014 – 14/11/2020

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Details of the restriction will appear on the relevant map of access land on the Open Access website - <https://www.gov.uk/right-of-way-open-access-land/use-your-right-to-roam>

The applicant has the right to appeal within six weeks against the authority's decision of this review.