

Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000:

**PROPOSAL FOR A LONG TERM DIRECTION
BY THE RELEVANT AUTHORITY**

**SUMMARY FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION
Prepared by Forestry Commission**

1. INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Case Reference Number:	2015037589
Name of site/land parcel:	Miterdale, Great Bank NY148021
Access Authority:	Cumbria
Relevant Authority:	Forestry Commission
Local Access Forum:	Cumbria

The Forestry Commission has received an application under section 25 (1b) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act (the Act) for a direction to exclude the public from the site indicated on the attached map, in order to carry out timber harvesting operations.

Having considered the application, the Forestry Commission now proposes to give a direction on the site that would last for longer than 6 months continuously for 330 days between 01/05/2015 and 01/05/2020. The Act requires us to consult publicly on all such proposals for 'long-term directions'.

This is a summary of our proposal, explaining the reasoning in support of our proposal. It is accompanied by a map of the site which can be seen on the Open Access website:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications?publication_filter_option=consultations

To access the consultation enter "Open Access" into the free text box titled "Contains" and then filter by "Natural England" in the Department drop down. Other documents relating to the proposed direction may be inspected and copies obtained by contacting the Forestry Commission at Buller's Hill, Kennford, Nr Exeter, EX6 7XR; e-mail: cca@forestry.gsi.gov.uk.

2. SUMMARY OF RELEVANT AUTHORITY PROPOSAL

i) Summary of proposed direction to restrict access

Long term outline direction (Felling)

ii) Why is a statutory restriction necessary?

Public Safety Grounds

iii) What is lowest level of restriction required?

Full Exclusion of Public access

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SUPPORT THE APPLICATION FOR OUTLINE DIRECTION OF LONG TERM CLOSURE

The Miterdale Great Bank site is a challenging site. On the north side there is a long extraction along a single route which will extend the period of working. The southern two thirds of the site is steep and challenging with cliffs and scree. The timber from this area will come down to a single road through one or two ramps. Given the complexities of the site I cannot identify logical breaks to divide the site into multiple shorter closures.

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3. SUBMITTING COMMENTS ON THE REVIEW:

If you wish to comment on the review of this direction then you must do so before 21/04/2015 directly to the Forestry Commission at Buller's Hill, Kennford, Nr Exeter, EX6 7XR; e-mail: cca@forestry.gsi.gov.uk.

A map accompanies this notice and can be seen on the Open Access website:

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If, following consultation, we decide to give a long-term direction, we must formally review the decision, not more than 5 years after it is given. We may also revoke or vary the direction at any other time, if new evidence comes to light showing that the circumstances have changed.