

Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000

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

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Access Authority: Lincolnshire County Council
Relevant Authority: Natural England
Local Access Forum: South Lincolnshire and Rutland LAF

Land Parcel Name:	Direction References:
Woodnook Valley, Lincolnshire	2005090101 & 2005100078

Natural England has now decided how to proceed following its review of the above mentioned long-term directions to restrict CROW access rights on this land. A second consultation was held between 5 December 2014 and 16 January 2015 with statutory consultees and the general public.

We received feedback from the Ramblers, who had no objection to the proposal.

Outcome of the review:

For direction reference 2005090101, Natural England has decided to vary the direction excluding access, providing up to 12 days of exclusion each year during the shooting season until 31 January 2021, in order to avoid disruption to the pheasant and partridge shoots held on the site.

For direction reference 2005100078, Natural England has decided to revoke the direction excluding access for people accompanied by dogs for up to 10 days each year during the shooting season.

These decisions confirm the proposal set out in the second consultation summary report.

Summary of changes made to the existing directions:

Details of restriction on original direction:	New details of restriction	Reason for proposed direction
<u>2005090101</u> Outline direction excluding access on a maximum of 10 days per year within the period 21/01/2010 and 31/01/2016. The restriction only applies in the pheasant	<u>2005090101</u> Outline direction excluding access on a maximum of 12 days per year until 31 January 2021. The restriction only applies in the pheasant	The restriction is necessary to prevent disruption to formal driven shoots, under Section 24 of CROW.

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<p><u>2005100078</u></p> <p>Outline direction excluding access to people accompanied by dogs on a maximum of 10 days per year within the period 21/01/2010 and 31/01/2016.</p> <p>The restriction only applies in the pheasant and partridge shooting season, between 1 September and 31 January.</p>	REVOKED	

Details of the restriction will appear on the relevant map of access land on the Open Access website - www.openaccess.naturalengland.org.uk.

The applicant has the right to appeal within six weeks against our decision not to act in accordance with the application originally submitted to us. Only the applicant can appeal against this decision. Details of any appeal will appear on the Planning Inspectorate's website at www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/countryside/countryside.

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: 21 January 2015