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 Natural England

Case reference number 2016018022

Name of site/land parcel Delacroix, Suffolk Coast National Nature Reserve

Grid reference Easting 641835, Northing 276054

Access Authority Suffolk County Council Local Access Forum Suffolk Local Access Forum

Consultation began 8 January 2016 Consultation ended 4 February 2016

Date of direction notice 5 February 2016

Natural England has now decided how to proceed following its consultation about its proposal to exclude access rights under section 26(3)(a) of the CROW Act on this land.

During the consultation period we received feedback from the Ramblers supporting our proposal.

The relevant authority's decision is to give a direction excluding CROW access in the way it originally proposed, excluding CROW access rights all year round.

The exclusion is given to ensure the current management on this site is maintained to protect the breeding and overwintering avocet on Delacroix and Tinker's Marshes, which are a notified feature under the Minsmere-Walberswick SSSI, SPA and Ramsar designations.

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.

Natural England