

## Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000

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

Prepared by Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

**Access authority:** Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority  
**Relevant authority:** Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority  
**Local access forum:** Yorkshire Dales Local Access Forum

**Direction reference:** 2004120076

Land Parcel Name	Direction Reference	Details of restriction on original direction
Grassington Moor	2004120076	Direction to require dogs to be kept on a lead between 1 August and 10 December on an annual basis for a period of five years, on the grounds of land management for the breeding and rearing of grouse.

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority has now decided how to proceed following its review of the above mentioned direction to restrict CROW access rights on this land.

A consultation has been held between 20 July 2015 and 17 August 2015 with statutory consultees and the general public, and feedback was received from the Yorkshire Dales Local Access Forum (YDLAF) and The Ramblers Association.

In summary the feedback was as follows:

The advice of the YDLAF was to leave the dog restriction on Grassington Moor unchanged unless the owner wishes to apply for a five year dog exclusion.

The Ramblers Association also agreed to a further direction as doing so would be the lowest level of restriction necessary and in line with the relevant authority guidance.

#### **Outcome of the review**

As the relevant authority, the YDNPA has considered comments made during the consultation period and has decided to continue the direction to restrict dogs to leads from 1 August to 10 December, on an annual basis, on Grassington Moor, for a

further six year period. The current direction has proved successful in managing the sporting interests and dogs on the moor over the last five year period. There has been no new evidence to suggest that there has been a change in the way the CRoW access land is used or managed since the original direction was made, and other alternative management methods are not considered appropriate.

Natural England’s policy for long term directions is that they should not be given for a period of more than 6 years. Therefore the original direction will be varied to have an end date of 29 November 2021.

**Summary of changes made to the existing directions:**

Land Parcel Name:	Details of restriction on original direction:	New details of restriction
Grassington Moor	Direction to require dogs to be kept on a lead between 1 August and 10 December on an annual basis for a period of five years, on the grounds of land management for the breeding and rearing of grouse. 28 May 2010 to 27 May 2016	Direction to require dogs to be kept on a lead between 1 August and 10 December on an annual basis for a period of five years, on the grounds of land management for the breeding and rearing of grouse. 30 Nov 2015 to 29 Nov 2021

A copy of the direction is enclosed for your information. Details of the restriction will appear on the relevant map of access land on the Open Access website - [www.openaccess.naturalengland.org.uk](http://www.openaccess.naturalengland.org.uk).

You should note that 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](http://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: 30 November 2015