

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: 2005010080

Land Parcel Name	Direction Reference	Details of restriction on original direction
Quarry Wood, Ingleton	2005010080	Direction to exclude the public from Quarry Wood for a period of six years. The direction was given to allow the applicant to continue charging the public for entry to the land on foot on a permanent basis. 28 May 2010 to 27 May 2016.

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

A consultation was 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.

The second consultation on the proposed new direction was held in September and October 2015 and comments were 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 that the restriction to exclude people from Quarry Wood remains unchanged.

The Ramblers Association also agreed to the continuation of the current direction as no change to the managed trail and system of payment for entrance has occurred since the last review. Therefore, this would be the lowest level of restriction necessary and in line with the Relevant Authority Guidance.

The applicants state the situation has not changed since the original application to restrict access under the Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000 and they wish the restriction to remain in place.

Outcome of the review

As the relevant authority, the YDNPA has considered the comments made during the consultation period and has decided to continue the direction to exclude the public from the land at Quarry Wood for a further period of six years. 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
Quarry Wood, Ingleton	Direction to exclude the public from Quarry Wood for a period of six years. The direction was given to allow the applicant to continue charging the public for entry to the land on foot on a permanent basis. 28 May 2010 to 27 May 2016.	To allow the continuation of the direction to exclude the public from Quarry Wood for a period of six years. The direction was given to allow the applicant to continue charging the public for entry to the land on foot on a permanent basis. 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.

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.

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