

Peak District Local Access Forum

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Item: 7

Title: Summary of Review of Directions to Restrict Access

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Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the progress that has been made in reviewing the long-term directions to restrict access under the CRow Act.

Background

A report was presented to the March 2009 meeting of the Local Access Forum to advise on the process for reviewing long-term directions for the exclusion of public to open access land within the Peak District National Park.

A Local Access Forum Sub-Group was established to comment on the consultations for the existing directions and proposed variations.

Progress

The Local Access Forum sub-group has met on 3 occasions: April, July and August 2009.

Statutory reviews have been concluded for 3 sites: Deer Hill, Meltham; Diggle, and West Nab, Bradfield. The duration of these long-term directions has been reduced to six years from the previous end date of 2999 to take account of revised guidance. Discussions on the extent of the restrictions and the potential for agreed access at these sites are ongoing in line with scheduled reassessment dates of 31 December 2009.

There is one remaining site to be reviewed this year, Hollins Hill, Hollinsclough relating to a dog exclusion.

A summary of the sites subject to review is appended (Appendix 1).

Recommendation

- 1. That the report be noted.**

Appendix 1 - Sites Subject to Review

Arthur Turner Gunmakers (1830) & Sycamore Shooting Grounds (1947), West Nab, Bradfield

Access is restricted to a specified linear route on the grounds of land management and public safety. The land is used for clay pigeon shooting and gun testing.

The direction was reviewed on 9 July 2009. The restriction has effect until 31 December 2015 subject to reassessment by 31 December 2009. The next review is due by 8 July 2014.

Pennine Shooting Sports Association Ltd, Diggle Rifle Range, Diggle

The public are excluded at all times on the grounds of land management and public safety. The site is a rifle range with associated safety zones.

The direction was reviewed on 15 July 2009. The restriction has effect until 31 December 2015 subject to reassessment by 31 December 2009. The next review is due by 14 July 2014.

Lydgate Rifle & Pistol Club, Deer Hill, Meltham

The public are excluded at all times on the grounds of land management and public safety. The restriction areas are a fall of shot safety area for the rifle range which lies outside the NP boundary.

The directions were reviewed on 24 July 2009. The restriction has effect until 31 December 2015 subject to reassessment by 31 December 2009. The next review is due by 23 July 2014.

Mr Wheeldon, Hollins Hill, Hollinsclough

Dogs are excluded from 1 May to 31 October each year on the grounds of land management due to cattle with calves and the topography of the site.

The review is due by 6 March 2010.

Mr Evans, Top Field, Crowden

The public are excluded at all times on the grounds of land management and public safety. The land is used for clay pigeon shooting. The restriction was granted on appeal.

The review is due by 20 June 2010.