DIRECTION NOTICE: RESTRICTION OF PUBLIC ACCESS UNDER THE COUNTRYSIDE AND RIGHTS OF WAY ACT 2000

The relevant authority – Natural England - gives this direction nature conservation purposes under section 26 of the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act to give effect to the exclusion or restriction detailed below.

This direction is to be read in conjunction with the separate site notice bearing the case number below.

Case number: 2007020060

Site name: Bickerley Common

Date of issue: 4th May 2020

Expiry date: 19th September 2026

Period of restriction/exclusion

Access is to be excluded in the way described below annually between 1st October and 31st July until 2026. We also request dogs are on leads when livestock are present in accordance with General Restriction 5 listed in Schedule 2 of the CROW Act

Nature of restriction

Public access by virtue of section 2(1) of CROW to the land detailed below is to be excluded for nature conservation purposes.

Land affected

The map/site notice which accompanies this direction shows the land affected by this restriction in red hatching.

BNG Reference: 414375, 14375

Reason why this direction has been given:

The relevant authority Natural England is satisfied that exclusion of the access rights to the extent specified is necessary for the purpose of nature conservation to protect sensitive wildlife that breed and over winter on the site.

Information and conditions which apply to this direction

- 1. This direction only affects the availability of public access rights conferred by virtue of section 2(1) of CROW. It has no effect on public rights of way over the same land, or on existing open access rights of the type listed at CROW section 15, or on any other access right, tradition or custom, or any uses of the land permitted or tolerated by the landowner.
- 2. It has no effect on any area within the specified land that is not otherwise subject to the access rights described above for example it has no effect on land which is excepted under Schedule 1 to CROW.
- 3. If, for any reason after the giving of this direction, exclusion is no longer necessary for the purpose specified, or no longer necessary to the extent (or at any of the times) specified under the direction, should immediately notify the Open Access Contact Centre. The direction will then be revoked or varied as appropriate in the circumstances.

Revocation or variation of direction

4. Natural England may revoke or vary this direction by giving a further direction at a later date, if it considers this necessary.

Review of direction

5. Natural England will review the need for this direction within five years of the date of issue shown at the top of this notice and, subsequently, within five years of the date of the last review, until the direction is revoked or expires, as required by CROW section 27(3).

Further contact

For further information on restrictions and exclusions of public access to open access land or coastal land, write to the Open Access Contact Centre at:

Natural England Horizon House Deanery Road Bristol BS1 5AH

Or call on 0300 060 2091 or email; openaccess@naturalengland.org.uk.

Natural England