

NORTHUMBERLAND NATIONAL PARK AND COUNTRYSIDE JOINT LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

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REVIEW OF CONCLUSIVE MAP OF OPEN COUNTRY AND REGISTERED COMMON LAND - Data for First Review

The Northumberland National Park and Countryside Joint Local Access Forum are keen to hear from anyone who would like to help them in identifying anomalies with the conclusive map of open country and registered common land within Northumberland. Whilst, given the size of the task, we feel that the Conclusive Map produced by the Countryside Agency was a reasonable first attempt, we feel that errors and anomalies do exist.

Working with Northumberland National Park Authority and Northumberland County Council, we hold a database of information that will be put forward as suggested changes at the first review of the Conclusive Map.

We are looking for situations where it is thought that

- i) either land has been mapped as access land when it should not have been or
- ii) that it has not been mapped as access land when it should have been.

It is also recognised that due to land management practices, habitat change is also occurring and because the mapping exercise was based upon the primary vegetation types of mountain, moor, heath and down, then this change needs to be reflected in the review process.

The criteria that all parcels of land are judged against are those set out in the 'Mapping Methodology for England, 2002' produced by the Countryside Agency, (see this web link

www.openaccess.gov.uk/S4/resources/file/eb1d5808cf1b636/MappingMethodologyV4May04.pdf)

If you wish to assist us with the task of improving the accuracy of the Conclusive Map, then we would like to hear from you. Please fill in the attached form giving us as much detail as possible relating to the precise location of the parcel of land and the reason why, in your view it should be added/deleted as access land on the Conclusive Map.

Forms should be returned to Marion Hume at the address above.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.



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Please complete this form and return to Marion Hume

Site Name

Date surveyed

Grid ref (centre of polygon/field) (eg NY766853)

Identifiable features as recorded on OS 1:25,000 Explorer map:

Map:

Present status; Access Land Non Access Land

Proposed Status: Access Land Non Access Land

Reason for suggested change:

Surveyor: Date:

Address:

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Town: Postcode:

Tel: Email:

Signed