

Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000

REVIEW OF STATUTORY DIRECTION - PROPOSED CHANGE TO EXISTING DIRECTION Reference: 2006040060

NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION Prepared by South Downs National Park Authority

1. INFORMATION ABOUT THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION:

Access Authority: South Downs National Park Authority
Relevant Authority: South Downs National Park Authority
Local Access Forum: South Downs Local Access Forum

South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) has begun a review of the above long term direction. A consultation has been held with statutory consultees and the general public that sought views on the existing direction.

In summary, the responses to the first consultation were: the landowner wishes the restriction to remain in place, but has agreed that the north east area of the Wood can remain unrestricted; two members of the South Downs Local Access Forum thought that the restriction should be renewed; the Landscapes of Freedom, Brighton Downs Alliance, thought that all restrictions should be withdrawn.

After due consideration the SDNPA now proposes to vary the direction to exclude the public from the open access land at Cheriton Wood for a further six years for reasons of land management to allow for the release and management of game birds and for reasons of public safety whilst shooting is taking place. It is proposed to reduce the duration of the restriction to a maximum of 185 days annually, between 1st August and 1st February, and to reduce the geographic extent by omitting a part of Tenant Woods from the area of restriction.

As the SDNPA has decided to vary the direction it is undertaking a second round of consultation.

2. SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE EXISTING DIRECTION:

Details of restriction on original direction	Proposed details for new direction	Reasons for proposed direction
To exclude the public from Cheriton Wood for up to 210 days annually between 1st July and 1st February 28 March 2017 to 27 March 2023	To exclude the public from Cheriton Wood, with the exception of Tenant Woods, for up to 185 days annually between 1st August and 1st February 28 March 2022 to 27 March 2028	Land management and avoidance of danger to the public

SDNPA must still review the direction no later than five years after its anniversary (or from the date of the last review).

3. SUBMITTING COMMENTS ON THE REVIEW:

If you wish to comment on the review of this direction then you must do so before 19 November 2021 to:

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The full details of the consultation as outlined in this notice can be seen on the consultation pages of the government's website, www.gov.uk/government/consultations, which should be read before responding. To access the consultation enter "open access" into the free text box titled "Search".