

Additional site nominations for CRoW remapping 2022

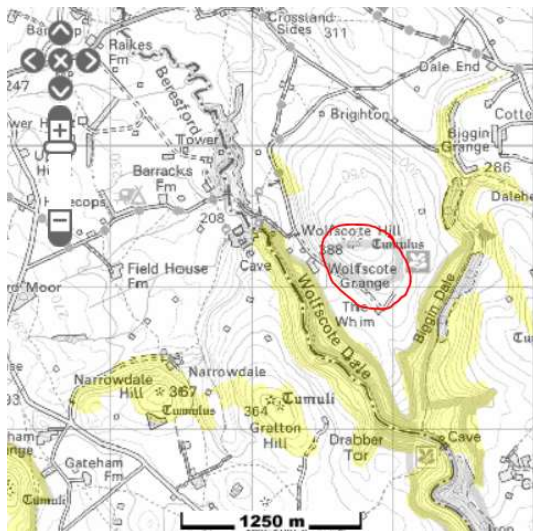
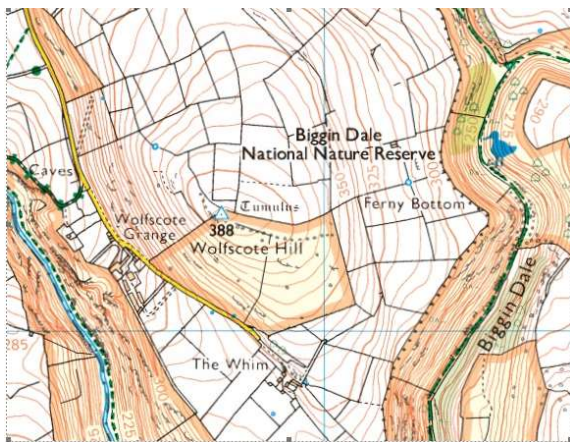
Wolfscote Hill, Peak District - 53.121894, -1.796682

Wolfscote Hill, still marked as CRoW on OS map but not on NE map- right to access withdrawn a few years back.

Suggestion here: <https://ethels.uk/ethel/wolfscote-hill> that it was originally gifted to NT with common rights, potentially significant.

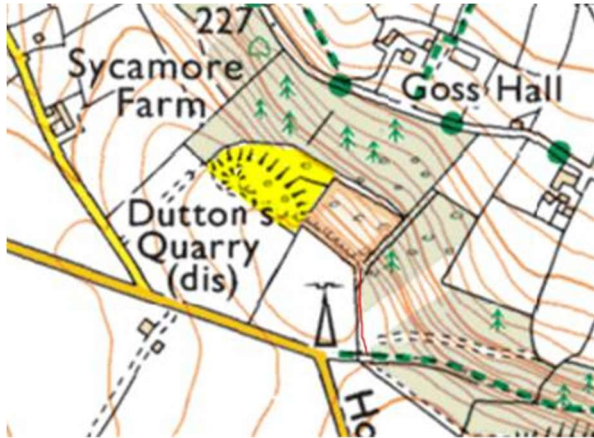
Ongoing UKC thread:

https://www.ukclimbing.com/forums/hill_talk/wolfscote_hill_peak_district_access-752627?v=1



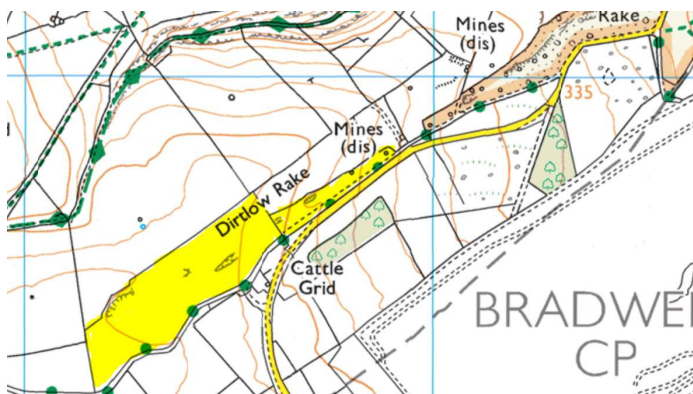
Bradley Edge/Dutton's Quarry, Derbyshire - 53.159320, -1.498369

Island parcel of CRoW mapped land. Landowner objecting to use of traditional line of entry (red line). Also a western extension of the parcel should be made to include the quarry faces and heathland below.



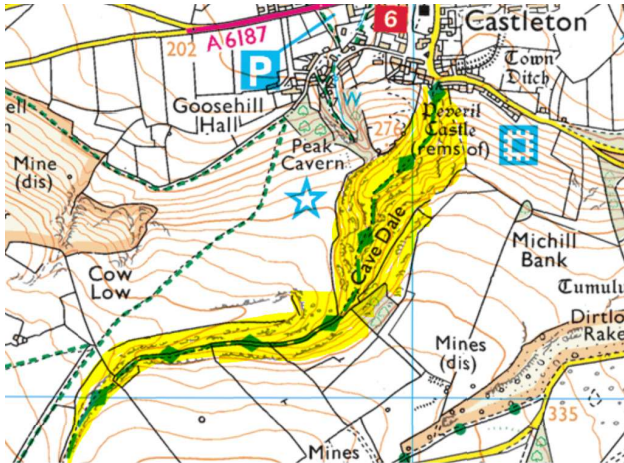
Dirtlow Rake, Peak District 53.329693, -1.788034

The land parcel demonstrates a number of qualifying criteria, it also represents the continuation of an already CRoW mapped land feature – requires remapping.



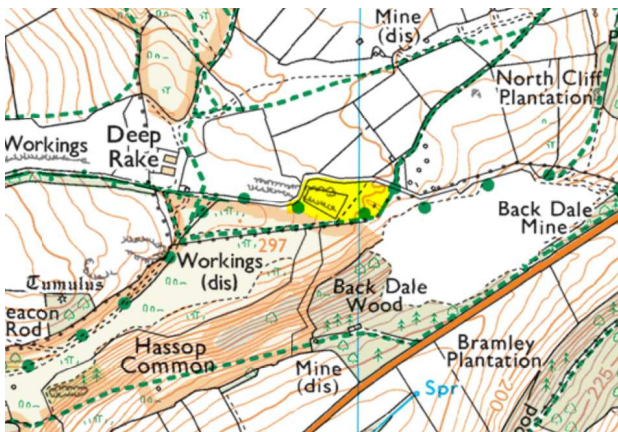
Cave Dale, Peak District 53.338399, -1.777649

The land parcel demonstrates a number of qualifying criteria, very similar in character to nearby Winnat's Pass, which is mapped as CRoW – requires remapping.



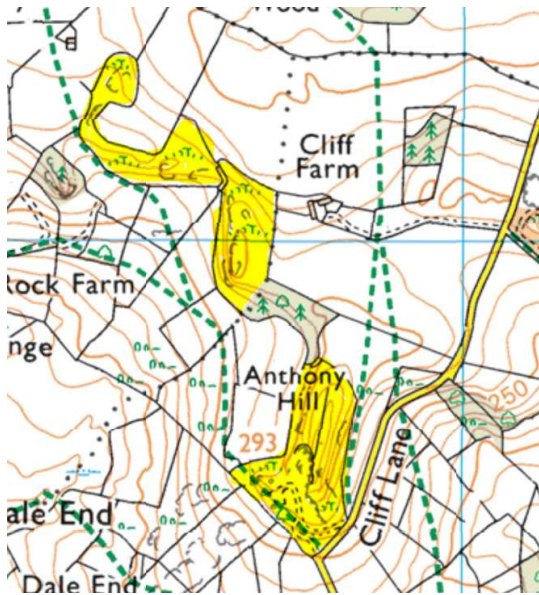
Deep Rake, Peak District 53.258582, -1.657606

The land parcel demonstrates a number of qualifying criteria, is also contiguous CRoW land of comparable character – requires remapping.



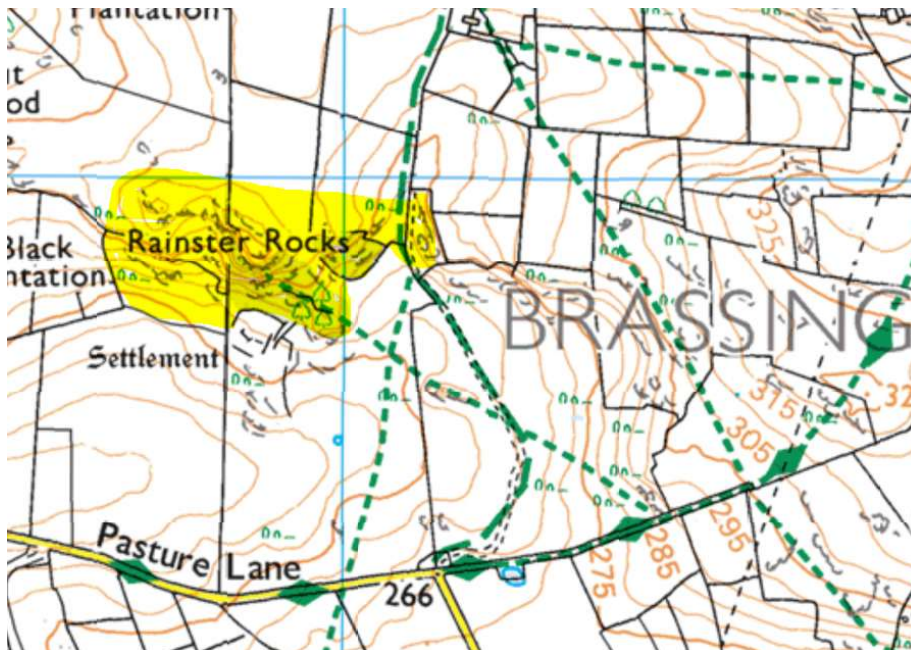
'Clifftop Boulders' & 'Harthill Quarry', Peak District 53.152496, -1.676083

Two adjacent land parcels demonstrating a number of qualifying criteria – requires remapping.



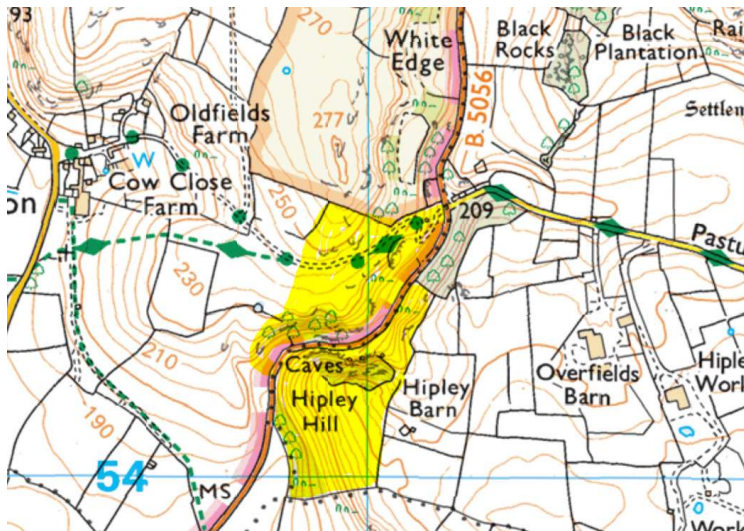
Rainster Rocks, Derbyshire 53.090780, -1.674058

The land parcel demonstrates a number of qualifying criteria, landowners historically have not permitted climbing – requires remapping.



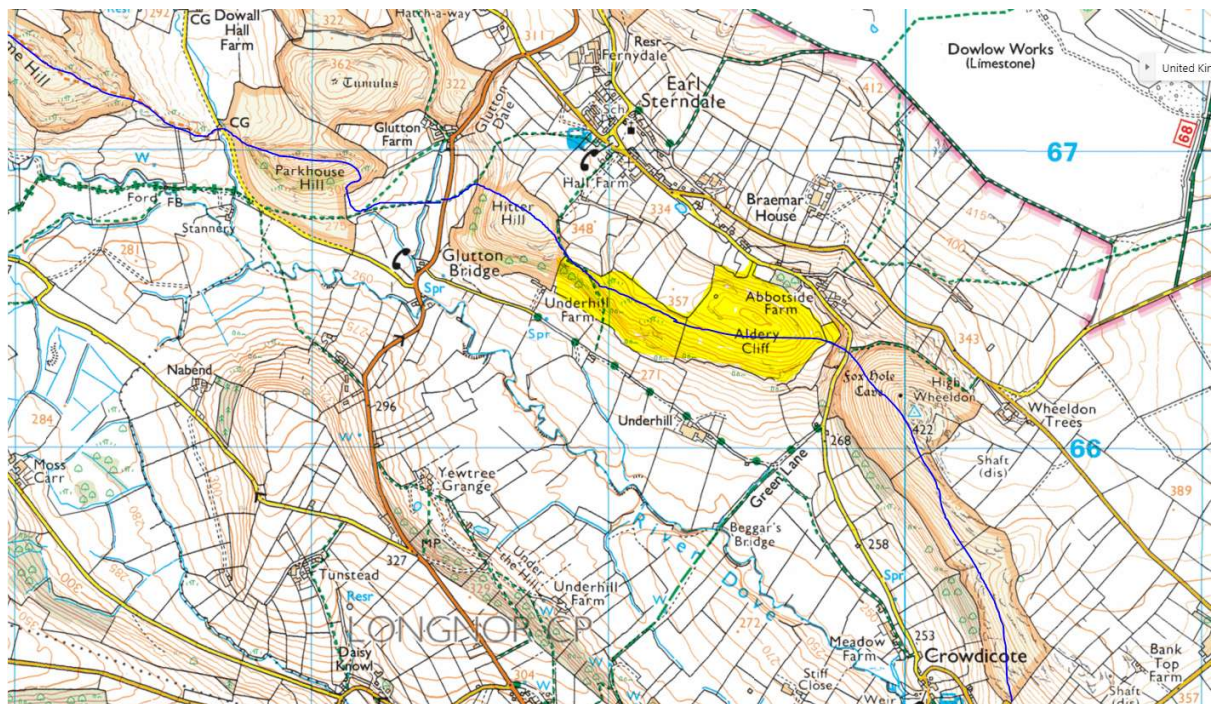
Hipley Hill, Derbyshire 53.085013, -1.688638

The land parcel demonstrates a number of qualifying criteria, and is adjacent to CRoW land of comparable/identical character (White Edge)– requires remapping.



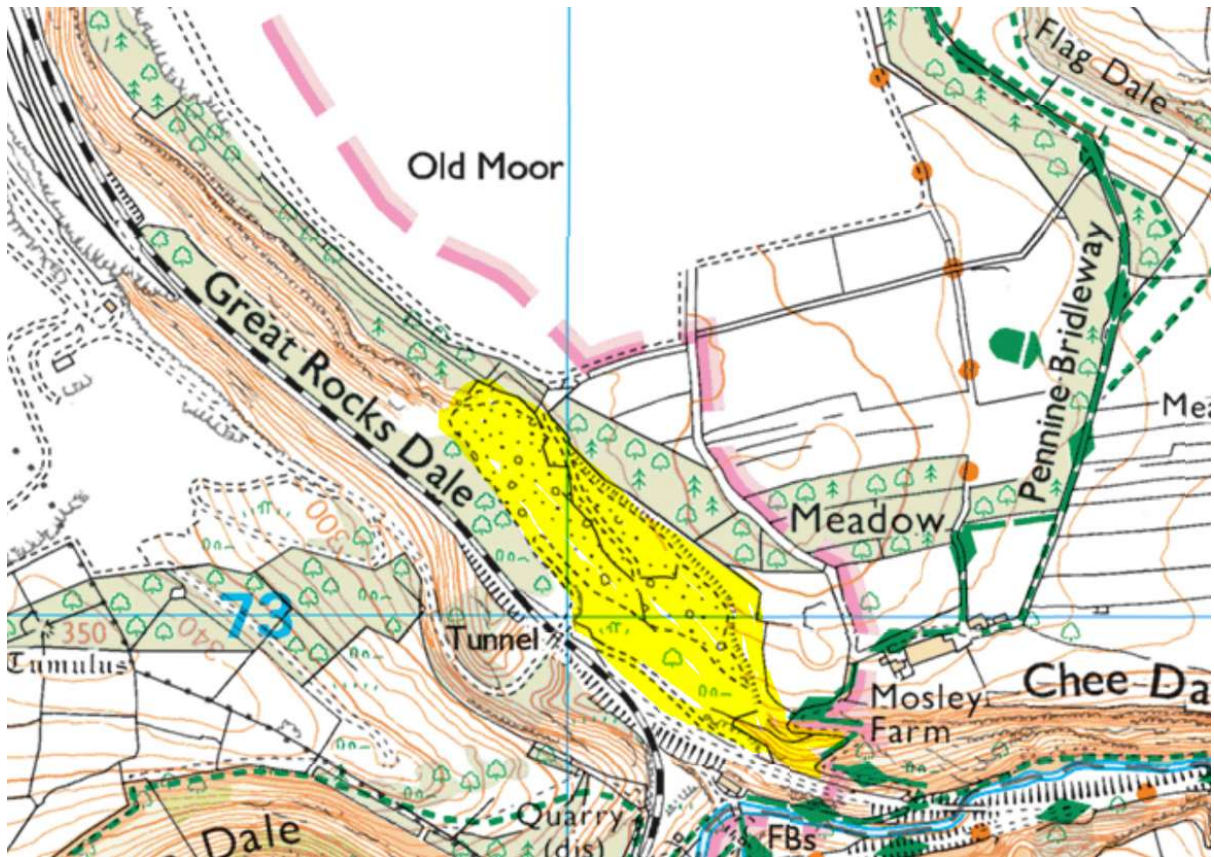
Aldery Cliff, Peak District 53.194496, -1.857558

The land parcel demonstrates a number of qualifying criteria, and is adjacent to CROW land of comparable/identical character – requires remapping. CROW designation would allow the obvious linear geographical/geological feature to be followed as a continuous walk without having to deviate and follow the road at Earl Sterndale. This would extend and improve one of the most characterful walks in the National Park (notional line of walk marked in blue).



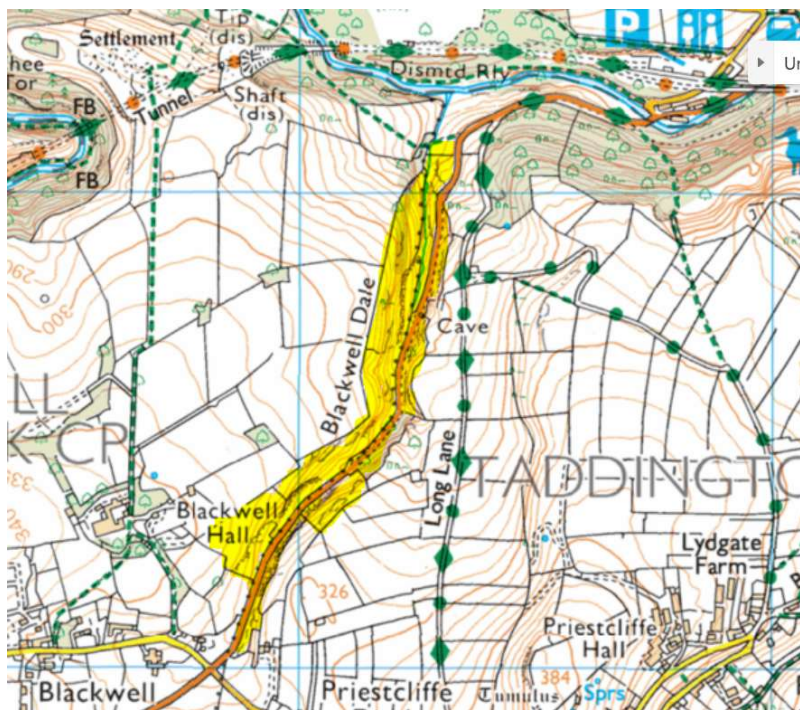
Great Rocks Dale, Derbyshire 53.254960, -1.836081

Formally Great Rocks Dale Quarry, now landscaped and demonstrating a number of qualifying criteria - requires remapping.



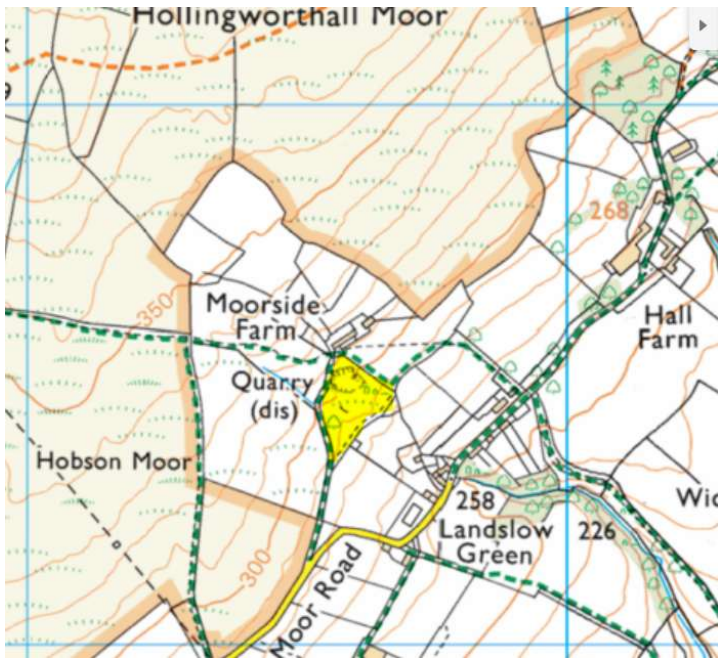
Blackwell Dale, Peak District 53.251789, -1.803253

The land parcel demonstrates a number of qualifying criteria – requires remapping.



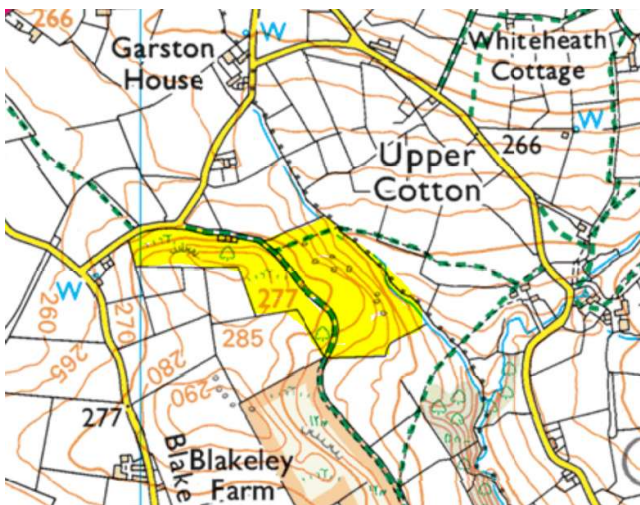
Hobson Moor Quarry, Derbyshire 53.474221, -2.007700

The land parcel demonstrates a number of qualifying criteria – requires remapping.



Garston Rock, Staffordshire 53.024967, -1.925520

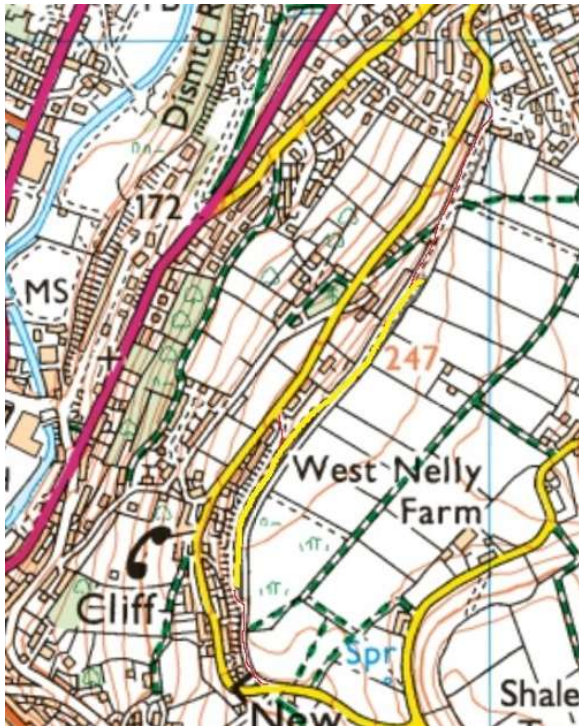
The land parcel demonstrates a number of qualifying criteria, and is adjacent to CROW land of comparable character – requires remapping.



Holmfirth Cliff (SE147085)

“A valuable local bouldering crag, which is not on access land and has been eyed-up for house building more than once. It's owned by an unusual bunch of people, The Holme Valley Land Charity, whose sole corporate trustee is the Parish Council. They have sold parcels of their land in the past.”

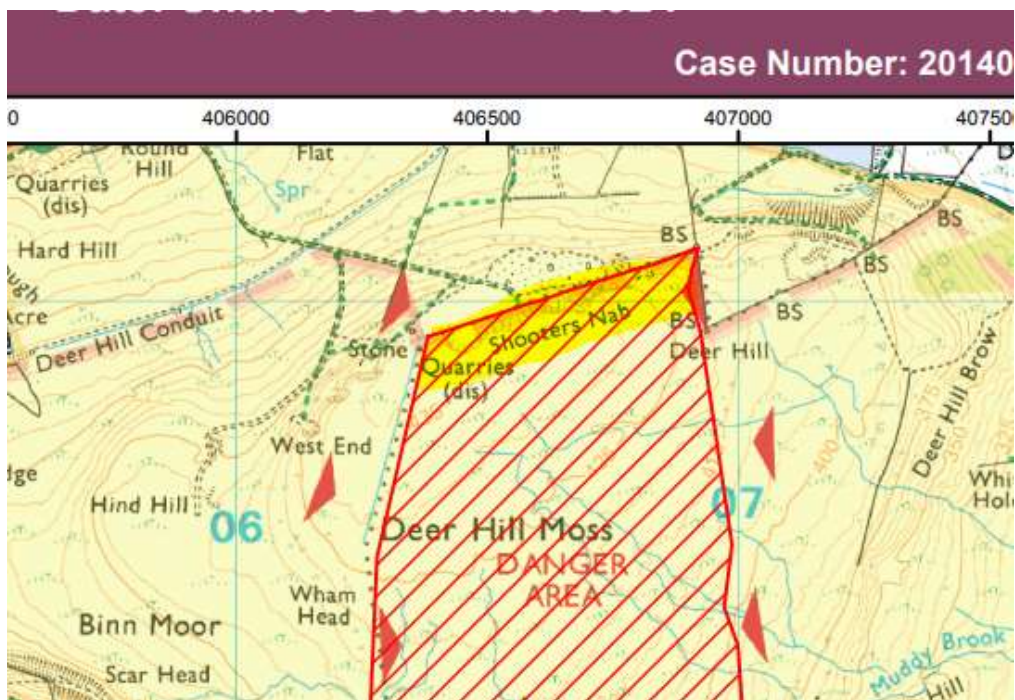
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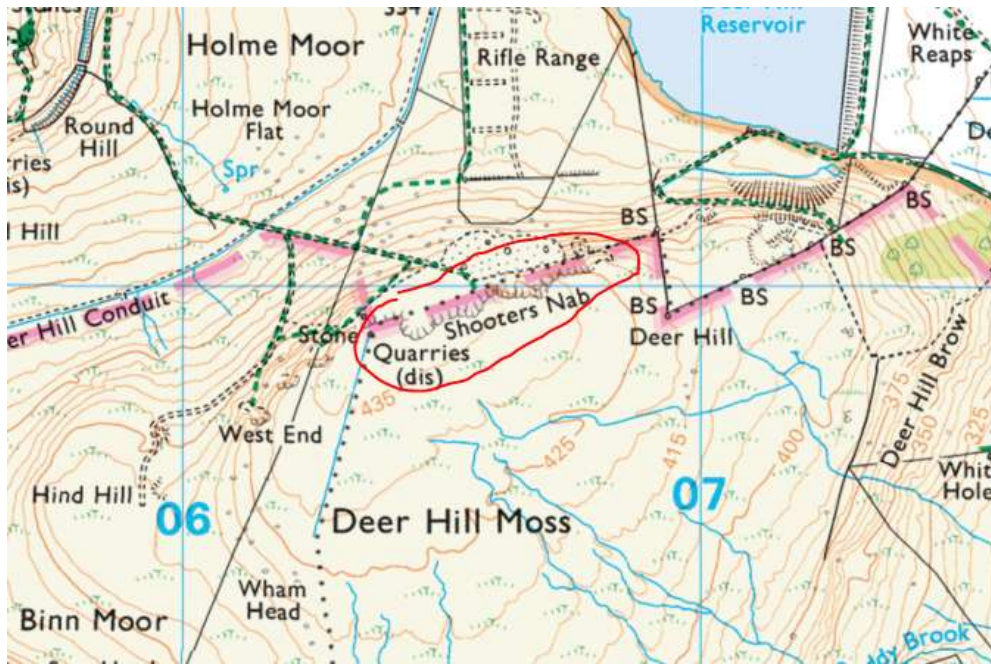


Moor behind Shooter's Nab (SE 066102)

“This is Access Land to which access is permanently closed. Surely it would be better to close it only during the times the shooting range is in use? The club fly flags on the range when they're shooting - usually only one or two days per week. Could the same club member also put flags on the moor's edge when they're shooting? This might also improve access for climbing at Shooter's Nab, which is currently restricted to the right-hand third of the crag, unless you turn up on a Friday evening.”

Area of land already covered by CRow, but excessively and unjustifiably restricted. Part of crag not affected in this way.

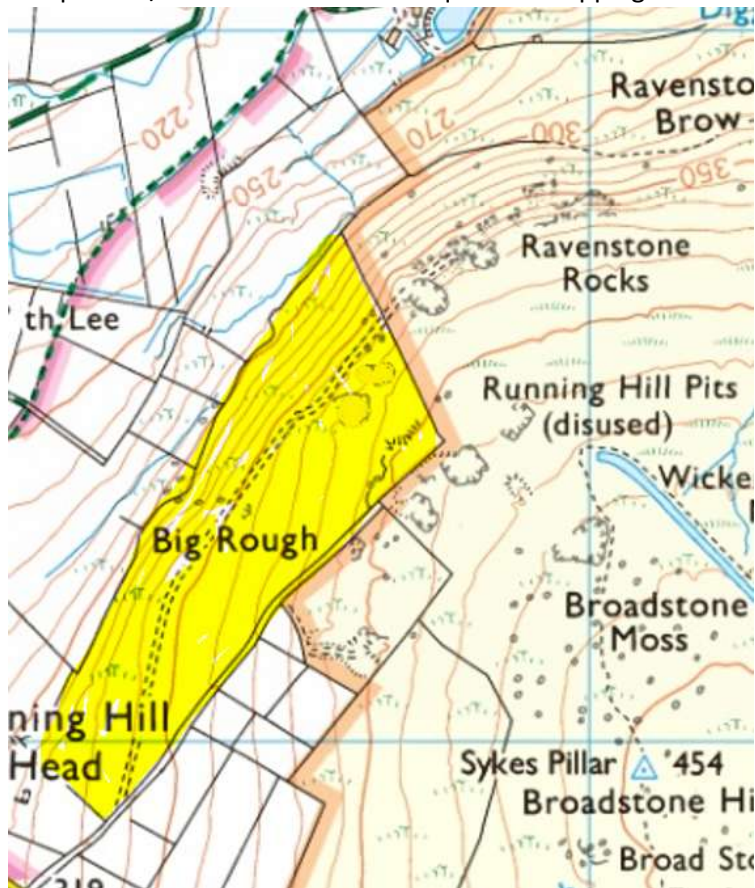




Running Hill Pits, Quarries 7 & 8 (SE 017075)

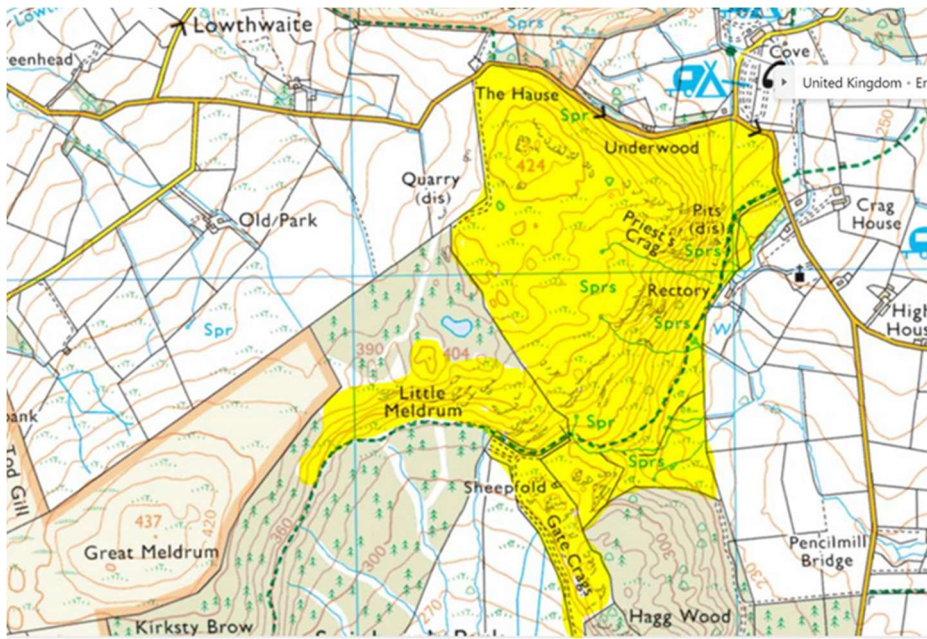
“Access to these two crags would extend the brilliant climbing and bouldering here to all nine quarries. You could almost spit into Quarry 7 from No.6, so it seems more than unfortunate that they are excluded simply because the current Open Access boundary runs between the two.”

The land parcel demonstrates a number of qualifying criteria, and is adjacent to CRoW land of comparable/identical character – requires remapping.



Little Meldrum and Watermillick, Lake District 54.598868, -2.891175

The land parcel demonstrates a number of qualifying criteria, and is adjacent to CRoW land of comparable character. Included two tops over 1000ft i.e. high value to walkers – requires remapping.



From Les Ainsworth:

Castle Quarry (aka Lobb Mill Delf)

This lies in Todmorden and I attach DEFRA's determination (P20180) for this quarry, which is shown on their map as areas E and F. I also attach a guidebook photo, a photo of the main area and a climbing photo. At the time of the CRoW legislation the previous quarry owner who welcomed climbers had died and the new owner did not permit climbing. Then the following sequence of events occurred:

1. I made a submission during the CRoW consultations arguing that the quarry was a valuable recreational resource for climbers.
2. An initial DEFRA assessment agreed that the quarry should be protected because of its value as a recreational resource.
3. The subsequent DEFRA assessment ignored previous views about the value of the recreational resource and then made a determination that stated that areas E and F (which covered the quarry) were Open Country. However, it then went on to exclude both of them separately as being 'small areas' according to DEFRA's mapping rules. However, these rules specified in paras 60 and 62 that the small areas exclusion could only be applied to areas of less than 5 hectares AND that the small area must also include any other open country that was contiguous. So although areas E and F were both individually below 5 hectares, as they formed a contiguous area of about 9 hectares and so the small areas exclusion could not be used.
4. When the BMC complained about this, DEFRA accepted that it had ignored their original assessment of the recreational aspect of the quarry and then it had incorrectly applied the small areas exclusion in violation of their own rules. However, DEFRA then claimed that whilst it had gone beyond its powers in excluding the quarry, it did not have the power to correct these errors. Incidentally, sustained this view, probably to save face, despite this specific matter being raised in the Lords by Lord Greaves.
5. Subsequently, the Minister of Rural Affairs suggested that we should try to persuade the landowner to make a voluntary designation of the quarry as Open Country, or else to wait for the decadal review in 2010, when this matter would be rectified.
6. My latest attempts to negotiate with the owner were eight years ago, at which time his two concerns were about nesting peregrines and of local children trying to climb in the quarry.

Castle Quarry is an excellent quarry for rock climbing, especially on its main section. There is scope for extending some of the existing climbs and developing some other new climbs, all of which could be of very high quality, which I believe would make this the best climbing in the area. Sadly however, no climbing has been permitted there for about 25 years.

Cross Stones Quarry

This quarry is also in Todmorden and just on the opposite side of the main road to Castle WQuarry. DEFRA did designate this quarry as Open Country in the second stage of the CRoW process. However, the owner of the quarry had previously written a letter about the impact of the CRoW Act to which DEFRA had replied stating that the quarry would not be designated as Open Country. When reminded of this letter, DEFRA decided to change save face by changing the quarry's so that it was not classed as Open Country.

Since then, ownership of the quarry has changed and the new owner permits climbing. So correction of this designation is currently not critical, but it could provide protection for climbing in the event of a change of ownership.

Central Quarry Withnell

United Utilities permitted climbing but then sold the quarry and the new owners did not wish to permit climbing. However, the quarry was by then designated as Open Country. On a subsequent visit myself and Dave Cronshaw were physically assaulted and evicted whilst in the quarry. I subsequently reported this problem to Lancashire Council who investigated the situation and then decided to resolve the situation by taking steps to remove the Open Country designation from the quarry. Since then the quarry owner has started to demolish much of the previous climbing area to produce aggregate and so this is no longer a viable climbing area.

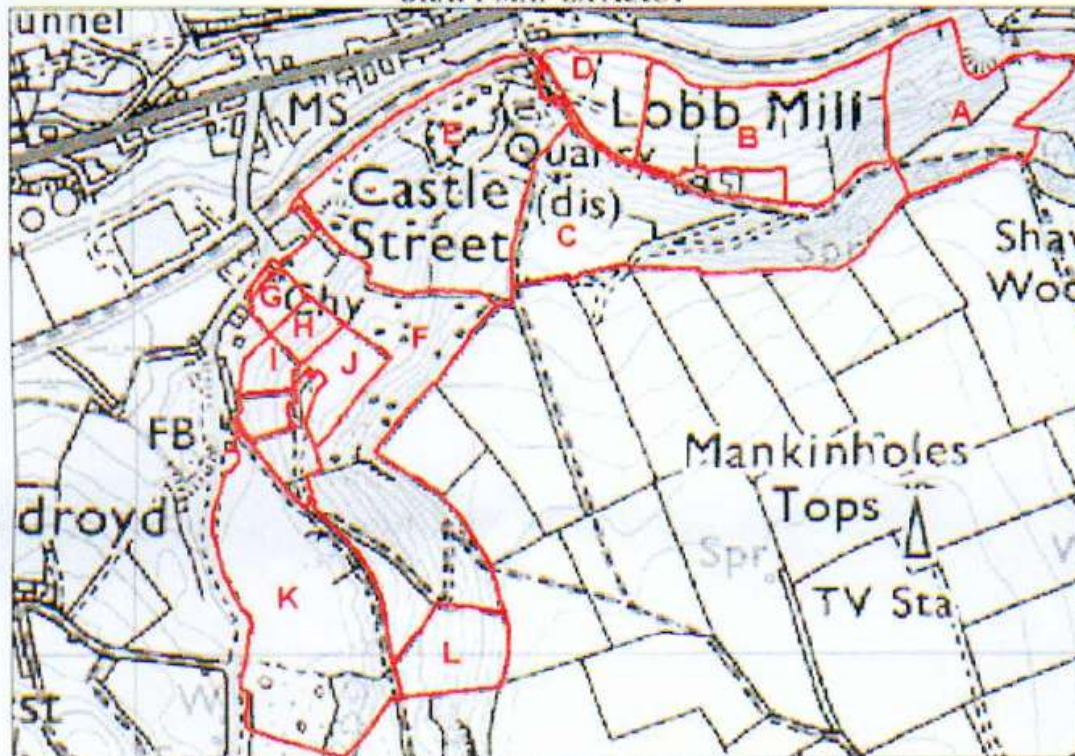
Mapping Area:
Lower Northwest (2)

Map Sheet:
SD82

Parcel reference number(s):
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395136, 424296 (I) 395160, 424273 (J)
395172, 424066 (K) 395319, 424003 (L)
Comment reference number/s:
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Determination Sheet No P20180

DRAFT MAP EXTRACT



- Registered Common Land
- Open Country
- Area of open country removed from the map on the grounds that it is so small its inclusion would serve no useful purpose
- Parcel(s) being assessed

This map is an extract from the draft map of open country and registered common land published under Section 4 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.

DECISION

Parcels A, B, C, D, G, H, I, J, K & L

Having considered your representation very carefully, the Countryside Agency has concluded that the land indicated is not open country and has not been shown as such on the provisional map.

DECISION

Parcels E & F

Having considered your representation very carefully, the Countryside Agency has concluded that the land indicated is open country, but is so small that its inclusion on the provisional map would serve no useful purpose.