

SCHEDULE OF QUALIFYING LAND FOR MAPPING OPEN COUNTRY

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RA Map	Site references	Name on Map	OS Grid Ref	Area (ha)	Parcels
23	F, L	Brubberdale : Horse Dale, West Dale,	SE 867 587	17	2
Qualifying type	Vegetation Type	Justification for inclusion			
Mountain	Heather Moor	Predominance of qualifying type (M, M, H, D)			
Moor	Rough acid grassland	Contiguous to large parcel of open country			
Heath	Calcareous grassland	Contiguous to existing access land or common land			
Down	Scattered trees or scrub	Provides clearer physical boundary to larger area			
	Bracken	Local value of small parcel (view, feature, accessible, PRoW etc)			
	Rock outcrops	Provides means of access to other access land			
		Steep sided			

This submission supports the inclusion of the area shown on the Draft Map and seeks to extend its boundaries.

Comments supporting vegetation type and justification for inclusion:

Brubberdale is a complex of valleys that form an arc west of Fridaythorpe Village. The NLT attributes for the area are RLE. Most of the area is part of a **Countryside Stewardship Agreement** (Chalk and Limestone).

The S-end of the complex consists of Horse Dale, West Dale (L) and the SW-terminal fork (F) adjoining Pefham Plantation. Area F is in the **Grasslands Inventory** Brubberdale F NY/SE85/B01, and in the **Phase II survey** (EFU30) carried out in July 1982, the plant community were classified as CG2d and 6 grasses and 49 other herbs, of which 12 were characteristic grassland indicators were recorded. The sward is a mosaic of sheep's fescue *Festuca ovina* and tor-grass *Brachypodium pinnatum*, having as components the predominantly calcicolous herbs: rock rose *Helianthemum nummularium*, lady's bedstraw *Galium verum*, glaucous sedge *Carex flacca*, small scabious *Scabiosa columbaria*, rough hawkbit *Leontodon hispidus*, cowslip *Primula veris*, purging (fairy) flax *Linum catharticum*, hoary plantain *Plantago media*, devil's-bit scabious *Succisa pratensis*, common milkwort *Polygala vulgaris*, salad burnet *Sanguisorba minor*, bulbous buttercup *Ranunculus bulbosus*, burnet saxifrage *Pimpinella saxifraga* and wild thyme *Thymus praecox*. Area F is not mapped as open country in the Draft Map, despite the fact that it is clearly more species-rich than the adjoining area L, which is included.

In the **Phase II survey**, the plant community of area L was classified as CG4d and 3 grasses and 6 characteristic grassland. The sward is predominantly tor-grass containing the indicator herbs salad burnet, rock rose, common milkwort and burnet saxifrage.

A recent survey, including **visual inspection** of most areas from a distance in August 2002 and May 2003 and inspecting **aerial photographs** taken in 2000, shows that the site appears as described in 1980s, and that it has not received any recent agricultural improvement.

The evidence presented here suggests that the areas outlined on the map, including that shown on the Draft Map, are predominantly unimproved calcareous grassland and should be mapped as open country.

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