

Planning Inspectorate Appeal – Reference CROW/5/M/04/2427 – East Heslerton Brow

The East Yorkshire and Derwent Ramblers' Association disagree with the appellants' following Grounds of Appeal.

- The land is not common land, heath, moor or downland

In the context of the description of down as applied to the Yorkshire Wolds, Down is 'generally within an open landscape', 'it is part of a typical chalk landscape with open vistas across undulating countryside which sometimes comprise steep-sided scarp slopes and dry valleys with more limited views.'

The area complies with this description. In addition the Phase I Habitat Survey indicates that the area is unimproved chalk grassland. Also, the Phase II Habitat Survey records 17 calcicolous indicator species and the SSSI citation describes the area as chalk grassland. (see EY&D RA submission 2 for details).

We believe that the information we have provided previously indicates that this area fulfils the downland criteria and is correctly mapped as open country. It will also provide an additional area of open access adjacent to an existing area under a Countryside Stewardship Agreement which allows permissive public access. The area is also adjacent to the Yorkshire Wolds Way footpath.