

Planning Inspectorate Appeal – Reference CROW/5/M/04/2479 – Long Dale

The East Yorkshire and Derwent Ramblers' Association (EY&D RA) agrees with Dr Mark McLellan's conclusion that Long Dale is predominantly unimproved grassland (see information supplied previously by EY&D RA submission no.20B).

However EY&D RA disagree with the reasons given for exclusion on the grounds that it is not open country.

- The description of Down as applied to the Yorkshire Wolds is, 'generally within an open landscape and whilst individual land parcels might comprise enclosures of varying size, they will be part of a typical chalk landscape sometimes with open vistas across undulating countryside and sometimes comprising steep-sided scarp slopes and dry valleys with more limited views.'

The area complies with this description and is part of a steep-sided dale typical of the Yorkshire Wolds.

We believe that the information we have provided previously and the ecological details supplied by Dr McLellan indicates that this area fulfils the downland criteria and is correctly mapped as open country on the provisional map.