

SCHEDULE OF QUALIFYING LAND FOR MAPPING OPEN COUNTRY

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Ref no	Site References	Name on Map	OS Grid Ref	Area (ha)	Parcels
36	A B C D	Rabbit Dale	SE 85 51	41	4
Qualifying type	Vegetation Type		Justification for inclusion		
Mountain		Heather Moor	Predominance of qualifying type (M, M, H, D)		80%
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 suggests that the area mapped, which was not shown on the draft map, should be included as open country.

Description of land submitted

The area consists of a steep sided valley running north to south, Rabbit Dale (A), Back Dale (B) and an east facing slope (C) (opposite a wooded area). It also extends into Deep Dale (D), much of which is wooded. There is no public access to the valleys of this area, but there are public roads to the north, along the line of an old Roman road and to the south. There is also a public right of way to the west. This piece of land could therefore open up a very attractive addition to recreation in this area.

Comments supporting vegetation type and justification for inclusion:

Study of **aerial photographs** from 2000 support the view that the area is a typical Wolds valley system and appears similar to other areas which have not been improved. The 1994 Countryside Stewardship Agreement cited the parts of areas B and D as Chalkland and Limestone Grassland.

Conclusion

We think the evidence presented here suggests that the area mapped, which was not shown on the draft map, should be mapped as open country.

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