

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
43	A B	Sancton Dale	SE 90 39	51	6
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 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 two steep sided slopes to the east of the village of Sancton, about a kilometre apart: Sancton Dale (A) and the northern flank (B) of Big Hill. They are both northwest facing but the southern area, B, includes the whole valley head. Public rights of way run along both valley floors.

Comments supporting vegetation type and justification for inclusion:

The **Phase II Habitat** survey for the southern end of A recorded 16 grasses and 39 other herbs of which 14 were calcicolous indicator species (see table). **Add some details**

Part of area A is also part of a 2000 **Countryside Stewardship Agreement** designated Chalk and Limestone.

A **visit** in May 2003 found an abundance of primroses in the south western parts of both areas A and B. A further site **visit** to A in July 2003 found the calcicolous indicator species Tor grass *Brachipodium pinnatum*, Fescues *Festuca rubra* and *F. ovina* and Crested Hair grass *Koeleria macracantha*. A **visit** to B at this time observed typical calcareous grassland including Fescues *Festuca rubra* and *F. ovina*. This is strong evidence that the areas are unimproved calcareous 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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