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RA Map	Site references	Name on Map	OS Grid Ref	Area (ha)	Parcels
6	A B C	Goodmanham Dale Bank	SE 92 43	21	3
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 already shown on the draft map and seeks to extend the boundaries of open country.

Description of land submitted

Goodmanham Dale Bank comprises two areas of chalk grassland (A, C and D) on the S side of a minor road, and Kiplingcotes Chalk Pit (B) on the N side, which would provide a valuable open space. It is also adjacent to a long distance footpath.

Comments supporting vegetation type and justification for inclusion:

Phase II Habitat survey for area B recorded 17 grasses and 47 other herbs, of which 19 were calcicolous indicator species. Analysis of the data showed that the composition of the swards corresponded to the NVC CG2d community (see Table). Sheep's fescue *Festuca ovina* and crested hair-grass *Koeleria macrantha* which are recorded as plentiful and quaking grass *Briza media* and meadow oat-grass *Avenula pratensis* recorded as sparse. Of the characteristic indicator species rock rose *Helianthemum nummularium*, salad burnet *Sanguisorba minor* and wild thyme *Thymus praecox* are recorded as plentiful.

Study of **aerial photographs**, taken in 2000 and a **visit** in Aug 2003, suggest that C has remained unimproved grassland since the Phase II survey and that areas A, B and D have a similar vegetation to C.

Conclusion

We think that the evidence presented here suggests that the areas mapped, including areas A, B and D, which were not shown on the draft map, are unimproved calcareous grassland and should be mapped as open country.

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