

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
53		Langtoft	TA 01 67	30	9
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

This Y-shaped group of steep-side dry chalkland valleys lies immediately N of the village of Langtoft. This site was not surveyed in either the Phase I or II Habitat surveys. Most of the site is part of a **Countryside Stewardship Agreement** (Chalk and Limestone). The **National Land Typology** attributes are RLE. The dale is accessible at its southern end at Langtoft and at its NW tip along a track from the B 1249.

Comments supporting vegetation type and justification for inclusion:

Our study of **aerial photographs** taken in 2000 supports the view suggested by the close contours on the OS map that these valleys are sites of unimproved calcareous grassland. A **site visit** (4 Aug 2003) provided further evidence. Quaking grass *Briza media* and tor-grass *Brachypodium pinnatum* were the dominant grasses at location 1 and amongst the herbs we found 6 calcicolous indicator herbs, indicative of calcareous grassland: field scabious *Knautia arvensis*, small scabious *Scabiosa columbaria*, pignut *Conopodium majus*, cowslip *Primula veris*, greater knapweed *Centaurea scabiosa* and wild thyme *Thymus praecox*. At location 2 we found quaking grass, cowslip, small scabious and large thyme *Thymus pulgoides*.

Conclusion

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

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