

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
44		Towthorpe Dale	SE 91 63	26	4
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

Towthorpe Dale is a steep sided east-west valley to the west of Sledmere. There is no public access to the valley, but a bridleway used as a footpath crosses the dale, and a public road lies along the narrow eastern edge. Side valleys at the western end are wooded, as is some of the northern slope of the main valley; these areas are therefore not included in this claim. The eastern end, although shown on maps as wooded, is in practice a rough open area with some scrub and scattered trees. The main valley is grazed by cattle. Access to this dale would give interesting recreational possibilities.

Comments supporting vegetation type and justification for inclusion:

There is a 2002 **Countryside Stewardship Agreement** (Chalk and Limestone) for this area.

Study of **aerial photographs** from 2000 for the valley suggests that the steep valley sides are unimproved calcareous grassland.

This view was reinforced by observations of the area from the public footpaths and road during a **visit** in September 2003.

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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