

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
40	A B1 B2 C D E F	Cow Dale	SE 89 56	52	7
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

The area is a long steep sided valley, Rabbit Dale (F), Oxlands Dale (C) and Shortlands Dale (D) with a western side valley, Cow Dale (A,B1,B2) and an unnamed fork on this (E). Much of the Eastern side of the main valley is wooded, and is therefore excluded. There are public footpaths through the main valleys, giving access to public roads, the Wolds Way and hence to the Horse Dale valleys. There are ancient earthworks in these valleys

Comments supporting vegetation type and justification for inclusion:

A visit in August 2003 to the area showed the steep sides of Cow Dale (B1, B2) to be unimproved and in particular found the calcareous indicator species *Brachipodium pinnatum* Tor Grass, *Bromus Erectus* Upright Brome and the herb *Galium verum* Lady's Bedstraw. Oxlands Dale (C), Shortlands Dale (D) and Rabbit Dale (F) also showed the steep dale sides to be unimproved and some areas were extensively grazed.

Inspection of **aerial photographs** from 2000 supports this view and would also suggest that the head of Cow Dale (A), which is crossed by a public footpath, is similarly unimproved.

Conclusion

We think that the evidence presented here suggests that the area mapped, including areas A and B2 which were not shown on the draft map, is unimproved calcareous grassland and should be mapped as open country.

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