

THE CROW ACT 2000
OPEN ACCESS MAPPING: RE-DETERMINATION OF THE LAND
AT RICHMORE HILL AND GRAYS LANE BANK

Following legal challenges in respect of two small parcels of land in Area 7, at Richmore Hill and Grays Lane Bank, The Countryside Agency was required by orders of the Court to remove these parcels of land from the Conclusive Map of Open Country and Registered Common Land for West England (issued 1st July 2005).

In the case of Richmore Hill:

Consent Order CO/4020/2004 quashed the decision of the Countryside Agency to include Richmore Hill (British National Grid Coordinates e 474735 n 192718) as open country on the Area 7 (West England) Provisional Map. Consequently this parcel of land was removed from the Conclusive Map.

In the case of Grays Lane Bank:

Consent Order CO/4271/2005 quashed the decision of the Countryside Agency to include Grays Lane Bank (British National Grid Coordinates e 475100 n 192300) as open country on the Area 7 (West England) Provisional Map (and consequently on the Conclusive Map).

The effect of these orders is that there is currently no Conclusive Map in respect of these two parcels of land. In accordance with Section 4 of The CROW Act 2000 we are required to prepare one. We therefore need to complete the mapping process for these parcels. We are doing this by repeating the mapping process from the Draft Map consultation stage. We have produced a Draft Map that only includes the two parcels of land. The map also shows what is included on the Conclusive Map for the surrounding area; this is for the purpose of context only.

We are now in the position to begin the determination process for both of these parcels and as such will be considering all previous Draft Map comments submitted as part of the original consultation. In addition to this we welcome any further comments or evidence as to the status of the parcels. In particular we welcome any views or evidence either supporting the Draft Map status (i.e. neither parcel is identified as Open Country (OC) or Registered Common Land (RCL)) or suggesting that either parcel should be added to the map as OC or RCL. The new consultation process will begin **30th June 2006** and will cease on **30th September 2006**. This effectively will give a three-month period of consultation.

After this period, and in the light of all the information we have received we will reach a conclusion as to whether parcels are OC or RCL or not. If it is the case that the parcels are determined as OC or RCL we will then invite representations as to determine whether the parcels serve a useful purpose in accordance with Section 4(5) 2 of the CROW Act.

Should you have any views or evidence as to the status of either of the land parcels, or require further information please write to the:

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It is important to note that: All land surrounding the two parcels falling outside the red boundaries forms part of the Area 7 Map in Conclusive form. No comments will be considered in relation to this land prior to a statutory review of the Conclusive maps.