



## THE COUNTRYSIDE AND RIGHTS OF WAY ACT 2000

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Natural England has now reached final decisions on both parcels of land, relating to all draft map consultations. These decisions are reflected in the Provisional Map for the land at Richmore Hill and Grays Lane Bank, which was issued on **8th August 2007**

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Anyone with a legal interest in the land (e.g. a landowner, tenant, or the holder of sporting or common rights) may appeal against it being shown as open country on the provisional map. Please note that there is no right of appeal in relation to any land other than that specifically identified as open country on the current provisional map, that being land at Grays Lane Bank.

#### How to appeal

Appeals must be made to the Secretary of State on one of the following grounds:

- 1) where land is mapped as registered common land, that it is not registered common land.
- 2) where land is mapped as open country that:
  - (i) it does not consist wholly or predominantly of mountain, moor, heath or down: and
  - (ii) where Natural England has exercised its discretion under the Act, to treat land which is not open country as forming part of an area of open country, it ought not to have done so.

#### To appeal, please contact:

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