

Specific information we need in support of your application

This Annex to the Explanatory Notes on Form OACC1 explains what type of supporting information we expect in support of Part C applications for a direction, to help us establish whether restriction to the extent you propose is necessary.

Information we always require with Part C applications

In all cases, an application for a direction should explain:

- what specific problem(s) you fear CROW access will cause for your management of the land, for events you are planning, for the safety of the public, etc. and
- why you are proposing a legal restriction instead of – or as well as – using positive access management techniques such as those illustrated in the special guide in our 'Land Managers' Guidance Pack'.

Applications relating to risks from things done (or proposed to be done) on the land or on adjacent land

Where a risk assessment of any kind has been undertaken in relation to a forthcoming operation on the land, or in relation to some other type of risk from things done (or proposed to be done) there, please enclose a copy of the risk assessment with your application.

If there is no risk assessment, please set out at section C.2 of the form why you think the danger to the public is sufficient to warrant restricting them to the extent you are proposing. Enclose relevant information such as that from product labels relating to substances you are using on the land.

Please explain why you wish to use a restriction instead of – or as well as – practical management measures such as:

- undertaking a dangerous operation at times when people are unlikely to visit the land;
- using barriers, signs or lookouts to warn of the risk; or
- providing a clear waymarked route around the potential hazard.

Please note that we have no power to consider applications to avoid danger to the public from natural factors such as difficult or dangerous terrain, drowning risks in lakes or rivers, floods, windblow, extremes of temperature, poisonous creatures or plants, etc.

Risks from abandoned quarries, mineshafts or surface entrances

As well as the information just mentioned under 'Risks from things done' above, you need to give us whatever specific information you have about the mineral working in question, including:

- whether the quarry, shaft or mine entrance is securely fenced off or otherwise secure against someone accidentally entering or falling in;
- when the mine or quarry was last worked; and
- what type of mine the shaft or entrance serves (eg. tin mine).

You also need to tell us:

- whether the danger to the public is hidden or is readily apparent;
- whether the local authority has been in contact with you about the danger; and
- whether the shaft or entrance is in an area likely to be frequented by the public.

Dangerous livestock, etc.

If your application relates to danger from one or more animals kept on access land, you need to explain:

- the number and type of livestock within the area where you are seeking the restriction, and the size of any enclosure that they are kept in;
- the age, breed, temperament and characteristics of any individual animals that you feel are especially dangerous;
- the nature of the danger and how likely the public are in practice to be exposed to it.

Be specific about the kinds of access you believe are dangerous – eg. if you think the real risk is to walkers with dogs, make this clear.

Please explain why you wish to use a legal restriction instead of – or as well as – practical management measures such as keeping the animal(s) on non-access land, using signs to warn of the risk, or providing a clear waymarked route that will minimise contact between the walker and the animal(s).

Outbreak of animal disease

In the event of an outbreak of animal disease, existing animal health legislation provides powers to prohibit public access if this is deemed necessary to prevent the spread of disease or to protect the public. Such prohibitions prevail automatically over CROW access rights – so CROW restrictions are **not** used for this purpose.

Shooting, etc.

Please provide clear information about:

- the type of shooting (eg. driven shoot, rough shoot, pest control);
- the quarry (eg. red grouse, fox); and
- the areas of access land likely to be affected (eg. specified grouse drives).