NATURAL ENGLAND

DIRECTION NOTICE

RESTRICTION/ EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC ACCESS

UNDER THE COUNTRYSIDE AND RIGHTS OF WAY ACT 2000

Case number: 2016048135

Site name: Wilton 3 Quarry

Access authority: Bolton Council

Local Access Forum: N/A

Grid reference: Wilton 3 Quarry

Date of issue: 11/09/2026

Expiry date: 11/09/2032

Effect on public access

Public access is to be restricted to marked routes on Wednesday, Friday, and Sundays from dawn to dusk all year round.

Land affected

See the map(s) attached at end of this document. This map will be displayed on the CROW restrictions website PRD_Natural England - Open Access maps at the times when the restriction/ exclusion is in force.

The direction has no effect on:

- Any area within the specified land that is not otherwise subject to these access rights.
- Land which is excepted under Schedule 1 to CROW.
- Public rights of way over the same land.
- Existing open access rights of the type listed at CROW section 15.
- Any other access right, tradition or custom.
- Any uses of the land permitted or tolerated by the landowner.

Purpose of the restriction/ exclusion

To prevent danger to the public from the presence of heavy industrial activities and practices and for the purpose of managing industrial processes on this land.

Section of the CROW Act under which this direction is given

Section 24 land management and section 25(1)(b) public safety.

Conditions

Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (CROW)

This direction restricts public access given under Part One of the CROW Act.

It has been made by Natural England as the relevant authority in line with the statutory guidance to relevant authorities on restrictions, taking into account any comments received during consultation.

Revoking and varying

If, for any reason after the giving of this direction, Natural England is made aware that it is no longer necessary for the purpose specified, the extent or at any of the times specified, it will be varied or revoked as appropriate.

If the direction is no longer required, the site manager or their representative should immediately notify the Open Access Contact Centre.

Reviewing

Natural England will review this direction within five years of the date of issue and, subsequently, within five years of the date of the last review, until the direction is revoked or expires, as required by CROW section 27(3). The review will consider whether the exclusion or restriction is still necessary for the purpose for which it is given, and whether the extent or nature remains appropriate.

Countryside Code

You may find the Countryside Code useful for managing access on your land. There are versions for visitors to the countryside and for land managers: The Countryside Code - GOV.UK

Data handling

Natural England handles data in line with Open access land privacy notice - GOV.UK

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Map(s)

Note that a neighbouring direction is also shown but this is subject to a separate Direction Notice.

