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Our ref: RFI 4104



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Dear Ms Shipsides,

Access to information request – Response - Request No RFI 4104

Thank you for the information detailed below which we received on 30 November 2017.

Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

You asked for the following three pieces of information:

1. The date that your improved grassland field was included in Open Access map.
It is OS sheet ref: SX 1597; field no 1354 at postcode included
2. The status at each of the three stages to include "confirmed" stage.
3. The list of names of officers or personnel involved in those decisions.

In relation to your questions 1 and 2 this information has already been provided to you and for ease it has been provided again to you with this response titled RFI 4104 attachment. Any information not included in this attachment is not held by Natural England. We are therefore applying exception 12(4)(a) – Information Not Held - under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. This exception is applied when the public body does not hold the information requested.

In relation to your question 3 all maps at each stage were signed off by a Countryside Agency board member having gone through several peer checks and approvals at officer, senior officer and principal manager levels prior to board sign off. The relevant Countryside Agency board members who signed off the maps were either Pam Warhurst or Tayo Adebowale) neither of whom are serving on Natural England's board now

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Yours sincerely

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