

**COUNTRYSIDE AND RIGHTS OF WAY ACT 2000:  
SUMMARY REPORT ON THE CONCLUSIVE MAP FOR SOUTH  
EAST ENGLAND**



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## **1. Introduction**

Under Part 1, Chapter 1, Section 4 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, the Countryside Agency has a duty to prepare maps of registered common land and open country in England. This mapping process has three stages and involves producing draft and provisional maps before issuing maps in conclusive form.

For mapping purposes, England has been divided into eight areas. When provisional maps for each area have been issued, people with a legal interest in land that has been mapped as open country or registered common land have a three month period in which they can appeal. The appeal is made to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) on one of the following grounds:

- the land is incorrectly shown as registered common land
- the land is incorrectly shown as open country
- the Countryside Agency has inappropriately used its discretion with regard to the boundaries of open country.

An Inspector appointed by PINS will hear the Appellant's and the Agency's case and will make a decision. If the appeal is upheld the Secretary of State will instruct the Countryside Agency to make modifications and include these on the conclusive map.

The provisional map for South East England (area 1) was issued by the Countryside Agency in October 2002 and was subject to a three month appeals period until January 2003.

## **2. Production of the Conclusive Map**

After the close of this appeals period the Planning Inspectorate considered all the valid appeals.

Each appeal that was not withdrawn, resulted in one of three decisions:

- if the appeal was 'allowed' the whole appeal site was removed and does not appear on the conclusive map;
- if the appeal was 'allowed in part' part of the site was removed and the remainder of the site appears as open country or registered common land on the conclusive map;
- if the appeal was 'dismissed' no changes were made to the map.

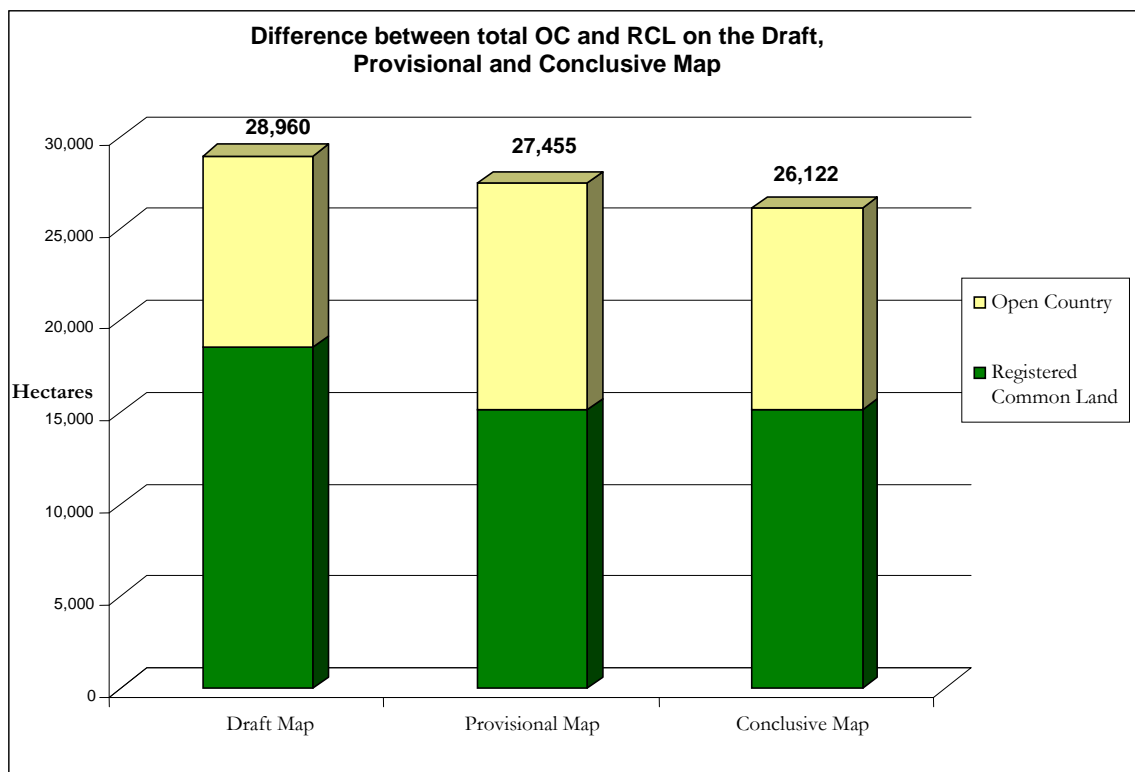
## **3. Results of the appeals process**

As the appeals process only allowed land to be removed from the provisional map there was a net reduction in the amount of open country and registered common land shown on the conclusive map.

**Table 1. Comparison of Open Country (OC) and Registered Common Land (RCL) between the Draft, Provisional and Conclusive Maps for South East England, indicating that 95.1% of the total area mapped at Provisional stage has remained on the Conclusive map.**

Area (hectares) of South East England (area 1)	1,024,768	1,024,768	1,024,768
	<b>Draft Map</b>	<b>Provisional Map</b>	<b>Conclusive Map</b>
<b>OC &amp; RCL</b>			
Total area (hectares)	28,960	27,455	26,122
% of mapping area covered by OC & RCL	2.8%	2.7%	2.5%
<b>OPEN COUNTRY</b>			
Area of OC mapped (hectares)	10,427	12,340	11,008
% of mapping area covered by OC	1.0%	1.2%	1.1%
<b>REGISTERED COMMON LAND</b>			
Area of RCL mapped (hectares)	18,533	15,155	15,114
% of mapping area covered by RCL	1.8%	1.5%	1.5%

**Fig 1. Illustrates the land change between total Open Country and Registered Common Land shown on the Draft Map, Provisional Map and Conclusive Map**



#### **4. Summary description of the Area 1 Conclusive Map**

The South East mapping area covers 10, 247 square kilometres of England, and includes the counties of Kent, West Sussex, East Sussex, Surrey and the London

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boroughs of Hillingdon, Sutton, Bromley, Richmond upon Thames, Kingston upon Thames, Hounslow, Bexley, Merton and Croydon.

2.5% of the South East area has been shown on the conclusive map as registered common land or open country. This consists of 15,114 hectares of registered common land, and 11,008 hectares of open country. The overall change in land shown on the conclusive map from that shown on the provisional map is a reduction of 0.2% with the majority of this change being due to a reduction in the amount of open country.

**Table 2. Statistics for Access Authorities in Area 1 indicating Open Country and Registered Common Land cover.**

County	Total Area of Land (hectares)	Total OC and RCL (hectares)	% of region is OC/ RCL	OC (hectares)	% of region is OC	RCL (hectares)	% of region is RCL
Bexley	6,426.3	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	0.0
Brighton and Hove	8,537.7	220.5	2.6	220.4	2.6	0.1	0.0
Bromley	15,014.9	152.3	1.0	23.6	0.2	128.7	0.9
Croydon	8,652	68.7	0.8	66.8	0.8	1.9	0.0
East Sussex	172,533.3	4,233.5	2.5	4,233.5	2.5	0.0	0.0
Greenwich	5,038.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hillingdon	11,570.0	62.8	0.5	13.4	0.1	49.4	0.4
Hounslow	5,659.4	7.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	7.1	0.1
Kent	363,905.6	2,225.1	0.6	1,477.1	0.4	747.9	0.2
Kingston upon Thames	3,724.8	21.7	0.6	10.1	0.3	11.6	0.3
Lambeth	2,725.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Lewisham	3,532.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Medway	26,885.7	84.9	0.3	64.0	0.2	20.9	0.1
Merton	3,760.9	5.0	0.1	5.2	0.1	0.0	0.0
Richmond on Thames	5,876.7	136.5	2.3	0.0	0.0	136.5	2.3
Southwark	2,989.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Surrey	167,004.9	13,316.7	8.0	3,536.3	2.1	9,780.4	5.9
Sutton	4,385.1	58.0	1.3	55.4	1.3	2.6	0.1
Wandsworth	3,522.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
West Sussex	203,024.1	5,527.5	2.7	1,301.7	0.6	4,225.8	2.1

**Table 3. Statistics for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty in Area 1 indicating Open Country and Registered Common Land cover.**

Area of	Total	TOTAL	% of	Area of	%	Area of	%
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<b>Outstanding Natural Beauty</b>	<b>Area of Land (hectares)</b>	<b>OC and RCL (hectares)</b>	<b>region is OC/RCL</b>	<b>OC mapped (hectares)</b>	<b>covered by OC</b>	<b>RCL mapped (hectares)</b>	<b>covered by RCL</b>
<b>High Weald</b>	146,304.9	1,989.0	1.4	1,919.7	1.3	69.3	0.0
<b>Kent Downs</b>	25,386.5	383.8	1.5	71.9	0.3	311.8	1.2
<b>Surrey Hills</b>	22,369.3	3,015.1	13.5	319.7	1.4	2,695.4	12.0
<b>Sussex Downs</b>	99,602.3	6,221.7	6.2	3,571.6	3.6	2,650.1	2.7

## Annex 1

### Area 1 Conclusive Public Notice



#### **Conclusive map of open country and registered common land in South East England**

The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 will create new rights to walk on 'access land' - generally mountain, moor, heath, down and registered common land. The Countryside Agency is required to produce maps of registered common land and open country in preparation for the introduction of the new public access rights.

The conclusive map for South East England was issued on 4th May 2004. It includes changes resulting from appeals decisions to some areas shown as registered common land or open country on the provisional map issued by the Agency.

The **digital conclusive map** may be viewed:

- on our website  
[www.countryside.gov.uk/access/mapping](http://www.countryside.gov.uk/access/mapping)
- or at our London, Cheltenham, Bristol or Manchester offices - phone the Open Access Contact Centre for an appointment

A **reduced scale conclusive map** in paper form will be sent to:

- local authority offices - within a month of issue date
- Countryside Agency offices - within a month of issue date
- Parish Councils (for their local area) - within two months of issue date.

**Please note that the conclusive map is not a walking guide.**

A copy of your local conclusive map sheet at a reduced scale is available to purchase for £15.00 (paper copy) and £22.00 (laminated copy), plus £5.00 P&P per order by calling 0870 122 1242.

For more information on **access mapping** phone the Open Access Contact Centre on **0845 100 3298** or visit our website [www.countryside.gov.uk/access/mapping](http://www.countryside.gov.uk/access/mapping)

## **Annex 2**

### **Area 1 Conclusive Map Display Venues**

<b>Local Authorities</b>				
Adur District Council	Civic Centre	Ham Road	Shoreham by Sea	West Sussex
Arun District Council	Arun Civic Centre	Maltravers Road	Littlehampton	West Sussex
Ashford Borough Council	Civic Centre	Tannery Lane	Ashford	Kent
Brighton & Hove City Council	Hove Town Hall	Norton Road	Hove	East Sussex
Canterbury City Council	Strategic Planning	Military Road	Canterbury	Kent
Chichester District Council	East Pallant House	1 East Pallant	Chichester	West Sussex
Crawley Borough Council	Town Hall	The Boulevard	Crawley	West Sussex
Dartford Borough Council	Civic Centre	Home Gardens	Dartford	Kent
Dover District Council	White Cliffs Business Park	Dover	Kent	
Eastbourne Borough Council	68 Grove Road	Eastbourne	East Sussex	
East Sussex County Council	Transport & Environment	County Hall	Lewes	East Sussex
Elmbridge Borough Council	Civic Centre	High Street	Esher	Surrey
Epsom & Ewell Borough Council	Town Hall	The Parade	Epsom	Surrey
Gravesham Borough Council	Civic Centre	Windmill Street	Gravesend	Kent
Guildford Borough Council	Millmead House	Millmead	Guildford	Surrey
Hastings Borough Council	Century House	100 Menzies Road	St Leonards on Sea	East Sussex
Horsham District Council	Park House	North Street	Horsham	West Sussex
Kent County Council	Invicta House	County Hall	Maidstone	Kent
Lewes District Council	Planning Services	Southover House	Lewes	East Sussex
London Borough of Bexley	Rm 19 Civic Offices	Broadway	Bexleyheath	Kent
London Borough of Bromley	Bromley Civic Centre	Stockwell Close	Bromley	Kent
London Borough of Croydon	Environmental Services	1a Riddlesdown Rd	South Croydon	

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London Borough of Hillingdon	Council Depot	128 Harlington Road	Uxbridge	
London Borough of Hounslow	Environmental Services	Lampton Road	Hounslow	Middlesex
London Borough of Merton	London Road	Merton Civic Centre	Moredon	Surry
London Borough of Richmond	Richmond Civic Centre	44 York Street	Twickenham	
London Borough of Sutton	Central Library	St Nicholas Way	Sutton	
Maidstone Borough Council	London House	5/11 London Road	Maidstone	Kent
Medway Council	Compass Centre	Chatham Maritime	Chatham	Kent
Mid Sussex District Council	Oaklands	Oaklands Road	Haywards Heath	West Sussex
Mole Valley District Council	Pippbrook	Reigate Road	Dorking	Surrey
Reigate & Banstead Borough Council	Town Hall	Castlefield Road	Reigate	Surrey
Rother District Council	Town Hall	Rother	Bexhill	East Sussex
Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames	Planning & Development	Guildhall 2	Kingston upon Thames	Surrey
Runnymede Borough Council	Civic Offices	Station Road	Addlestone	Surrey
Sevenoaks District Council	Council Offices	Argyle Road	Sevenoaks	Kent
Shepway District Council	Civic Centre	Castle Hill Avenue	Folkestone	
Spelthorne Borough Council	Council Offices	Knowle Green	Staines	
Surrey County Council	County Hall	Penrhyn Road	Kingston upon Thames	
Surrey Heath Borough Council	Surrey Heath House	Knoll Road	Camberley	Surrey
Swale Borough Council	Swale House	East Street	Sittingbourne	Kent
Tandridge District Council	Council Offices	Station Road East	Oxted	Surrey
Thanet District Council	Council Offices	Cecil Street	Margate	Kent
Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council	Gibson Building	Gibson Drive	Kings Hill	West Malling
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council	Highways Unit	Town Hall	Royal Tunbridge Wells	Kent
Waverley Borough Council	The Burys	Godalming	Surrey	

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Wealden District Council	Council Offices	Pine Grove	Crowborough	East Sussex
West Sussex County Council	County Hall	West Street	Chichester	West Sussex
Woking Borough Council	Civic Offices	Gloucester Square	Woking	Surrey
Worthing Borough Council	Portland House	Richmond Road	Worthing	West Sussex
<b>Natural England Offices</b>				
Natural England	John Dower House	Crescent Place	Cheltenham	
Natural England	3rd Floor, Bridgewater House	Whitworth Street	Manchester	