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Cumbria County Council (Stoads Farm and Enclosure) Limestone Pavement Order, 1992

Whereas the land described in the Schedule to this Order comprises a limestone pavement which has been notified to Cumbria County Council under section 34(1) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

And whereas it appears to the Cumbria County Council that the character or appearance of the said land will be likely to be adversely affected by the removal of the limestone or its disturbance in any way whatever, that the Council ought to order as follows:

Now therefore in exercise of the powers conferred by section 34(2) of the said Act of 1981, Cumbria County Council hereby designates and prohibits the removal or disturbance of limestone on or in the land described in the Schedule to this Order and delineated by a thick black line on the map prepared in duplicate, sealed with the Common Seal of the said Cumbria County Council and marked "Map referred to in the Cumbria County Council (Stoads Farm and Enclosure) Limestone Pavement Order, 1992. One duplicate copy of the map is deposited in the offices of the County Solicitor, Cumbria County Council, The Courts, Carlisle, and the other is deposited in the offices of the Secretary of State for the Environment.

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SCHEDULE

Description of the Area

Stoads Farm and Enclosure lie on the eastern side of the Furness peninsula, 5 km south of Ulverston near the village of Great Urswick. The notification area has four component parts due to the fragmented nature of the pavements. The site has no formal conservation status.

The bulk of the pavement lies on a small hill, to the south-east of the village of Great Urswick, rising to a height of 110 metres. The hill has areas of open pavement, some of which support woodland, forming an attractive mosaic in distinct contrast to many of the improved surrounding fields. The pavements form a series of parallel terraces sloping gently towards the east.

The open and wooded pavements are visible from the popular reception area of Birkkrigg Common, dominating the views south and south-west from the Common. Pavement is also visible from the Ulverston to Scales Road. A public footpath from Great Urswick to the Enclosure passes close to some of the pavements within the notification area. This footpath gives attractive views of wooded pavements. The trees, especially hawthorns, are of often wind-pruned and also grazed by farm stock into dwarf forms. The rectangular clints give the appearance of a classic limestone pavement.

The area has significant historical interest with old field boundaries and walls, as well as gate posts formed from single clints. The Enclosure at the southern tip of the notification area has archaeological importance.

The limestone pavements of Stoads Farm and Enclosure support a tree and shrub cover of varying density and associated ground flora. A number of species of ferns are found generally contained within the grikes by grazing pressure and a number of her species are found on the clint tops.

Geologically the areas both lie on the Urswick Limestone of lower carboniferous age. The beds dip gently to the east producing sloping pavements in a series of parallel terraces. Urswick Limestone is well bedded with regular joints. The joints appear to be closer than other pavements in the area resulting in small clints.

The majority of the pavements are in good condition although there are examples of localised damage. Burial by nature processes sometimes accounts for the discontinuous nature of the pavements. The area to the north-east of the main pavements is extensively damaged, but the remaining areas are of high quality.

The total area covered by the Order is: 17.8 ha.

17th January 1992.

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CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT, 1981

Cumbria County Council (Birkkrigg Common) Limestone Pavement Order, 1992

Notice is hereby given that on 10th January 1992 Cumbria County Council acting under section 34 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981 made the *Cumbria County Council (Birkkrigg Common) Limestone Pavement Order 1992* designating the land described in the Schedule to the Order and prohibiting the removal or disturbance of limestone on or in it.

The Order (which is set out in the Schedule to this Notice) took effect when it was made and has been submitted to the Secretary of State for the Environment. The Order will cease to have effect nine months after it was made unless the Secretary of State previously gives notice that he has considered it and does not propose to amend or revoke it, or that he has amended or revoked it, or that the Authority has revoked it.

Representations about or objections to the Order may be made to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Room 908, Tollgate House, Houlton Street, Bristol BS2 9DJ, before 21st February 1992.

Such representations or objections should be in writing and should state the title of the Order. In the case of objections, the grounds on which they are made should also be stated.

Copies of the Order and the map referred to in it have been deposited at:

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Birkkrigg Common is located on the eastern side of the Furness peninsula between the villages of Bardsea and Great Urswick, some 4 kilometres south of Ulverston. The notification area, which has two distinct sections, lies within a larger area of registered common land. The site has no present formal conservation status.

Birkkrigg Common rises up above the surrounding land to a height of 136 metres OD. It forms an excellent natural viewpoint providing fine views over Morecambe Bay and the Lakeland Fells. The limestone pavements upon the Common take the form of a series of terraces and are open, bare and bleached white. As such they form important landscape features dominating the Common. Good views of the pavements can be obtained from Appleby Hill and Bardsea Park (Ulverston Golf Course), and also from the dense network of minor roads crossing the area, connecting Bardsea, Great and Little Urswick, Ulverston and Baycliff.

Birkkrigg Common is a popular area for recreational use. The Common land has open access and also an extensive network of public rights of way providing close up views of pavement areas. Registered common rights include grazing and bracken cutting. There are no rights to take stone.

The Common also has archaeological interest. There are many tumuli, an old enclosure and a well preserved stone circle.