

## Health and safety at the site questionnaire

The Inspector will visit the site and will need to know what safety equipment and protective clothing to bring. The following questions indicate the type of information the Inspector will need about the site and any land or building that the Inspector will need to enter. Please supply any additional information on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Is the site uneven or does it present any other known risks? Is special footwear or any other Personal Protection Equipment required, and will this be supplied at the site?

It will take between 1-2 hours to walk the Order routes and/or to view them from existing recorded public rights of way. The routes cross well drained agricultural land and access to them is along well-maintained farm tracks (bridleways) and along a sea defence wall (concessionary access and public footpaths) but walking boots are recommended. The sea defence embankment can be exposed so waterproof and/or wind proof clothing may be advisable depending on the weather forecast.

2. Is there any likelihood of exposure to pets or other animals which may present a risk to the safety of the Inspector?

The routes cross land used for arable farming but the area is well used by dog walkers and access to some of the routes is along a public bridleway used by horse riders.

3. Is the site remote and/or can it be seen from other occupied buildings/property/public land/roadside?

Some, but not all the routes can be seen from buildings. The sea embankment is well walked/used and the fields are often being tended to by farmers (arable) so there are often people in the area.

4. Does the site have a good mobile phone signal or is there easy access to a public telephone should the emergency services be required?

The site has good mobile coverage on all networks.

5. Are there any areas that require specialist equipment or training for access – any confined spaces?

No.

6. Are there any dangerous pieces of equipment or substances stored at the location?

None known of.

7. Is there any likelihood of exposure to chemicals, asbestos, radiation or are there any other risks, requiring the use of Personal Protection Equipment, which may affect the health & safety of the Inspector? (Asbestos is referred to directly as it was present in buildings built before it was banned in 1977).

None known of (but see note regarding access below).

8. If there is any other relevant information which the Inspector should be aware of that is not covered in this questionnaire?

To access the site it is possible to drive to the end of Charnley Lane (to point F) or Georges Lane (point A) or there is room to park on Banks Road/Ralph Wife's Lane at Grid Reference SD 3796 2086 (post code PR9 8JL) at the start of bridleway 47 North Meols (Bank Pace).

Two of the routes are difficult to access. It is possible to walk between points J-K-L-M but M-N is overgrown and N-O crosses a ditch and fencing which are impassable.

The route through Cross Bank Covert is impossible to view without climbing over barbed wire fences at point S and point U and negotiating deep ditches at points T and U.

The walk along the sea embankment to view points L,R,I,V and E is level and affords good views across the whole area affected by the Order.

Local facilities are available in the village of Banks.