

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

DECLARATION OF AREA OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST AT CARRICKBRAWN, COUNTY FERMANAGH  
ARTICLE 24 OF THE NATURE CONSERVATION AND AMENITY LANDS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1985

The Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland (the Department), having consulted the Committee for Nature Conservation and being satisfied that the area delineated by the solid black line on the attached map (the area) is of special scientific interest by reason of the flora and accordingly needs to be specially protected, hereby declares the area to be an area of special scientific interest and to be known as the "Carrickbrawn area of special scientific interest".

The area is of special scientific interest because it is the only known locality for Cornish Heath (Erica vagans) in Ireland. It occurs on a south facing slope within a mixture of blanket bog and flushed wet heath vegetation. Erica vagans is listed as a protected wild plant under the Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1985.

The following operations and activities appear to the Department to be likely to damage the flora of the area:-

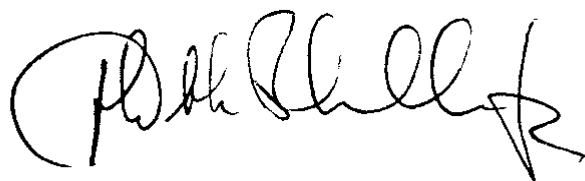
- cultivation, including ploughing, rotovating, harrowing or reseedling
- changes in the grazing regime, including changes in type of livestock or significant increase or decrease in livestock population or changes in the seasonal pattern of grazing or cessation of grazing
- changes in livestock feeding practice
- the introduction of mowing or other methods of cutting vegetation
- application of manure, slurry, fertilisers or lime
- application of pesticides, herbicides, fungicides or other chemicals deployed to kill, selectively or non-selectively, any form of animal, plant or other living organism
- dumping, spreading or discharge of any matter
- burning
- the release into the area of any wild, feral or domestic animal, plant or seed. "Animal" includes any mammal, reptile, amphibian, bird, fish or invertebrate
- the destruction, displacement, removal or cutting of any plant, seed or plant remains
- the introduction of tree or woodland management
- drainage, including peat drainage or the use of mole, tile, tunnel or other artificial drains
- modification of the structure of the water courses including their banks and beds as by realignment, regrading or dredging
- management of aquatic or bank vegetation
- the alteration of water levels or water tables

- extraction of minerals, including peat, shingle, sand or gravel, topsoil, sub-soil, chalk, lime, shells or spoil
- construction, removal or destruction of roads, tracks, walls, fences, hard-standings, banks, ditches or other earthworks, or the laying, maintenance or removal of pipelines or cables, above or below ground
- storage of materials
- erection of permanent or temporary structures or the undertaking of building, engineering or other operations, including drilling, or the formation of access roads
- alteration or modification of natural or man-made features or clearance of boulders, large stones or loose rock
- use of vehicles or craft likely to damage or disturb the vegetation
- recreational, educational or research activities likely to damage the vegetation
- exercising of animals in areas where they are likely to disturb or kill other animals or damage the vegetation.

Sealed with the Official Seal of  
the Department of the Environment  
for Northern Ireland on

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