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Sent: 19 August 2026 13:47
To: Brown, Edward <Edward.Brown@torbay.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Amending a local nature reserve boundary - Occombe Farm and Scadson Woods Local Nature Reserve

Good afternoon Ed,

Thank you for sending through the supporting information and for consulting Natural England on the amendment to the Occombe Farm and Scadson Woods Local Nature Reserve boundary.

Having consulted Natural England on this matter, I can confirm that the next step would be to update the existing management plan for the new LNR boundary and provide Natural England with a copy of this document. As the local authority you should then prepare a formal (legal) declaration to revoke the declaration document (this need only be one side of A4 paper) accompanied by a local nature reserve map. The map should be to scale and accurately show the new and existing local nature reserve boundaries aligned with, or within the local authority's legal ownership as recorded by the land registry (where possible, it is encouraged that you align the boundary with the nearest OS MasterMap feature, provided it still falls within the local authorities legal ownership, as this helps improve consistency). Once the relevant local authority committees agree the boundary changes, the formal document should be signed according to the local authority's approved procedures for authorised signatures. This document should be sent, along with a boundary site map to your local Natural England contact or email lnrdeclarations@naturalengland.org.uk. Natural England can then update their local nature reserve records as necessary. (It should be noted that there will be a bit of delay in updating the map on our records as there is currently a backlog due to a change of system and therefore will need to join the queue). As of tomorrow I am on annual leave until 1st September. Therefore if you have any LNR specific questions which urgently need answering during that time, please contact my colleague Louise Pickard (Louise.Pickard@naturalengland.org.uk) from National Team who is aware of this boundary amendment and should be able to help you.

Kind regards,
Ben

From: Brown, Edward <Edward.Brown@torbay.gov.uk>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2026 14:03
To: Ben Wyatt <Ben.Wyatt@naturalengland.org.uk>; SM-NE-LNR Declarations <LNRDeclarations@naturalengland.org.uk>
Subject: Amending a local nature reserve boundary - Occombe Farm and Scadson Woods Local Nature Reserve

Hello Ben,

Thank you for your time on the 13th July in relation to the proposed amendment to the boundary line in relation to the Local Nature Reserve at Occombe Farm and Scadson Woods.

Please find attached an Ecological Assessment for the boundary changes to the existing Local Nature Reserve. This is for the revocation of part rather than the whole LNR.

The local authority must consult with Natural England on the proposed amendment of boundaries. See section “amending a local nature Reserve” paragraph 2. [Local nature reserves: setting up and management - GOV.UK](#)

Please can Natural England provide a consultation response to the proposed LNR boundary change. This is in advance of the action set out in paragraph 6 under the heading “amending a local nature Reserve”.

Should you require any further information or if it would help to discuss please feel free to ask.

When we meet you thought the consultation response would be provided in 10 working days. I'd be grateful if you can confirm that this will be the case.

Kind regards

Ed

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