

Legal Comment on Lease received from Ursula Collie\* on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

“Might be useful also to point out that this is a licence not a lease and is terminable - hence the need to stay on good terms with the landlord. Although the Trustees are by no means “agents of the landlord” - rather the reverse as Tenants in fact - because the PDCMG has no legal security it is foolhardy openly to fall out with the landlord or breach the terms of the licence. The CROW Act gives no rights to go caving under land - it only gives you the right to walk to the entrance if the entrance is on open access land. Never underestimate the ability of a landowner to block activity on his land which he disapproves of! To say nothing of the danger of bad publicity for caving, loss of access to an important site, etc. etc.”

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