

WNL 13th Feb', Control 25.

Planners Comment.

With regard to the above control 4 competitors complained that the control was in the wrong place. This number of competitors is unusually high and I am therefore providing an explanation to clarify the location and other factors relevant to the feature.

Firstly whilst comments were made to the effect that the control was in the “wrong” place no claim was made to finding the “right” place. To try and help clear up the confusion I will break down the explanation into 3 parts. Firstly the site checks, secondly the immediate area surrounding the control (which is affected by restricted mapping requirements) and finally on one particular individual who should take note when complaining.

1. The control was checked independently by a non-competitive runner before the event started and found to be correct. It was also found by the winner of the event without any problems, someone on top of their game. The site was also independently checked the following day. This is apart from others that found control 25 during the event.

2. The area used is very complex. The mapper will have made the choice to use it (rather treat it as a broken ground) based on major features only i.e. when an area has so many broken areas it is impossible to get all details on the map due to the scale. Were this an open area some of these details would be represented. Given the number of people that had difficulty with this control and the area it is fair to say that I should have picked an alternative location and for this I apologise.

The control however was placed correctly. The feature lies 10 metres down, directly due South from the spur adjacent to a western re-entrant close to the insignificant track. 33 feet is decent descent and is in fact even lower when attacking from the Northern earth banks. Control 25 apart from being in a very significant feature, was in the only re-entrant in that area to contain a Crag thus could not be confused with any other feature.

3. WNL events are put on by one person who is both planner and organiser. Speaking for myself in particular but also for other WNL planners, I can do without some pompous prick making a complete nuisance of himself with repetitive visits to the car to complain. I am particularly irritated by his final visit and comment and I quote “when *you* find *you* are wrong are you going to credit me with the points”. Since I have no idea of who he is perhaps he would like to make himself known to me at a future fixture where I will not be preoccupied with running an event. Suffice to say he should consider this. Perhaps he is not as good as he thinks he is. If he has so much to say the he might consider getting up from the part of the body where his mouth is and put on an event. Something I can only guess he has not done before.