

5.1 Fixed gear removal proposal at Winewall Quarry

Background.

Winewall Quarry is situated just East of Colne. It has been climbed on for at least the last 40 years but has slipped through the 'guidebook net'. There is a handwritten guide (with diagram) dating from 1984 as well as the details included in the 2019 and 2020 Lancashire developments supplements. In September 2020 there were 27 named and described routes in the quarry.

Concerns.

On the area known as Sunset Wall there are 10 routes described in the 2020 Supplement. Fixed equipment at that time constituted 2 x Bolted Lower-off points; 2 x In-situ Pegs; 1 x Bolt.

On this wall now (September 2022) there are: 4 x Bolted Lower-off points; 2 x In-situ Pegs; 11 x Bolts.

Vintner's Way, VS 5a; two new bolts placed.

Goes Down Well, E1 5c (one peg originally), clips the bolts on Vintner's Way.

Sunset, VS 4b (one bolt originally), one new extra bolt added.

Vino Veritas, VS 4b/c; four new bolts placed.

Cotton Tree, E2 5c (one peg originally); one new bolt added.

Sommelier, VS 4c; two new bolts placed.

All of these routes were originally ascended without this additional fixed equipment which been placed by person, or persons, unknown within the last twelve months.

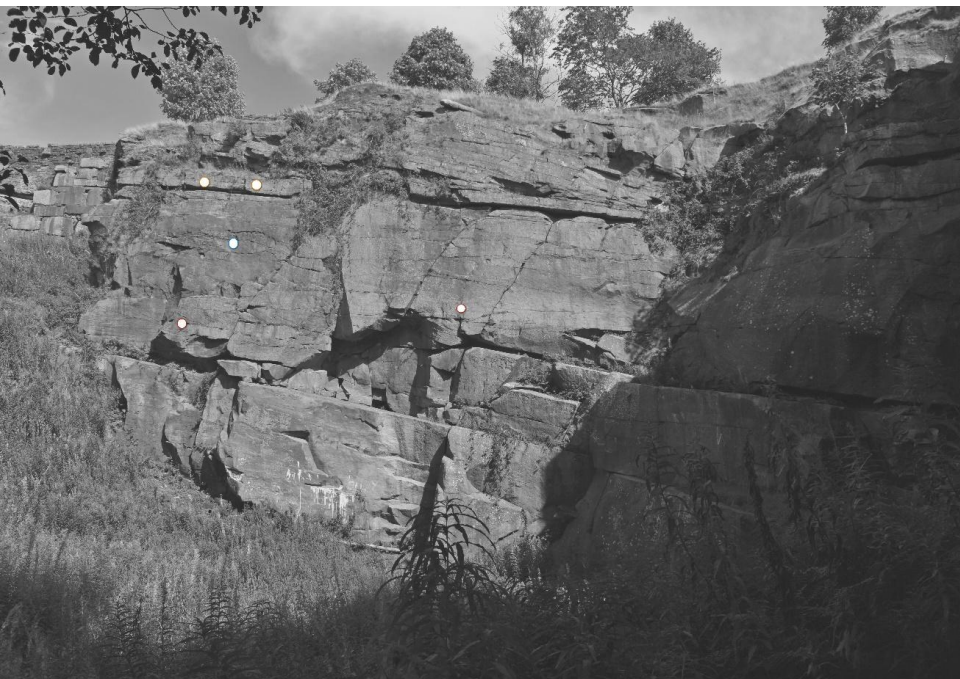
Additionally two new bolted lower-off points have been added.

See attached photographs for locations. (Key: Orange – Lower-off / Red – Peg / Blue – Bolt.)

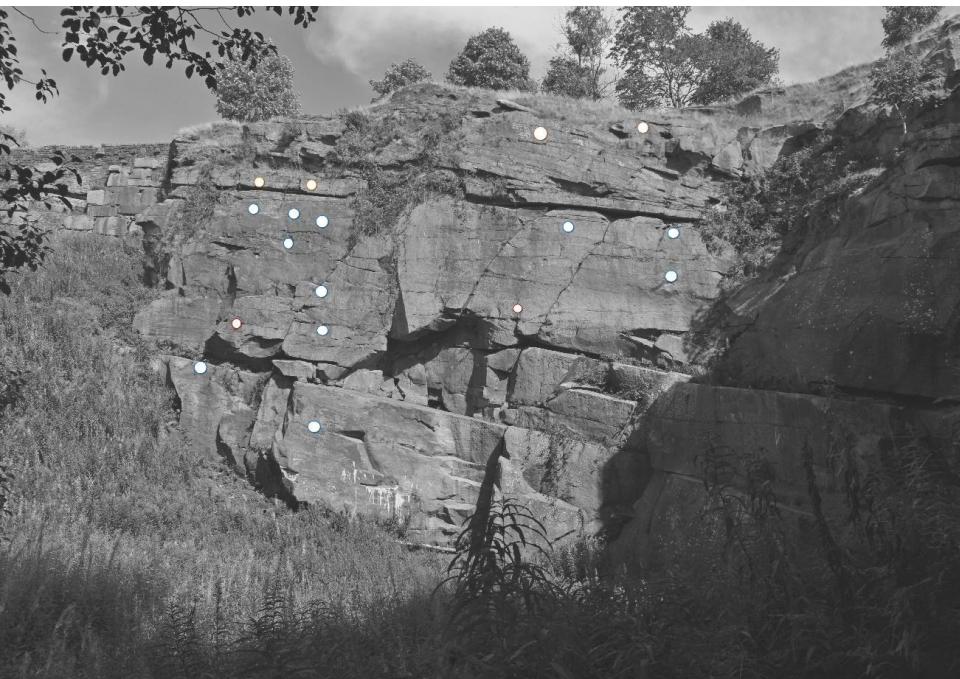
Proposal.

All bolts added subsequent to the 2020 supplement should be removed as unnecessary, and in contravention of the prevailing ethic in the NW Area, following the procedures outlined in the recently agreed Guidance.

Sunset Wall 2020



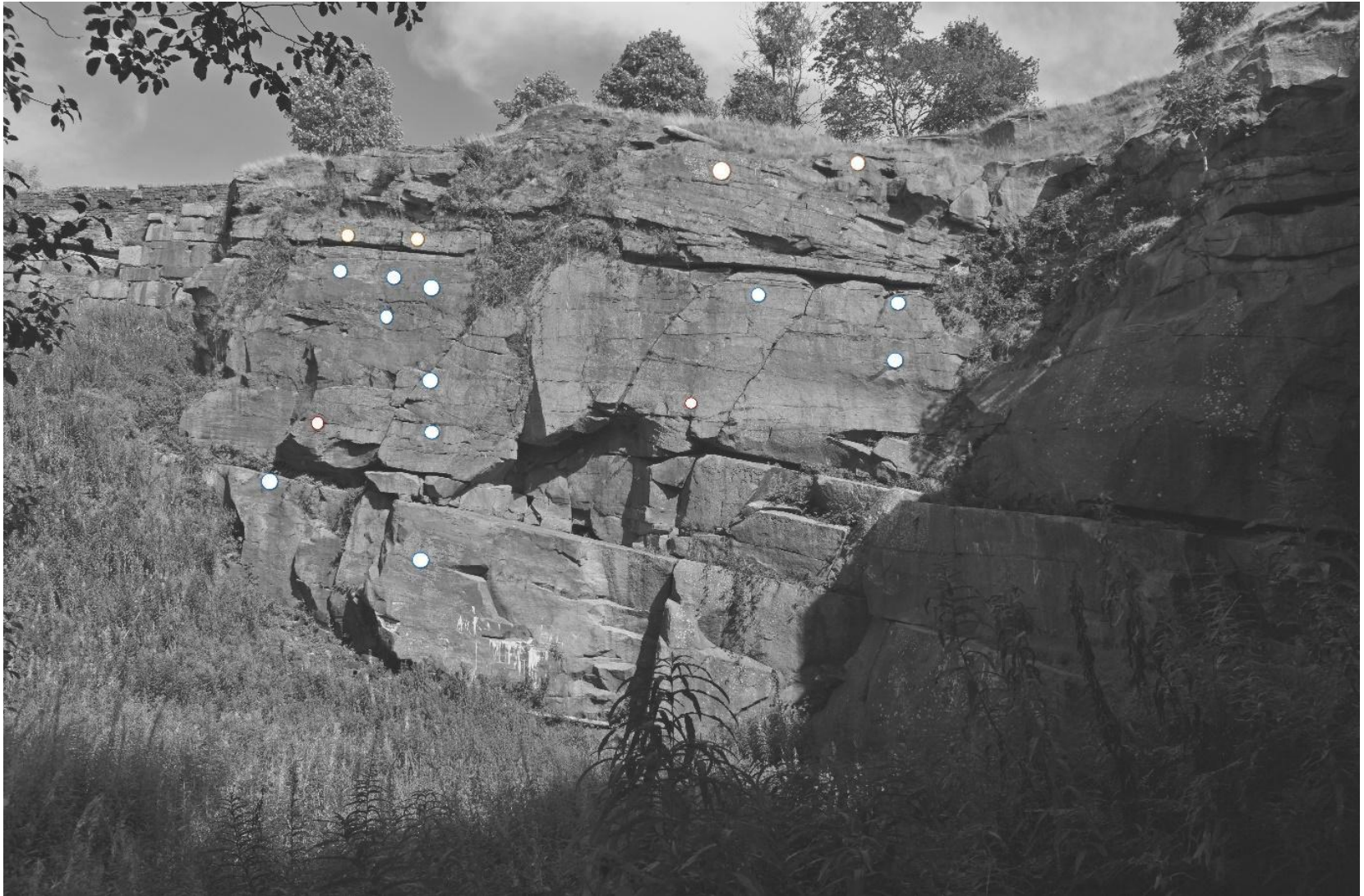
Sunset Wall 2022



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5.2 Noggarth retro-bolting

Noggarth Retro-bolt Assessment And Removal Proposal.

This proposal is to accept Noggarth as an exception in the Lancashire Quarries where new sport climbs and occasional bolts on otherwise trad routes are both acceptable due to the nature of the rock, but where sport climbs and trad climbs can and should exist side-by-side, and the general principles about not retro-bolting established traditional routes should apply.

Thus specific actions are proposed:

1. Remove the retro-bolts from the following established trad routes: Fillings, Noggin (old lower-off), and all of Resurrection slab (routes have clearly been retro-bolted in comparison with supplement guides, and have plentiful side-runners and/or drilled cam/wire slots).

2. Assess the following routes to determine if they have been retro-bolted and should have the retro-bolts removed:

Novocaine, Extraction, Fang, Canine, Nogg, Garth, Anonymous Eliminate, Barrowford Mantel, Cutting Edge, Springfield.

- Any routes originally climbed with bolts, or where a bolt replaces an original drilled peg, will be left alone.
- Any routes that have been retro-bolted but would otherwise be clearly Unprotectable / Dangerous (i.e. ground-fall from several metres or above, and/or an adjectival grade 2 higher than normal) will be left alone.
- Any routes that have been retro-bolted but are Protectable / Bold (may be run-out but not groundfall potential from crux) will have their retro-bolts removed:

As an example:

Nogg - retro-bolted. Would be approx HVS 4b without bolts, very little protection, dangerous = retro-bolts stay in.

Anonymous Eliminate - retro-bolted. Would be HVS 5a without bolts, pegs are enough, VS 5a crux, HVS 4c runout in middle = retro-bolts REMOVED.

3. No further retro-bolts should be added to Protectable / Bold traditional routes.

4. Further consultation is required: for retro-bolting any Unprotectable / Dangerous routes, adding bolts to current routes, and for replacing pegs with bolts.