



# Countryside Act 1968

## 1968 CHAPTER 41

*[<sup>F1</sup>The Natural Resources Body for Wales]*

### 2 [<sup>F1</sup>Countryside Functions of Natural Resources Body for Wales].

<sup>F2</sup>(1) .....

- (2) The [<sup>F3</sup>NRBW] shall keep under review all matters relating to—
- (a) the provision and improvement of facilities for the enjoyment of the countryside,
  - (b) the conservation and enhancement of the natural beauty and amenity of the countryside, and
  - (c) the need to secure public access to the countryside for the purposes of open-air recreation,

and shall consult with such local planning authorities and other bodies as appear to the [<sup>F3</sup>NRBW] to have an interest in those matters.

- (3) The [<sup>F3</sup>NRBW] shall encourage, assist, concert or promote the implementation of any proposals with respect to those matters made by any person or body, being proposals which the [<sup>F3</sup>NRBW] consider to be suitable.

<sup>F4</sup>(4) .....

- (5) Where it appears to the [<sup>F3</sup>NRBW] that the provision and improvement of facilities for enjoyment of the countryside or the conservation and enhancement of the natural beauty and amenity of the countryside presents special problems or requires special professional or technical skill, the [<sup>F3</sup>NRBW] —

- (a) shall notify their opinion to the appropriate local planning authority or other public body, and
- (b) on the application of any such authority or other body in any case where it appears to the [<sup>F3</sup>NRBW] expedient having regard to the [<sup>F5</sup>purposes mentioned in section 1(1)] of this Act, and to the provisions of section 5(1) of the Act of 1949 (general provisions as respects National Parks), shall place the services of officers or servants of the [<sup>F3</sup>NRBW], or the services of consultants engaged by the [<sup>F3</sup>NRBW], at the disposal of the authority or other body for

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such period as may be agreed between them, and on such terms as to payment or otherwise, as may be so agreed with the approval of the Minister.

- (6) The [F<sup>3</sup>NRBW] shall make to local planning authorities and other public bodies, as respects the exercise of the powers of making byelaws conferred by this Act [F<sup>6</sup>, the Act of 1949 and Part I of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000], recommendations as to the matters in respect of which byelaws should be made.

F<sup>7</sup>(7) .....

- (8) The [F<sup>3</sup>NRBW] shall provide, or assist in the provision of, publicity and information services relating to the countryside, to places of beauty or interest therein, or to the functions of the [F<sup>3</sup>NRBW], and shall take such steps as appear to them expedient for securing that suitable methods of publicity are used for the prevention of damage in the countryside and for [F<sup>8</sup>informing persons resorting to the countryside of their rights and obligations].

- (9) The F<sup>9</sup>... [F<sup>3</sup>NRBW] shall make to the Minister such recommendations as the F<sup>9</sup>... [F<sup>3</sup>NRBW] think proper in respect of applications by local authorities for [F<sup>10</sup>grants under section 16 of the Welsh Development Agency Act 1975] .

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** S.2 heading substituted (1.4.2013) by [The Natural Resources Body for Wales \(Functions\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/755\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 91(4)** (with Sch. 7)
- F2** S. 2(1) omitted (1.4.2013) by virtue of [The Natural Resources Body for Wales \(Functions\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/755\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 91(2)** (with Sch. 7)
- F3** Word in s. 2 substituted (1.4.2013) by [The Natural Resources Body for Wales \(Functions\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/755\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 91(3)** (with Sch. 7)
- F4** S. 2(4) omitted (1.4.2013) by virtue of [The Natural Resources Body for Wales \(Functions\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/755\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 91(2)** (with Sch. 7)
- F5** Words in s. 2(5)(b) substituted (1.10.2006) by [Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 \(c. 16\)](#), s. 107, **Sch. 11 para. 43(4)(c)(ii)**; S.I. 2006/2541, art. 2 (with Sch.)
- F6** Words in s. 2(6) substituted (1.4.2001 for E. and 1.5.2001 for W.) by 2000 c. 37, s. 46(3), **Sch. 4 para. 4** (with s. 43); S.I. 2001/114, **art. 2(2)(b)(j)**; S.I. 2001/1410, **art. 2(b)(j)**
- F7** S. 2(7) omitted (1.4.2013) by virtue of [The Natural Resources Body for Wales \(Functions\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/755\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 91(2)** (with Sch. 7)
- F8** Words substituted by [Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 \(c. 69\)](#), SIF 4:5), **s. 72(7)**
- F9** Words in s. 2(9) repealed (1.10.2006) by [Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 \(c. 16\)](#), s. 107, **Sch. 11 para. 43(6)(a)**, **Sch. 12**; S.I. 2006/2541, art. 2 (with Sch.)
- F10** Words in s. 2(9) substituted (1.10.2006) by [Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 \(c. 16\)](#), s. 107, **Sch. 11 para. 43(6)(b)**; S.I. 2006/2541, art. 2 (with Sch.)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 2 extended by [Water Act 1989 \(c. 15\)](#), SIF 130), **ss. 58(7)**, 101(1), 141(6), 160(1)(2)(4), 163, 189(4)—(10), 190, 193(1), Sch. 25 para. 1(2)(xiv), Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2), 17, 40(4), 57(6), 58
- C2** S. 2(5)(b) modified (19.9.1995) by 1995 c. 25, **ss. 61(3)(b)**, 125(2) (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117, Sch. 8 para. 7)

**Changes to legislation:**

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