



# Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979

1979 CHAPTER 46

## PART II

### ARCHAEOLOGICAL AREAS

#### **33 Designation of areas of archaeological importance**

- (1) The Secretary of State may from time to time by order designate as an area of archaeological importance any area which appears to him to merit treatment as such for the purposes of this Act.
- (2) A local authority may from time to time by order designate as an area of archaeological importance any area within the area of that local authority which appears to them to merit treatment as such for the purposes of this Act.
- (3) An order under this section designating an area as an area of archaeological importance (whether made by the Secretary of State or by a local authority) is referred to below in this Act as a designation order.
- (4) The Secretary of State may at any time by order vary or revoke a designation order, but his power to vary such an order is confined to reducing the area designated by the order.
- (5) A designation order relating to an area in England and Wales shall be a local land charge.
- (6) Schedule 2 to this Act shall have effect with respect to the making, and with respect to the variation and revocation, of designation orders.