



Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 37

PART V

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

Local access forums

94 Local access forums.

- (1) The appointing authority for any area shall in accordance with regulations establish for that area, or for each part of it, an advisory body to be known as a local access forum.
- (2) For the purposes of this section—
 - (a) the local highway authority is the appointing authority for their area, except any part of it in a National Park, and
 - (b) the National Park authority for a National Park is the appointing authority for the National Park.
- (3) A local access forum consists of members appointed by the appointing authority in accordance with regulations.
- (4) It is the function of a local access forum, as respects the area for which it is established, to advise—
 - (a) the appointing authority,
 - (b) any body exercising functions under Part I in relation to land in that area,
 - (c) if the appointing authority is a National Park authority, the local highway authority for any part of that area, and
 - (d) such other bodies as may be prescribed,as to the improvement of public access to land in that area for the purposes of open-air recreation and the enjoyment of the area, and as to such other matters as may be prescribed.

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- (5) The bodies mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (d) of subsection (4) shall have regard, in carrying out their functions, to any relevant advice given to them by a local access forum under that subsection or any other provision of this Act.
- (6) In carrying out its functions, a local access forum shall have regard to—
- (a) the needs of land management,
 - (b) the desirability of conserving the natural beauty of the area for which it is established, including the flora, fauna and geological and physiographical features of the area, and
 - (c) guidance given from time to time by the Secretary of State (as respects England) or the National Assembly for Wales (as respects Wales).
- (7) Subsection (1) does not apply to the council of a London borough or to any part of their area unless the council so resolve.
- (8) The Secretary of State, as respects England, or the National Assembly for Wales, as respects Wales, if satisfied that no local access forum is required for any area or part of any area, may direct that subsection (1) is not to apply in relation to that area or part.
- (9) Before giving a direction under subsection (8) as respects an area or part of an area, the Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales must consult the appointing authority for the area and the appropriate countryside body.
- (10) In this section—
- “appropriate countryside body” has the same meaning as in Part I;
 - “local highway authority” has the same meaning as in the 1980 Act;
 - “prescribed” means prescribed by regulations;
 - “regulations” means regulations made, as respects England, by the Secretary of State, and, as respects Wales, by the National Assembly for Wales.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** [S. 94\(2\)\(b\)](#) excluded (24.3.2005) by [New Forest National Park Authority \(Establishment\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/421\)](#), [art. 1](#), [Sch. 4 para. 3](#)

95 Local access forums: supplementary.

- (1) Regulations under section 94 may in particular include provision—
- (a) as to the appointment as members of a local access forum of persons appearing to the appointing authority to be representative of persons of any specified description or of any specified body;
 - (b) as to the establishment by appointing authorities of joint local access forums.
- (2) The regulations must provide for the appointment of persons appearing to the appointing authority to be representative of—
- (a) users of local rights of way or the right conferred by section 2(1);
 - (b) owners and occupiers of access land or land over which local rights of way subsist;
 - (c) any other interests especially relevant to the authority’s area.

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- (3) In subsection (2)—
- “access land” has the same meaning as in Part I;
 - “local rights of way” has the meaning given by section 60(5), but as if the references there to a local highway authority and their area were references to an appointing authority and their area.
- (4) The Secretary of State and the National Assembly for Wales, in making regulations under section 94 containing such provision as is mentioned in subsection (2), must have regard to the desirability of maintaining a reasonable balance between the number of members of any local access forum appointed in accordance with paragraph (a) and in accordance with paragraph (b) of subsection (2).
- (5) Regulations under section 94 may include such supplementary or incidental provision as appears to the Secretary of State or National Assembly for Wales (as the case may be) to be necessary or expedient.
- (6) For the purposes of section 94, the Broads are to be treated as a National Park and the Broads Authority as a National Park authority.
- (7) In subsection (6) “the Broads” has the same meaning as in the ^{M1}Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act 1988.
- (8) Regulations under section 94 shall be made by statutory instrument, and a statutory instrument containing such regulations made by the Secretary of State shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

Marginal Citations

M1 1988 c. 4.

Management agreements

96 Management agreements.

In section 39 of the 1981 Act (management agreements with owners and occupiers of land)—

- (a) in subsection (1) the words “both in the countryside and” are omitted, and
- (b) at the end of subsection (5) (authorities which may enter into management agreements) there is inserted—
 - “(d) as respects any land in England, the Countryside Agency;
 - (e) as respects any land in Wales, the Countryside Council for Wales;
 - (f) as respects land in any area of outstanding natural beauty designated under section 82 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 for which a conservation board has been established under section 86 of that Act, that board.”

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Commencement Information

- II** S. 96 wholly in force at 1.5.2001; s. 96 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 103(3); s. 96 in force for E. at 1.4.2001 by S.I. 2001/114, art. 2(2)(f); s. 96 in force for W. at 1.5.2001 by S.I. 2001/1410, art. 2(h)

Norfolk and Suffolk Broads

97 Duty of public bodies etc. regarding the Broads.

In Part IV of the ^{M2}Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act 1988, before section 18 there is inserted—

“17A General duty of public bodies etc.

- (1) In exercising or performing any functions in relation to, or so as to affect, land in the Broads, a relevant authority shall have regard to the purposes of—
 - (a) conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the Broads;
 - (b) promoting the enjoyment of the Broads by the public; and
 - (c) protecting the interests of navigation.
- (2) The following are relevant authorities for the purposes of this section—
 - (a) any Minister of the Crown,
 - (b) any public body,
 - (c) any statutory undertaker,
 - (d) any person holding public office.
- (3) In subsection (2)—

“public body” includes

 - (a) a county council, district council or parish council;
 - (b) a joint planning board within the meaning of section 2 of the ^{M3}Town and Country Planning Act 1990;
 - (c) a joint committee appointed under section 102(1)(b) of the ^{M4}Local Government Act 1972;

“public office” means—

 - (a) an office under Her Majesty;
 - (b) an office created or continued in existence by a public general Act; or
 - (c) an office the remuneration in respect of which is paid out of money provided by Parliament.”

Commencement Information

- I2** S. 97 partly in force; s. 97 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 103(3); s. 97 in force for E. at 1.4.2001 by S.I. 2001/114, art. 2(2)(g)

Marginal Citations

- M2** 1988 c. 4.
M3 1990 c. 8.

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M4 1972 c. 70.

Town and village greens

F198 Registration of town and village greens.

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Textual Amendments

F1 S. 98 repealed (6.4.2007 for E., 6.9.2007 for W.) by [Commons Act 2006 \(c. 26\)](#), s. 56, **Sch. 6 Pt. 1** (with s. 60); [S.I. 2007/456](#), art. 3(e); [W.S.I. 2007/2386](#), art. 3(p)

Supplementary

99 Wales.

(1) In Schedule 1 to the ^{M5}National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999—

- (a) the reference to the 1980 Act is to be treated as referring to that Act as amended by this Act, and
- (b) the reference to the 1981 Act is to be treated as referring to that Act as amended by this Act.

(2) In that Schedule, at the end of the list of Public General Acts there is inserted—

“**Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (c. 37)** Schedule 11.

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(3) Subsection (1), and the amendment made by subsection (2), do not affect the power to make further Orders varying or omitting the references mentioned in subsection (1) or the provision inserted by subsection (2).

Commencement Information

I3 [S. 99](#) partly in force; [s. 99](#) not in force at Royal Assent see [s. 103\(3\)](#); [s. 99](#) in force for W. at 30.1.2001 by [S.I. 2001/203](#), **art. 2**

Marginal Citations

M5 [S.I. 1999/672](#).

100 Isles of Scilly.

(1) Subject to the provisions of any order under this section, the following provisions of this Act do not apply in relation to the Isles of Scilly—

- (a) Part I; and
- (b) sections 58 to 61 and 71.

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- (2) The Secretary of State may by order made by statutory instrument provide for the application of any of the provisions mentioned in subsection (1) in relation to the Isles of Scilly, subject to such modifications as may be specified in the order.
- (3) Part IV applies in relation to the Isles of Scilly subject to such modifications as may be specified in an order made by the Secretary of State by statutory instrument.
- (4) Before making an order under subsection (2) or (3), the Secretary of State shall consult the Council of the Isles of Scilly.
- (5) In section 344 of the 1980 Act (application to the Isles of Scilly)—
 - (a) in subsection (2)(a) for “121” there is substituted “ 121E, 130A to 130D ”, and
 - (b) before “146” there is inserted “ 137ZA(4) ”.

Commencement Information

- I4** S. 100 partly in force; s. 100 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 103(3); s. 100 (except s. 100(3)(5)(a)) in force for E. at 30.1.2001 and s. 100(3) in force for E. at 1.4.2001 by S.I. 2001/114, art. 2(1)(c)(2)(h)

PROSPECTIVE

101 Expenses.

There shall be paid out of money provided by Parliament—

- ^{F2}(a)
- (b) any administrative expenses of a Minister of the Crown which are attributable to this Act,
- (c) any other expenditure of a Minister of the Crown or government department which is attributable to this Act,
- (d) any increase attributable to this Act in the sums which under any other enactment are payable out of money so provided.

Textual Amendments

- F2** S. 101(a) repealed (1.10.2006) by [Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 \(c. 16\)](#), s. 107, Sch. 11 para. 169, 12; S.I. 2006/2541, art. 2 (with Sch.)

102 Repeals.

The enactments mentioned in Schedule 16 are repealed to the extent specified.

Commencement Information

- I5** S. 102 partly in force; s. 102 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 103(3); s. 102 in force for certain purposes for E. at 30.1.2001 and s. 102 in force for certain further purposes at 1.4.2001 by S.I. 2001/114, art. 2(1)(d)(2)(i); s. 102 in force for certain purposes for W. at 1.5.2001 by S.I. 2001/1410, art. 2(i)
- I6** S. 102 in force at 28.5.2005 for specified purposes for W. by S.I. 2005/423, art. 2(f)

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- I7** S. 102 in force at 31.10.2005 for specified purposes for E. by [S.I. 2005/2752, art. 2\(1\)\(b\)](#)
- I8** S. 102 in force at 2.5.2006 for specified purposes for E. by [S.I. 2006/1172, art. 2\(f\)](#)
- I9** S. 102 in force at 11.5.2006 for specified purposes for W. by [S.I. 2006/1279, art. 2\(h\)](#)
- I10** S. 102 in force at 6.12.2006 for specified purposes for W. by [S.I. 2006/3257, art. 2\(c\)](#)

103 Commencement.

- (1) The following provisions of this Act come into force on the day on which this Act is passed—
 - section 81(2) and (3),
 - this section, and
 - section 104.
- (2) The following provisions of this Act come into force at the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed—
 - section 1 and Schedule 1,
 - sections 3 to 11 and Schedule 3,
 - sections 15 to 17,
 - section 19,
 - Chapters II and III of Part I,
 - sections 40 to 45,
 - section 52,
 - sections 58 and 59,
 - sections 64 to 67 and Schedule 7 (apart from paragraphs 6 and 7 of that Schedule),
 - Part III (apart from section 81(2) and (3)), and Schedules 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 and Parts III and IV of Schedule 16,
 - sections 94 and 95, and
 - section 98.
- (3) The remaining provisions of this Act come into force on such day as the Secretary of State (as respects England) or the National Assembly for Wales (as respects Wales) may by order made by statutory instrument appoint.
- (4) Different days may be appointed under subsection (3) for different purposes or different areas.
- (5) An order under subsection (3) may contain such transitional provisions or savings (including provisions modifying the effect of any enactment) as appear to the Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales (as the case may be) to be necessary or expedient in connection with any provision brought into force by the order.

Subordinate Legislation Made

- P1** S. 103(3)(4) power partly exercised: 1.11.2002 appointed for specified provisions by [S.I. 2002/2615, art. 2](#)
S. 103(3)(4) power partly exercised: 21.11.2002 appointed for specified provisions by [S.I. 2002/2833, art. 2](#)
- P2** S. 103(3) power partly exercised: 30.1.2001 appointed for specified provision by [S.I. 2001/203, art. 2](#)
S. 103(3) power partly exercised: different days appointed for specified provisions and purposes by [S.I. 2001/114, arts. 2, 3](#)

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S. 103(3) power partly exercised: 1.5.2001 appointed for specified provisions and purposes by S.I. 2001/1410, arts. 2, 3

104 Interpretation, short title and extent.

- (1) In this Act—
- “the 1980 Act” means the ^{M6}Highways Act 1980;
 - “the 1981 Act” means the ^{M7}Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981;
 - “local access forum” means a local access forum established under section 94.
- (2) Any reference in this Act, or in any enactment amended by this Act, to the commencement of any provision of this Act is, in relation to any area, a reference to the commencement of that provision in relation to that area.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
- (4) Subject to the following provisions of this section, this Act extends to England and Wales only.
- (5) The following provisions extend also to Scotland—
- sections 67 and 76;
 - in Schedule 7, paragraphs 3 and 5 to 7;
 - in Schedule 10, paragraph 2.
- (6) Paragraph 1 of Schedule 10 extends to Scotland only.
- (7) The provisions of Schedule 8 and of so much of Part III of Schedule 16 as relates to the enactments referred to in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Schedule 8 have the same extent as the enactments which they amend or repeal.

Marginal Citations

M6 1980 c. 66.

M7 1981 c. 69.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Blanket amendment words substituted by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 34](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 15(1)(e) and word inserted by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 179](#)
- s. 55A inserted by [2015 c. 20 s. 20](#)
- s. 56A inserted by [2015 c. 20 s. 21](#)
- s. 56B inserted by [2015 c. 20 s. 22\(1\)](#)