EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

The Town and Country Planning (Trees) Regulations 1999 ("the 1999 Regulations") make provision, among other things, for the form of tree preservation orders and for applications for consent to carry out work on trees subject to an order.

Regulation 3 of these Regulations inserts a new regulation 9A into the 1999 Regulations to make provision for the form and content of applications for consent. Consequential amendments are made to the Schedule to the 1999 Regulations by regulation 4.

Regulation 5 of these Regulations substitutes a new Part 4 of the 1999 Regulations to provide new procedures for appeals without a hearing or inquiry under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as applied under tree preservation orders and to appeals against tree replacement notices under section 208.

An impact assessment was prepared in relation to these Regulations. This assessment has been placed in the library of each House of Parliament and copies may be obtained from Natural Environment and Open Space, Department for Communities and Local Government, Eland House, Bressenden Place, London SW1E 5DU (telephone 020 7944 5623).