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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1983 No. 1895**

**The Access to the Countryside (Northern Ireland) Order 1983**

**PART II**

**PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY AND PUBLIC PATHS, ETC.**

*Long distance routes*

**Ferries for purposes of long distance routes**

**23.**—(1) Where a report approved under Article 22 includes proposals for the provision and operation of a ferry, the district council may—

- (a) provide and operate the ferry and carry out such work and do all such things as appear to the district council expedient for the purpose of operating the ferry;
- (b) make arrangements with any person or body of persons for the provision and operation of the ferry by him or them and for the making by the district council of such contributions as may be provided for in the arrangements.

(2) Before carrying out any work in the exercise of powers conferred by paragraph (1) (a), being work on the bank or bed of any waterway, the district council shall consult every authority which under any statutory provision has functions relating to the waterway.

(3) The district council may acquire land compulsorily for the purpose of paragraph (1) (a).

(4) Nothing in paragraph (1) shall—

- (a) be construed as conferring on the district council any exclusive right to operate a ferry;
- (b) authorise the doing of anything which apart from paragraph (1) would be actionable by any person by virtue of his having an exclusive right to operate a ferry, without his consent;
- (c) authorise the doing, in relation to land in which any person has an interest, of anything without his consent which apart from paragraph (1) would be actionable at his suit by virtue of that interest.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Access to the Countryside (Northern Ireland) Order 1983, Section 23.