



# Local Government Act 1972

## 1972 CHAPTER 70

### PART IX

#### FUNCTIONS

##### *The environment*

#### **187 Local highway authorities and maintenance powers of district councils.**

<sup>F1</sup>(1) .....

(3) With respect to footpaths [<sup>F2</sup>, bridleways and restricted byways] within their area a district council [<sup>F3</sup>or, where they are not the highway authority, a Welsh principal council] shall have—

(a) the like powers as a highway authority under section 57(3) of the National Parks and Access to the <sup>M1</sup>Countryside Act 1949 (prosecution of offences of displaying on footpaths notices deterring public use), and

<sup>F1</sup>(b) .....

[<sup>F4</sup>(3A) “Restricted byway“ has the same meaning as in Part 2 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.]

<sup>F1</sup>(4) .....

#### **Textual Amendments**

**F1** S. 187(1)(2)(3)(b)(4)–(8) repealed by [Highways Act 1980](#) (c. 66, SIF 59), s. 343(3), **Sch. 25**

**F2** Words in s. 187(3) substituted (2.5.2006 for E., 11.5.2006 for W.) by [The Restricted Byways \(Application and Consequential Amendment of Provisions\) Regulations 2006](#) (S.I. 2006/1177), regs. 1(2)(4), 2(2), **Sch. Pt. 1**; S.I. 2006/1172; S.I. 2006/1279

**F3** Words in s. 187(3) inserted (1.4.1996) by 1994 c. 19, s. 66(5), **Sch. 15 para. 37** (with ss. 54(5)(7), 55(5), Sch. 17 paras. 22(1), 23(2)); S.I. 1996/396, art. 4, **Sch. 2**

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**F4** S. 187(3A) inserted (2.5.2006 for E., 11.5.2006 for W.) by [The Restricted Byways \(Application and Consequential Amendment of Provisions\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1177\)](#), regs. 1(2)(4), 2(2), **Sch. Pt. 1**; S.I. 2006/1172; S.I. 2006/1279

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

**C1** S. 187 applied (2.5.2006 for E., 11.5.2006 for W.) by [The Restricted Byways \(Application and Consequential Amendment of Provisions\) Regulations 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1177\)](#), regs. 1(2)(4), 2(1), **Sch. Pt. 1**; S.I. 2006/1172; S.I. 2006/1279

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

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

- s. 80(3B) omitted by [2021 asc 1 Sch. 2 para. 1\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 101(6ZA) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 12 para. 2](#)
- s. 123(2C) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 75](#)
- s. 131(2)(n) and word inserted by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 16](#)