



Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act 1988

1988 CHAPTER 4

PART IV

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTAL

[^{F1}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 [^{F2}must seek to further] the purposes of—
- [^{F3}(a) conserving and enhancing the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the Broads;
 - (b) promoting opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the Broads by the public; and]
 - (c) protecting the interests of navigation.

[The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision about how a relevant ^{F4}(1A) authority is to comply with the duty under subsection (1) (including provision about things that the authority may, must or must not do to comply with the duty).]

- (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 ^{M1} Town and Country Planning Act 1990;
 - (c) a joint committee appointed under section 102(1)(b) of the ^{M2} Local Government Act 1972;
 - “ public office ” means—

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- (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.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 17A inserted (1.4.2001 for E.) by 2000 c. 37 , **ss. 97** , 103(3) ; S.I. 2001/114 , **art. 2(2)(g)**
- F2** Words in s. 17A(1) substituted (26.12.2023) by Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (c. 55), **ss. 245(13)(a), 255(9)(b)** (with s. 247)
- F3** S. 17A(1)(a) (b) substituted (1.10.2006) by Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (c. 16) , **ss. 64(3)** , 107(3)(b) ; S.I. 2006/2541 , art. 2 (with Sch.)
- F4** S. 17A(1A) inserted (26.12.2023) by Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (c. 55), **ss. 245(13)(b), 255(9)(b)** (with s. 247)

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1990 c. 8 .
- M2** 1972 c. 70 .

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

- s. 9(8A) inserted by [2008 c. 29 s. 224\(2\)\(b\)](#)