



Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 37

PART IV

AREAS OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

82 Designation of areas.

- (1) Where it appears to [^{F1}Natural England] that an area which is in England but not in a National Park is of such outstanding natural beauty that it is desirable that the provisions of this Part relating to areas designated under this section should apply to it, [^{F2}Natural England may], for the purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the area, by order designate the area for the purposes of this Part as an area of outstanding natural beauty.
- (2) Where it appears to [^{F3}the Natural Resources Body for Wales (in this Part referred to as “the NRBW”)] that an area which is in Wales but not in a National Park is of such outstanding natural beauty that it is desirable that the provisions of this Part relating to areas designated under this section should apply to it, the [^{F4}NRBW] may, for the purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the area, by order designate the area for the purposes of this Part as an area of outstanding natural beauty.
- (3) In this Part “area of outstanding natural beauty” means an area designated under this section as an area of outstanding natural beauty.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 82(1) substituted (1.10.2006) by [Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006](#) (c. 16), s. 107, [Sch. 11 para. 163\(a\)](#); S.I. 2006/2541, art. 2 (with Sch.)
- F2** Words in s. 82(1) substituted (1.10.2006) by [Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006](#) (c. 16), s. 107, [Sch. 11 para. 163\(b\)](#); S.I. 2006/2541, art. 2 (with Sch.)
- F3** Words in s. 82(2) substituted (1.4.2013) by [The Natural Resources Body for Wales \(Functions\) Order 2013](#) (S.I. 2013/755), art. 1(2), [Sch. 2 para. 407\(2\)](#) (with Sch. 7)
- F4** Words in s. 82(2) substituted (1.4.2013) by [The Natural Resources Body for Wales \(Functions\) Order 2013](#) (S.I. 2013/755), art. 1(2), [Sch. 2 para. 407\(3\)](#) (with Sch. 7)

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Commencement Information

- II** Pt. IV (ss. 82-93) wholly in force at 1.5.2001; Pt. IV not in force at Royal Assent see s. 103(3); Pt. IV in force for E. at 1.4.2001 by [S.I. 2000/114](#), [art. 2\(2\)\(e\)](#); Pt. IV in force for W. at 1.5.2001 by [S.I. 2001/1410](#), [art. 2\(g\)](#)

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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\(1\)](#)