



# Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006

## 2006 CHAPTER 16

### PART 1

#### NATURAL ENGLAND AND THE COMMISSION FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

### CHAPTER 2

#### COMMISSION FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

##### *The Commission and its general purpose*

#### **18 Commission's general purpose**

- (1) The Commission's general purpose is to promote—
  - (a) awareness among relevant persons and the public of rural needs, and
  - (b) meeting rural needs in ways that contribute to sustainable development.
- (2) For the purposes of this Chapter “relevant person” means—
  - (a) a public authority, or
  - (b) a body which appears to the Commission to be concerned with any aspect of rural needs.<sup>7</sup>
- (3) For the purposes of this Chapter “rural needs” means the social and economic needs of persons in rural areas in England.
- (4) In determining the social and economic needs of persons in those areas, particular regard is to be had to the needs of—
  - (a) persons suffering from social disadvantage, and
  - (b) areas suffering from economic under-performance.