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**2016 No. 384**

**The Onshore Hydraulic Fracturing  
(Protected Areas) Regulations 2016**

**Definition of “other protected areas”**

**3.—(1)** This regulation defines “other protected areas” for the purposes of section 4A of the Act.

**(2)** “Other protected areas” are areas of land at a depth of less than 1,200 metres beneath—

- (a)** a National Park;
- (b)** the Broads;
- (c)** an area of outstanding natural beauty; or
- (d)** a World Heritage site.

**(3)** In this regulation—

“National Park” has the same meaning as in the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949**(1)**;

“the Broads” has the same meaning as in the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act 1988**(2)**;

“area of outstanding natural beauty” has the same meaning as in Part 4 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000**(3)**; and

“World Heritage site” means a property appearing on the World Heritage List kept under article 11**(2)** of the UNESCO Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage adopted at Paris on 16th November 1972**(4)**.

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**(1)** 1949 c.97; relevant amendments are made by Part 3 of the Environment Act 1995 (c.25).

**(2)** 1988 c.4.

**(3)** 2000 c.37; relevant amendments are made to section 82 by the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (c.16).

**(4)** See <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list>.