

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations bring into force section 50 (onshore hydraulic fracturing: safeguards) of the Infrastructure Act 2015 so far as it is not already in force.

An impact assessment of the effect that section 50 of the Act will have on the costs of business and the voluntary sector has been produced and a copy is published alongside the Onshore Hydraulic Fracturing (Protected Areas) Regulations 2016 on [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk). No separate impact assessment has been produced for this instrument.