EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into force on 1 May 2001 certain provisions of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 ("the Act") in relation to Wales, namely:

- (1) section 57, in relation to paragraphs 18 and 19 of Schedule 6 (which amend the Highways Act 1980),
- (2) paragraphs 18(a) and 19 of Schedule 6 to the extent that they make changes relating to rail crossing extinguishment and diversion orders,
 - (3) section 68 (which relates to vehicular access over common land),
 - (4) section 72 (which contains interpretation provisions for Part II of the Act),
- (5) Part IV of, and Schedules 13 and 14 to, the Act (which amend the law relating to areas of outstanding natural beauty),
- (6) section 102 (which introduces the repeals Schedule) in relation to certain repeals in Schedule 16,
 - (7) certain other minor and consequential amendments to the law.

Article 3 of the Order ensures that section 134(5) of the Highways Act 1980 (which limits the persons who may prosecute an offence under section 134(4) of that Act) will continue to apply in relation to offences committed before 1 May 2001.