



2011 CHAPTER 15

Areas of special scientific interest

Public body: duties in relation to authorising operations

29.—(1) Article 40 of the Environment Order (public bodies: duties in relation to authorising operations) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (6) before sub-paragraph (a) insert—

“(aa) shall, in granting permission, impose conditions sufficient to ensure that the requirements set out in paragraph (6A) are complied with;”.

(3) After paragraph (6) insert—

“(6A) The requirements are—

- (a) that the operations are carried out in such a way as to give rise to as little damage as is reasonably practicable in all the circumstances to the flora, fauna or geological, physiographical or other features by reason of which the ASSI is of special scientific interest; and
- (b) that the site will be restored to its former condition, so far as is reasonably practicable, if any such damage does occur.”.