
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1985 No. 170

**The Nature Conservation and Amenity
Lands (Northern Ireland) Order 1985**

PART VIII

GENERAL

Byelaws

30.—(1) Without prejudice to Article 19, the Department may, as respects land—

- (a) acquired under Article 6^[F1, F2 . . .] or under section 1 of the Amenity Lands Act (Northern Ireland) 1965; or
- (b) subject to an agreement or covenant under Article 8, 9 or 17 or under section 2 or 2A of that Act, where the agreement or covenant so provides;

make byelaws providing for the prevention of damage to such land and for securing that persons resorting thereto will so behave themselves as to avoid undue interference with the enjoyment of the land by other persons.

(2) Where the Department conveys land to a district council under Article 6(4), the council may make byelaws as respects that land for the purposes set out in paragraph (1).

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1) or (2), byelaws under this Article—

- (a) may prohibit or restrict the use of the land, either generally or in a manner specified in the byelaws, by traffic of any description so specified;
- (b) may prohibit or restrict, either generally or in a manner specified in the byelaws, the use of mechanically-propelled vessels on watercourses in, or whose shores lie within, any such land; and
- (c) may regulate or prohibit the lighting of fires on the land;
- (d) where a camping site, caravan park or parking place is provided under Article 10, may provide for the use of that site, park or place under such conditions as may be specified in the byelaw; and
- (e) may regulate or prohibit the taking away of soil, turf, sand or minerals of any description from the land.

(4) Before making byelaws under this Article the Department or, as the case may be, a district council shall consult—

- (a) the Ulster Countryside Committee, where the Department or the district council is of the opinion that the proposed byelaws would affect matters relating to the natural beauty or amenity of the land; and
- (b) the Committee for Nature Conservation, where the Department or the district council is of the opinion that the proposed byelaws would affect matters relating to nature conservation.

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Nature Conservation and Amenity Lands (Northern Ireland) Order 1985, Section 30. (See end of Document for details)*

(5) Byelaws under this Article shall not interfere with the exercise by any person of a right vested in him as owner, lessee or occupier of any land of the kind referred to in paragraph (1) or with the exercise of any public right of way or of any statutory functions of any local or public authority in relation to any such land.

(6) In this Article “watercourse” includes tidal and coastal waters, rivers, canals, lakes and reservoirs.

F1 1989 NI 3

F2 2002 NI 7

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Art. 30(5) modified (1.4.2007) by [Water and Sewerage Services \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/3336 \(N.I. 21\)\)](#), arts. 1(2), 308, **Sch. 12 para. 21(1)** (with arts. 8(8), 121(3), 307); S.R. 2007/194, **art. 2(2)**, Sch. 1 Pt. II (subject to art. 3, Sch. 2)

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