



Countryside Act 1968

CHAPTER 41

COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1968

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Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

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SCHEDULE 1 — Proposals submitted to Statutory Undertakers and other Authorities

- 1 This Schedule has effect where any authority are consulted in...
- 2 (1) If the authority withhold their consent to the proposals...

SCHEDULE 2 — Procedure for taking Common Land

- 1 (1) For the purpose of enabling a local authority to...

Preliminary notices

- 2 (1) Before a local authority apply to the Minister for...

Compulsory purchase

- 3 (1) A local authority shall have power to acquire compulsorily...

Acquisition by agreement and appropriation

- 4 (1) A local authority shall not acquire by agreement, or...

Power to override restrictions affecting common land

- 5 No restrictions applying to commons generally, or to any particular...

Protection for statutory undertakers

- 6 References in this Schedule to commonable and other rights in...

Interpretation

- 7 In this Schedule "common land" has the meaning given...

SCHEDULE 3 — Public Rights of Way

PART I — MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS

ACT OF 1949

Section 29 (representations and objections as to draft maps and statements)

Section 33 (revision of maps and statements)

Section 38(2) (places where maps and statements are to be available for inspection)

WATER ACT 1945

(1945 C. 42)

Section 23 (orders authorising construction of works, etc.)

ACQUISITION OF LAND (AUTHORISATION PROCEDURE) ACT 1946

(1946 C. 49)

Section 3 (power to extinguish certain public rights of way)

- 1 Section 3(1) shall have effect with the substitution for references...
- 2 In the case of an order under section 3(1) extinguishing...

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- 3 These amendments of section 3 of the Act of 1946...
- 4 These amendments of the said section 3 shall not apply...

HIGHWAYS ACT 1959

(1959 c. 25)

Sections 27 and 28 (creation of footpaths)

Section 32 (protection for agriculture and forestry)

Sections 110 and 111 (stopping up and diversion of footpaths)

Section 112(5) (public path diversion order made at instance of Minister)

Section 126 (authority for erection of stiles etc. in footpath or bridleway)

Schedule 7 (Orders for creation, extinguishment or diversion of public paths)

- 1 Paragraph 2 of the Schedule shall have effect as respects...
- 2 If no representations or objections are duly made, or if...
- 3 The authority shall not confirm a public path extinguishment order...
- 4 The words " or confirmed as an unopposed order" shall...
- 5 Section 286(2) of the Act of 1959 (variation or revocation...
- 6 In paragraph 3(1) of the said Schedule 7 (regulations about...
- 7 These amendments of the Act of 1959 shall not affect...

WATER RESOURCES ACT 1963

(1963 c. 38)

Section 67 (compulsory powers for carrying out works of building or engineering)

PART II — REVISION OF MAPS AND STATEMENTS

- 1 Any review or further review begun under section 33 of...
- 2 (1) Before carrying out the review the authority shall consult...
- 3 The review shall include the preparation of a revised map...
- 4 (1) On completing the preparation of the draft map and...
- 5 (1) This paragraph has effect as respects the revised map...
- 6 This Part of this Schedule shall be construed as one...

PART III — ROADS USED AS PUBLIC PATHS

The special review

- 7 In this Part of this Schedule the " special review...
- 8 (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, the draft...

Reclassification of roads used as public paths

- 9 (1) In the special review the draft revision, and the...

Test for reclassification

- 10 The considerations to be taken into account in deciding in...

Procedure on special review

11 (1) Part II of this Schedule shall apply to a...

Survey begun after commencement of Act

12 (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, paragraphs 9...

Interpretation and construction

13 (1) In this Part of this Schedule references to a...

PART IV — TIMING OF REVIEWS

14 (1) The period covered by a review, that is to...

SCHEDULE 4 — Local Authority Committees and Joint Boards

Planning committees

1 (1) Part I of Schedule 2 to the Town and...

Local planning authorities' joint advisory committees

2 (1) The purposes for which under Part II of Schedule...

Joint planning boards

3 An order under section 2(2) of the said Act of...

Appointment of members of board or committee for National Park area

4 (1) Not less than one third of the members of—...

Interpretation

5 In this Schedule " appropriate countryside functions " means such...

SCHEDULE 5 — Repeals