

SCHEDULES

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SITES OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST

- 5 (1) Section 52 of the 1981 Act (interpretation of Part II) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1), after the definition of “the Nature Conservancy Councils” there is inserted—
- ““notice” and “notification” mean notice or notification in writing;
- “site of special scientific interest” means an area of land which has been notified under section 28(1)(b);”.
- (3) In subsection (2), after “district planning authority” there is inserted “and, in sections 28 to 28D, shall also be construed in accordance with section 28(10);”.
- (4) After subsection (2) there is inserted—
- “(2A) Where a notification under section 28(1)(b) has been—
- (a) modified under section 28(5)(b),
- (b) varied under section 28A(3), or
- (c) varied with modifications under section 28A(5)(b),
- (d) extended under section 28B(2), or
- (e) extended with modifications by virtue of section 28B(7),
- a reference to such a notification (however expressed) is (unless the context otherwise requires) a reference to the notification as thus altered.
- (2B) References to a notification under section 28(1) or 28(5)(b), or to a local land charge existing by virtue of section 28(9), shall be construed in accordance with section 28C(9).
- (2C) For the purposes of this Part, in relation to land in England and Wales which is common land, “occupier” includes the commoners or any of them; and
- (a) “common land” means common land as defined in section 22 of the Commons Registration Act 1965; and
- (b) “commoner” means a person with rights of common as defined in that section.”