



Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006

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NATURAL ENGLAND AND THE COMMISSION FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES

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NATURAL ENGLAND

Constitution and general purpose

2 General purpose

- (1) Natural England's general purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.
- (2) Natural England's general purpose includes—
 - (a) promoting nature conservation and protecting biodiversity,
 - (b) conserving and enhancing the landscape,
 - (c) securing the provision and improvement of facilities for the study, understanding and enjoyment of the natural environment,
 - (d) promoting access to the countryside and open spaces and encouraging open-air recreation, and
 - (e) contributing in other ways to social and economic well-being through management of the natural environment.
- (3) The purpose in subsection (2)(e) may, in particular, be carried out by working with local communities.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, Section 2. (See end of Document for details)

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Commencement Information

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