



Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 16

PART 5

NATIONAL PARKS AND THE BROADS

59 **Criteria for designating National Parks**

- (1) In section 5 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 (c. 97) (criteria for designating National Parks), after subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) Natural England may—

- (a) when applying subsection (2)(a) in relation to an area, take into account its wildlife and cultural heritage, and
 - (b) when applying subsection (2)(b) in relation to that area, take into account the extent to which it is possible to promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of its special qualities by the public.”
- (2) The amendment made by subsection (1) applies for the purposes of the confirmation or variation on or after the day on which this section comes into force of orders made before that day as it applies for the purposes of the confirmation or variation of orders made on or after that day.