

*These notes refer to the Deregulation Act 2015 (c.20)
which received Royal Assent on 26 March 2015*

DEREGULATION ACT 2015

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Schedule 7: Ascertainment of rights of way

Part 3: New Schedule 14A to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

Publicity for orders

647. **Paragraph 5** replicates paragraph 3 of Schedule 15, which sets out the existing arrangements for publicising definitive map modification orders, but with the following modifications. Sub-paragraph (2) is amended so that the surveying authority are no longer required to give notice of an order modifying the definitive map by publication in at least one local newspaper circulating in the area. Instead, they are required to give notice by publication on the authority's website and on such other websites or through the use of such other digital communications media as the authority may consider appropriate. This measure will significantly reduce the cost to the local authority of making an order.
648. In the case of a modification consent order, sub-paragraph (4) provides that the authority may itself (without a direction from the Secretary of State) decide that it is not necessary to comply with the requirement in sub-paragraph (2)(b)(i) to serve notice on every owner and occupier of any of the land affected. But they must nonetheless affix a notice addressed to "The owners and any occupiers" of the land to some conspicuous object(s) on the land.