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## Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000

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### **Commencement date announced for the West and East of England**

Rural affairs minister Jim Knight has announced that the right of access will be introduced in West and East England (mapping areas 7 and 8) on Monday 31 October 2005.

Area 7 covers Shropshire, part of Staffordshire (excluding that part within the Peak District National Park), part of Derbyshire (excluding that part within the Peak District National Park), Herefordshire, Worcestershire, West Midlands, Warwickshire, Leicestershire, Gloucestershire (excluding south Gloucestershire), Oxfordshire, Northamptonshire and Buckinghamshire.

Area 8 covers part of North Yorkshire including York, West Yorkshire (excluding Bradford, Calderdale and Kirklees and that part within the Peak District National Park), East Riding of Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire, Rutland, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Suffolk, Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Essex and the London Boroughs of Ealing, Harrow, Brent, Barnet, Enfield, Haringey, Waltham Forest, Redbridge, Barking, Dagenham and Havering.

A Defra Press Release was issued on 22 July and a copy has been attached to the newsletter. The Press Release will be available shortly on the Defra website.

### **CLA Land Managers' Workshops**

There will be 4 CLA Land Managers' Workshops to be held in mapping area 8 (East of England) which will explain how the new access legislation will affect the land you manage and what rights you have as a landowner or tenant. The workshops will be held in the following locations:

20 Sept – 2.30pm	The Admiral Rodney Hotel, North Street, Horncastle, Lincolnshire LN9 5DX
21 Sept – 10.30am	The Bell Hotel, King Street, Thetford, Norfolk IP24 2AZ
27 Sept – 2.30pm	Lonsborough Arms, High Street, Market Weighton, York YO43 3AH
28 Sept – 10.30am	Round Green Farm Barnsley, Worsbrough, Barnsley SL75 3DR

Teas and coffees are being served 30 minute before the workshops commence.

If you require any further information please contact Christine Pope on 0191 269 1630.

## **Conclusive Map for the East**

The Countryside Agency will be issuing, in electronic form, the conclusive map of open country and registered common land for area 8 –East England – on 16 August 2005. The conclusive map includes changes resulting from appeal decisions for some areas shown on the provisional map issued by the Agency in June 2004.

## **Commencement Order of the new right of access**

The Commencement Order which brings into effect the new right of access on 28 August 2005 in mapping area 6 (South West England) was signed on 9 July 2005. It can be viewed at <http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2005/20051901.htm>.

## **LAF's Research: Release of CCRU's Report**

The Countryside and Community Research Unit (CCRU) have now submitted their report on local access forums. This will now be used by Defra and the Countryside Agency in taking steps to support and develop the work of forums. The report also makes interesting reading for anyone involved with a forum. Copies have been sent to all forums and appointing authorities, or can be obtained by contacting David Gear (Tel 01242 533261 or e-mail [david.gear@countryside.gov.uk](mailto:david.gear@countryside.gov.uk)).

## **Amendments to Defra Public Guidance on Mapping and Restrictions Appeals**

The guidance has recently been updated in two areas. A new paragraph (6.27) has been added to make clear that, where an appellant has applied for a direction restricting or excluding access to land which is already subject to another restriction or exclusion of the same or greater effect, the further direction is unnecessary and should not be given. Chapter 8 (Human Rights Act Issues) has been amended to cover restriction appeals.

The amended guidance can be viewed at <http://defra/wildlife-countryside/cl/appeals-guidance.pdf>