



# Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006

## 2006 CHAPTER 16

### PART 1

#### 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.