EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into force certain provisions of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 ("the Act") in relation to England only.

It brings into force on 30th January 2001 the following provisions of the Act:

(1) section 57 in relation to paragraphs 18(A) and 19 of Schedule 6 which amend the Highways Act 1980, and which are also commenced, but only to the extent that they make changes relating to rail crossing extinguishment and diversion orders,

(2) section 72 which contains the interpretation provisions for Part II of the Act,

(3) section 100 (which relates to the application of the Act to the Isles of Scilly) with the exception of subsections (3) and (5)(a), and

(4) section 102 (which introduces the repeals Schedule) in relation to certain repeals in Schedule 16 which are also commenced.

Apart from minor and consequential repeals and amendments, the Order also brings into force on 1st April 2001:

(1) section 68 which relates to vehicular access over common land,

(2) Part IV of and Schedules 13 and 14 to the Act which amend the law relating to areas of outstanding natural beauty and section 100(3) which applies those provisions to the Isles of Scilly, and

(3) section 97 which places a duty on public bodies in relation to the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads.

Article 3 ensures that section 134(5) of the Highways Act 1980 (which limits the persons who may prosecute an offence under section 134(4)) will continue to apply in relation to offences committed before 1 April 2001.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (Commencement No. 1) Order 2001.