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**2014 No. 846**

**COUNTRYSIDE, ENGLAND**

**The Access to the Countryside (Coastal Margin)  
(Durham, Hartlepool and Sunderland) Order 2014**

*Made* - - - - *24th March 2014*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3A(10) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000(1), makes the following Order.

**Citation**

1. This Order may be cited as the Access to the Countryside (Coastal Margin) (Durham, Hartlepool and Sunderland) Order 2014.

**End of access preparation period**

2. (1) In relation to land which is coastal margin as a result of the relevant approval, the day appointed as the day on which the access preparation period(2) ends is 11th April 2014.

(2) For the purposes of this article—

- (a) “the relevant approval” means the approval (under section 52(1) of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949(3)) by the Secretary of State(4) of the relevant report, with modifications, on 16th July 2013; and
- (b) “the relevant report” means the report entitled “Coastal Access Durham, Hartlepool & Sunderland Stretch” relating to a long-distance route from North Gare to South Bents,

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(1) 2000 c. 37. Section 3A was inserted by section 303(5) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (c. 23).  
(2) The term “access preparation period” is defined in section 3A(10) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.  
(3) 1949 c. 97. Section 52(1) was amended by the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (c. 16), Schedule 11, Part 1, paragraph 10(f).  
(4) The functions of the Secretary of State under sections 51 and 52 of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 were originally vested in the Minister of Town and Country Planning in relation to England and Wales (see section 114(1) of that Act). The Minister of Town and Country Planning was renamed the Minister of Local Government and Planning by the Transfer of Functions (Minister of Health and Minister of Local Government and Planning) (No. 1) Order 1951 (S.I. 1951/142), and was further renamed the Minister of Housing and Local Government by the Minister of Local Government and Planning (Change of Style and Title) Order 1951 (S.I. 1951/1900). The Minister of Land and Natural Resources Order 1965 (S.I. 1965/143) transferred (so far as relevant) the functions of the Minister of Housing and Local Government to the Minister of Land and Natural Resources. The Ministry of Land and Natural Resources was dissolved by the Ministry of Land and Natural Resources (Dissolution) Order 1967 (S.I. 1967/156) and the functions of that Minister (so far as relevant) were transferred to the Minister of Housing and Local Government. The Ministry of Housing and Local Government was dissolved, and the functions of that Minister were transferred to the Secretary of State, by the Secretary of State for the Environment Order 1970 (S.I. 1970/1681).

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submitted by Natural England to the Secretary of State (under sections 51 and 55A(5) of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949) on 17th December 2012.

*Dan Rogerson*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Department for Environment, Food and Rural  
Affairs

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(5) Relevant amendments to section 51 were made by the Countryside Act 1968 (c. 41), section 21(2); the Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70), Schedule 30; the Environment Act 1995 (c. 25), Schedule 10, paragraph 2(5); the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, Schedule 5, Part II, paragraph 12(1), (2), (3) and (4) and Schedule 7, paragraph 1; and the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, Schedule 11, Part 1, paragraph 10(e). Section 55A of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 was inserted by section 302(1) of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order is made under section 3A(10) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (c. 37). It appoints the day on which the access preparation period ends in relation to land which is coastal margin as a result of the approval by the Secretary of State of Natural England's proposals contained in a report under sections 51 and 55A of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 (c. 97) ("coastal access report"). The coastal access report in question relates to the long-distance route which runs from North Gare to South Bents.

On 17th December 2012 Natural England submitted to the Secretary of State its coastal access report (entitled *Coastal Access Durham, Hartlepool & Sunderland Stretch*) setting out the proposals for a long-distance route from North Gare to South Bents. A copy of this report is available online at: [www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/access/coastalaccess/default.aspx](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/access/coastalaccess/default.aspx). The Secretary of State approved this report, with modifications, on 16th July 2013. A copy of the Secretary of State's notice of approval is available online at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk).

A full impact assessment has not been prepared in respect of this Order because the assumptions underlying the Order were reflected in the impact assessment which was prepared for the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. It may be found at [archive.defra.gov.uk/environment/marine/documents/legislation/marine-ia-0410.pdf](http://archive.defra.gov.uk/environment/marine/documents/legislation/marine-ia-0410.pdf).