

National Common Land Stakeholder Group

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Report on Part 1 implementation

1 Consultation

- 1.1 Consultation paper published on 3 July 2007, closed on 28 September 2007
- 1.2 37 formal responses, plus several late ones
- 1.3 See separate commentary on outputs from consultation
- 1.4 Expect to publish summary of responses in January 2008

2 Towards pilot implementation

- 2.1 Search form 21 abolished and alternative search arrangements incorporated in form CON290 (from August 2007)
- 2.2 Agreement on commons registration authorities to participate in pilot (August 2007)
- 2.3 Expect to begin pilot in October 2008
- 2.4 Currently drafting regulations
- 2.5 Expect to publish regulations and impact assessment in June 2008
- 2.6 Expect to publish guidance for local authorities and applicants soon after
- 2.7 Working with pilot authorities to develop capacity for implementation, and to identify likely cost burden
- 2.8 Working with Planning Inspectorate to develop capacity to determine referred applications under Part 1
- 2.9 Continuing work on specification for e-registers pilot contract — see separate commentary on outputs from consultation

3 Other

- 3.1 Continuing support to CGRMA (2008–09 is fourth and final year of grant funding)
- 3.2 Penultimate hearing of Commons Commissioner takes place in Swansea in early January
- 3.3 Survey of town or village green registration activity completed in October: expect to publish results before Christmas
- 3.4 Published guidance note on vehicular access across common land and town or village greens (July 2007)
- 3.5 Expect to publish new guidance notes on voluntary dedication of land, and adverse possession of common land and greens, before Christmas

- 3.6 Advice to public on common land and town or village greens
- 3.7 Maintaining comprehensive website on common land
- 3.8 Advice on issues relating to common land (e.g. Single Payment Scheme)

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