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CONSULTATION PAPER ON AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSERVATION (NATURAL HABITATS ETC) REGULATIONS 1994

The following are the comments of the Institution of Environmental Sciences

Having read the proposed amendments to the above Regulations we are of the opinion that these are constructive and helpful and should assist in the provision of more effective protection of natural habitats and species. They also provide a greater degree of clarity to the existing Regulations.

We have no specific points that we wish to raise other than to agree that the Assembly's power to make special nature conservation orders be retained and that an offence should be created for public bodies that fail to comply with Part IV of the Regulations.

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