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This is number 29 in a series of emails to update you on the implementation of the Commons Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act'). In this update:

- ***Town and village greens – additional trigger and terminating events***

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***Town and village greens – additional trigger and terminating events***

Last year the Growth and Infrastructure Act 2013 reformed the law on registering town and village greens. The key change was the exclusion of the right to apply to register land as a town or village green under section 15(1) of the Commons Act 2006 where a trigger event has occurred in relation to that land. The right to apply remains excluded until a corresponding terminating event occurs over the land. The trigger and terminating events are prescribed by Schedule 1A to the Commons Act 2006 (inserted by Schedule 4 to the 2013 Act).

During the Bill stage of what became the 2013 Act, the Bill ministers announced proposals to add further trigger and terminating events relating to local development orders, neighbourhood development orders and Transport and Works Act orders. Those proposals were consulted on last summer.

On 11 February the planning minister Nick Boles delivered the proposals by making The Commons (Town and Village Greens) (Trigger and Terminating Events) Order 2014. The Order also provides a number of terminating events, which includes two years from the date on which any of the three types of orders above are published for consultation.

A copy of the Order can be found here: [www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2014/257/made](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2014/257/made).

***Further information***

More information about the 2006 Act is available at: [www.gov.uk/common-land-management-protection-and-registering-to-use](http://www.gov.uk/common-land-management-protection-and-registering-to-use)

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