STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 1560

DUCHY OF LANCASTER

The Legislative Reform (Duchy of Lancaster) Order 2015

Made - - - - 20th July 2015

Coming into force in accordance with article 1

The Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster ("the Minister") makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 1 of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006(**1**).

For the purposes of section 3(1) of that Act, the Minister considers that the conditions in section 3(2), where relevant, are satisfied.

The Minister has consulted in accordance with section 13(1) of that Act.

The Minister laid a draft Order and an explanatory document before Parliament in accordance with section 14(1) of that Act.

Pursuant to section 15 of that Act, the negative resolution procedure (within the meaning of Part 1 of that Act) applies in relation to the making of this Order.

Neither House of Parliament resolved within the 40-day period referred to in section 16(3) of that Act that the Minister should not make the Order.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Legislative Reform (Duchy of Lancaster) Order 2015 and comes into force at the end of the period of 21 days beginning on the day on which it is made.

Relaxation of restrictions in section 25 of the Duchy of Lancaster Act 1817

2. After section 25 of the Duchy of Lancaster Act 1817(**2**) insert—

"**Capital may be applied to development of Duchy land**

25A.—(1) For the purposes of section 25, any costs, fees, disbursements or other expenses incurred in, or in connection with, any preparatory work in relation to any proposed improvement are to be regarded as being incurred in the improvement, whether or not the improvement actually takes place.

(2) In this section and section 25, "improvement" includes any development."

(**1**) 2006 c.51; see section 32 for the definition of "Minister of the Crown".
(**2**) 1817 c.97 (57 Geo 3). The short title of the Act was given by the Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1977 (c.18), Schedule 3.