



# Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

## 2004 CHAPTER 5

An Act to make provision relating to spatial development and town and country planning; and the compulsory acquisition of land. [13th May 2004]

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Act modified (E.W.) (24.8.2005) by [Town and Country Planning \(Isles of Scilly\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2085\)](#), [art. 4\(1\)](#) (with [art. 5](#))
- C2 Act applied (E.W.) (with modifications) in Pt. (17.3.2017) by [The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority \(Functions and Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/430\)](#), [art. 4\(5\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. 2](#)
- C3 Act: power to amend conferred (26.12.2023) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), [ss. 132, 255\(3\)\(a\)](#) (with [s. 247](#))

## PART 1

### REGIONAL FUNCTIONS

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C4 Pt. 1 modified (temp.) (28.11.2008) by [Local Government \(Structural Changes\) \(Transitional Arrangements\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/2867\)](#), [regs. 1\(1\)](#), [20\(1\)](#) (with [reg. 1\(2\)](#))

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## *Spatial strategy*

### **<sup>F1</sup> Regional Spatial Strategy**

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#### **Textual Amendments**

- F1** Ss. 1-12 repealed (1.4.2010) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009](#) (c. 20), s. 148(5)(5), Sch. 5 para. 13, **7 Pt. 4**; S.I. 2009/3318, art. 4(gg)(ii)

#### **Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 1 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), **art. 2**  
**I2** S. 1 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 2(a)**

## *Planning bodies*

### **<sup>F1</sup>2 Regional planning bodies**

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- I3** S. 2 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), **art. 2**  
**I4** S. 2 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 2(a)**

### **<sup>F1</sup>3 RPB: general functions**

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- I5** S. 3 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), **art. 2**  
**I6** S. 3 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 2(a)**

### **<sup>F1</sup>4 Assistance from certain local authorities**

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- C5** S. 4 modified (24.8.2005) by [Town and Country Planning \(Isles of Scilly\) Order 2005](#) (S.I. 2005/2085), arts. 1, **4(2)** (with art. 5)

#### Commencement Information

- I7** S. 4 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 2(a)**

### **<sup>F1</sup><sup>F2</sup>4A] Delegation of RPB functions to regional development agencies**

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#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 1-12 repealed (1.4.2010) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009](#) (c. 20), s. 148(5)(5), Sch. 5 para. 13, **7 Pt. 4**; S.I. 2009/3318, art. 4(gg)(ii)

- F2** S. 4A inserted (6.4.2009 for E.W.) by [Planning Act 2008](#) (c. 29), **ss. 179(1)**, 241(8) (with s. 226); S.I. 2009/400, art. 3(d)

#### *RSS revision*

### **<sup>F1</sup>5 RSS: revision**

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#### Commencement Information

- I8** S. 5 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), **art. 2**
- I9** S. 5 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 2(a)**

### **<sup>F1</sup>6 RSS: community involvement**

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#### Textual Amendments

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**Commencement Information**  
**I10** S. 6 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 2(a)**

**F17 RSS: Secretary of State’s functions**  
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**Commencement Information**  
**I11** S. 7 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 2(a)**

**F18 RSS: examination in public**  
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**Textual Amendments**  
**F1** Ss. 1-12 repealed (1.4.2010) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009](#) (c. 20), s. 148(5)(5), Sch. 5 para. 13, **7 Pt. 4**; S.I. 2009/3318, art. 4(gg)(ii)

**Commencement Information**  
**I12** S. 8 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), **art. 2**  
**I13** S. 8 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 2(a)**

**F19 RSS: further procedure**  
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**Commencement Information**  
**I14** S. 9 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 2(a)**

**F110 Secretary of State: additional powers**  
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| <b>I16</b>                      | S. 10 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by <a href="#">S.I. 2004/2202</a> , <b>art. 2(a)</b> |

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Regulations

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| <b>Textual Amendments</b>       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>I17</b>                      | S. 11 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by <a href="#">S.I. 2004/2097</a> , <b>art. 2</b>                                                                                                                      |
| <b>I18</b>                      | S. 11 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by <a href="#">S.I. 2004/2202</a> , <b>art. 2(a)</b>                                                                                                   |

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| <b>Commencement Information</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>I19</b>                      | S. 12 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by <a href="#">S.I. 2004/2097</a> , <b>art. 2</b>                                                                                                                      |
| <b>I20</b>                      | S. 12 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by <a href="#">S.I. 2004/2202</a> , <b>art. 2(a)</b>                                                                                                   |

[F3PART 1A

STRATEGIC PLAN-MAKING

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| <b>Textual Amendments</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>F3</b>                 | Pt. 1A inserted (18.12.2025 for the purposes of making regulations, otherwise prosp.) by <a href="#">Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025</a> (c. 34), <b>ss. 58(1)</b> , 118(2)(g) (with s. 116) |

Strategic planning authorities and strategic planning boards

- 12A
- Spatial development strategy to be produced by strategic planning authorities
- (1) This Part requires strategic planning authorities to prepare a document, conforming to section 12D, known as a “spatial development strategy”.

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- (2) In this Part “strategic planning authority” means—
- (a) a strategic planning board (see section 12B);
  - (b) a combined authority;
  - (c) a combined county authority;
  - (d) an upper-tier county council for an area no part of which forms part of the area of a combined authority or a combined county authority;
  - (e) a unitary authority for an area—
    - (i) that is in England, and
    - (ii) no part of which forms part of the area of a combined authority or a combined county authority.
- (3) But a principal authority that is a constituent authority of a strategic planning board is not a strategic planning authority for the purposes of this Part.
- [ Where there is a mayor for the area of a combined authority or combined county  
<sup>F4</sup>(3A) authority, the functions of the authority under this Part as a strategic planning authority are functions of the authority exercisable only by the mayor on behalf of the authority.]
- (4) In this Part “strategy area”, in relation to a spatial development strategy, means—
- (a) in the case of a strategic planning board, the area consisting of the areas of the constituent authorities of the board;
  - (b) in the case of a combined authority, the area of the combined authority;
  - (c) in the case of a combined county authority, the area of the combined county authority;
  - (d) in the case of an upper-tier county council, the area of the upper-tier county council;
  - (e) in the case of a unitary authority, the area of the unitary authority.
- (5) Any function of a strategic planning authority exercisable by or under this Part by a principal authority is not a function to which either of the following provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 applies—
- (a) section 101(1)(b);
  - (b) section 101(5).
- (6) For provision about the spatial development strategy for London, see (in particular) sections 334 to 343 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999.
- (7) In this Part “principal authority” means a body specified in any of paragraphs (b) to (e) of subsection (2).

#### Textual Amendments

**F4** S. 12A(3A) inserted (29.4.2026) by [English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026](#) (c. 23), s. 108(1)(3), [Sch. 2 para. 2](#) (with s. 102)

## 12B Strategic planning boards

- (1) This section applies where the Secretary of State considers that it is desirable for a spatial development strategy to relate to an area consisting of the areas of two or more principal authorities.

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- (2) Subject to subsection (4), the Secretary of State may by regulations establish a joint committee of the authorities to exercise functions under this Part in relation to an area consisting of the areas of those authorities (the “constituent authorities”).
- (3) Such a committee is to be known as a “strategic planning board”.
- (4) The Secretary of State may make regulations under subsection (2) establishing a strategic planning board only after consulting the following on a draft of the proposed regulations—
  - (a) the principal authorities that are to be the constituent authorities of the board,
  - (b) any local planning authority for an area that is wholly or partly within, or adjoins, the area of any of those authorities, and
  - (c) the person responsible for preparing a spatial development strategy for an area that adjoins the area of any of those authorities.
- (5) Where the Secretary of State is considering whether to, or has decided to, establish a strategic planning board, the Secretary of State may direct the principal authorities that are to be the constituent authorities of the board not to take any step, or any further step, or not to take a step specified in the direction, in connection with the preparation of their own spatial development strategies.

## **12C Regulations about strategic planning boards**

- (1) Strategic planning board regulations that establish a strategic planning board must specify—
  - (a) the constituent authorities of the board, and
  - (b) the area in relation to which the board exercises functions under this Part.
- (2) Strategic planning board regulations may make provision about—
  - (a) the composition of a strategic planning board (including about the appointment of members to the board or any sub-committee of the board);
  - (b) the proceedings of a strategic planning board and of any sub-committee of the board (including provision about voting rights);
  - (c) such other matters as the Secretary of State considers are necessary or expedient to facilitate the exercise by a strategic planning board of its functions under this Part.
- (3) Provision of the kind mentioned in subsection (2)(c) may include provision—
  - (a) corresponding to provisions relating to joint committees in Part 6 of the Local Government Act 1972;
  - (b) applying (with or without modifications) such enactments relating to local authorities as the Secretary of State considers appropriate;
  - (c) requiring the making by a constituent authority of payments towards the costs of the strategic planning board;
  - (d) modifying the application of this Part in relation to a strategic planning board.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (3)(b) a local authority is any of the following—
  - (a) a county council;
  - (b) a district council;
  - (c) a London borough council.

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- (5) If strategic planning board regulations establishing a strategic planning board are annulled in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament, the strategic planning board is dissolved with effect from the date of the resolution.
- (6) The Secretary of State's power to make strategic planning board regulations that amend or revoke other strategic planning board regulations—
  - (a) is exercisable whether or not the constituent authorities of the strategic planning board in question request an amendment or revocation;
  - (b) is exercisable only after the Secretary of State has consulted the following on a draft of the proposed regulations—
    - (i) the strategic planning board in question,
    - (ii) the constituent authorities of that board,
    - (iii) any local planning authority for an area that is wholly or partly within, or adjoins, the area of any of those authorities, and
    - (iv) the person responsible for preparing a spatial development strategy for an area that adjoins the area of any of those authorities.
- (7) The condition in section 12B(1) does not apply in relation to strategic planning board regulations that amend or revoke other strategic planning board regulations.
- (8) In this section “strategic planning board regulations” means regulations under section 12B(2).

### *Contents of spatial development strategy*

## **12D Contents of spatial development strategy**

- (1) A spatial development strategy must include a statement of the strategic planning authority's policies (however expressed), in relation to the development and use of land in the strategy area, which are of strategic importance to that area.
- (2) A spatial development strategy must include a reasoned justification for the policies referred to in subsection (1).
- (3) A spatial development strategy must specify the period for which it is to have effect.
- (4) A spatial development strategy may specify or describe infrastructure the provision of which the strategic planning authority considers to be of strategic importance to the strategy area for the purposes of—
  - (a) supporting or facilitating development in that area,
  - (b) mitigating, or adapting to, climate change, or
  - (c) promoting or improving the economic, social or environmental well-being of that area.
- (5) A spatial development strategy may specify or describe—
  - (a) an amount or distribution of housing (of any kind), the provision of which the strategic planning authority considers to be of strategic importance to the strategy area,
  - (b) an amount or distribution of affordable housing or any other kind of housing, the provision of which the strategic planning authority considers to be of strategic importance to the strategy area.

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- (6) For the purposes of subsections (1), (4) and (5), a matter may be of strategic importance to a strategy area even if it affects only part of that area.
- (7) The Secretary of State may prescribe further matters a spatial development strategy may, or must, deal with.
- (8) A spatial development strategy must contain such diagrams, illustrations or other descriptive or explanatory matter relating to its contents as may be prescribed.
- (9) A spatial development strategy may make different provision for different cases or for different parts of the strategy area.
- (10) A spatial development strategy must be designed to secure that the use and development of land in the strategy area contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change.
- (11) A spatial development strategy must take account of any local nature recovery strategy, under section 104 of the Environment Act 2021, that relates to any part of the strategy area, including in particular—
  - (a) the areas identified in the strategy as areas which—
    - (i) are, or could become, of particular importance for biodiversity, or
    - (ii) are areas where the recovery or enhancement of biodiversity could make a particular contribution to other environmental benefits,
  - (b) the priorities set out in the strategy for recovering or enhancing biodiversity, and
  - (c) the proposals set out in the strategy as to potential measures relating to those priorities.
- (12) A spatial development strategy must not—
  - (a) include anything that is not permitted or required by or under the preceding provisions of this section,
  - (b) specify particular sites where development should take place, or
  - (c) be inconsistent with or (in substance) repeat any national development management policy.
- (13) The Secretary of State may prescribe—
  - (a) the form of a spatial development strategy;
  - (b) documents that must accompany a spatial development strategy.
- (14) In subsection (5) “affordable housing” means—
  - (a) social housing within the meaning of Part 2 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008, and
  - (b) any other description of housing that may be prescribed.

### *Spatial development strategy timetable*

#### **12E Timetable for preparing spatial development strategy**

- (1) A strategic planning authority must prepare and maintain a document relating to its spatial development strategy, known as a “spatial development strategy timetable”.
- (2) A spatial development strategy timetable must specify—

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- (a) the strategy area, and
  - (b) a timetable for the preparation of the strategy that is consistent with this Part and any regulations made under it.
- (3) The Secretary of State may prescribe—
- (a) the form and content of a spatial development strategy timetable;
  - (b) further matters the timetable must deal with.

## **12F Spatial development strategy timetable: further provision**

- (1) A strategic planning authority must submit its draft spatial development strategy timetable to the Secretary of State within such period as may be prescribed.
- (2) The Secretary of State may direct the strategic planning authority to make specified amendments to the draft timetable.
- (3) If the Secretary of State has not given such a direction to the strategic planning authority within the period of four weeks beginning with the date when the timetable was sent to the Secretary of State, the strategic planning authority may bring the timetable into effect.
- (4) A strategic planning authority to which a direction under subsection (2) is given—
  - (a) must submit a revised draft spatial development strategy timetable to the Secretary of State within the period specified in the direction, and
  - (b) may bring the timetable into effect only when the Secretary of State approves the timetable as revised in accordance with that direction or any further direction under subsection (2).
- (5) If a strategic planning authority—
  - (a) does not comply with subsection (1), or
  - (b) does not comply with subsection (4)(a),
 the Secretary of State may prepare a spatial development strategy timetable and direct the strategic planning authority to bring it into effect.
- (6) A direction under subsection (2) or (5) must contain the Secretary of State's reasons for giving it.
- (7) To bring a spatial development strategy timetable into effect, a strategic planning authority must publish it, together with a statement that the timetable has effect.
- (8) A strategic planning authority must comply with a spatial development strategy timetable that has effect.
- (9) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision as to when, or the circumstances in which, a strategic planning authority must revise a spatial development strategy timetable that has effect.
- (10) Regulations under subsection (9)—
  - (a) may provide that revisions of a spatial development strategy timetable must be approved by the Secretary of State;
  - (b) may confer a power to direct that a timetable is to be revised or that revisions require the approval of the Secretary of State.

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### *Preparation and adoption of spatial development strategy*

#### **12G Preparation of draft spatial development strategy**

- (1) A strategic planning authority must prepare a draft of its spatial development strategy.
- (2) In doing so, a strategic planning authority must have regard to—
  - (a) any strategy, plan or policy published by the strategic planning authority that the strategic planning authority considers to be relevant,
  - (b) the effect which the proposed spatial development strategy would have on each of the following—
    - (i) the health of persons in the strategy area;
    - (ii) health inequalities between persons living in the strategy area;
    - (iii) the achievement of sustainable development;
  - (c) the need to ensure that the strategy is consistent with current national policies;
  - (d) any other prescribed matters.

[ The Secretary of State must make regulations under subsection (2)(d) which  
<sup>F5</sup>(2A) prescribe the desirability of prioritising development on land that has been previously developed.]

- (3) In subsection (2)(a), the reference to any strategy, plan or policy published by a strategic planning authority includes a reference to any strategy, plan or policy published by a constituent authority of a strategic planning board.

#### **Textual Amendments**

**F5** S. 12G(2A) inserted (29.4.2026 for specified purposes) by [English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 \(c. 23\)](#), **ss. 39**, 108(1)(6) (with s. 102)

#### **12H Consultation and representations**

- (1) A strategic planning authority that has prepared a draft spatial development strategy must—
  - (a) publish the draft strategy on the authority's website,
  - (b) notify the persons specified in subsection (2) that the draft strategy has been published on the authority's website, and
  - (c) make copies of the draft strategy available for inspection at the authority's principal office and at any other place that the authority considers appropriate.
- (2) The persons referred to in subsection (1)(b) are—
  - (a) the Secretary of State,
  - (b) any county council for an area that is within, or any part of which is within, the strategy area,
  - (c) any district council for an area that is within the strategy area,
  - (d) any county council or district council for an area that adjoins the strategy area and is affected by the strategy,
  - (e) any local planning authority for an area that is wholly or partly within, or adjoins, the strategy area and is affected by the strategy,

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- (f) the person responsible for preparing a spatial development strategy for an area that adjoins the strategy area and is affected by the strategy,
  - (g) such other persons as may be prescribed, and
  - (h) such other persons as the strategic planning authority considers appropriate.
- (3) In exercising its discretion under subsection (2)(h) the strategic planning authority must consider notifying (at least) the following about the publication of the draft spatial development strategy—
  - (a) voluntary bodies some or all of whose activities benefit the whole or part of the strategy area,
  - (b) bodies which represent the interests of different racial, ethnic or national groups in the strategy area,
  - (c) bodies which represent the interests of different religious groups in the strategy area, and
  - (d) bodies which represent the interests of different persons carrying on business in the strategy area.
- (4) Where a strategic planning authority—
  - (a) publishes a draft spatial development strategy as required by subsection (1)(a), or
  - (b) makes such a strategy available for inspection as required by subsection (1)(c),
 the authority must also publish or make available a statement inviting representations to be made to the authority about the strategy.
- (5) A notification of a person under subsection (1)(b) about a draft spatial development strategy must include an invitation to the person to make representations to the strategic planning authority about the strategy.
- (6) An invitation to a person under subsection (4) or (5) must explain the effect of regulations under subsection (7).
- (7) Representations must be made—
  - (a) in the prescribed form and manner;
  - (b) within the prescribed period.
- (8) In subsection (1)—
  - (a) references to a strategic planning authority’s website include references to the website of a constituent authority of a strategic planning board;
  - (b) the reference to a strategic planning authority’s principal office includes a reference to the principal office of a constituent authority of a strategic planning board.

## **12I Public examination**

- (1) A strategic planning authority that has prepared a draft spatial development strategy must, unless the Secretary of State otherwise directs, make arrangements for an examination of the draft strategy to be held in public.
- (2) Such an examination is to be conducted by a person appointed by the Secretary of State (the “examiner”).

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- (3) The matters examined at an examination are to be such matters affecting the consideration of the spatial development strategy as the examiner considers appropriate.
- (4) The following may take part in an examination—
  - (a) the strategic planning authority that prepared the strategy, and
  - (b) any person invited to do so by the examiner.
- (5) No person is to have a right to be heard at an examination.
- (6) On conclusion of the examination, the examiner must make a report to the strategic planning authority that prepared the strategy.
- (7) The report may recommend that specified modifications are made to the draft strategy before it is adopted.
- (8) The report may recommend that the draft strategy is withdrawn.
- (9) The strategic planning authority must publish the report.

## **12J Withdrawal before adoption**

- (1) A strategic planning authority may withdraw its draft spatial development strategy at any time before arrangements are made for its examination.
- (2) Subsection (3) applies at any time after arrangements have been made for examination of a draft spatial development strategy (but before it is adopted).
- (3) The strategic planning authority that prepared the draft strategy may withdraw it only if—
  - (a) the Secretary of State so directs, or
  - (b) the examiner recommends that it is withdrawn, and the Secretary of State has not directed that it is not to be withdrawn.
- (4) The steps taken by a strategic planning authority to withdraw a draft strategy must include—
  - (a) deleting the strategy from the website on which it was published;
  - (b) removing copies of the strategy that were made available for inspection;
  - (c) notifying the following that the strategy has been withdrawn—
    - (i) each person to whom a notification under section 12H(1)(b) was required to be given;
    - (ii) any person, not within sub-paragraph (i), who made representations in accordance with regulations under section 12H(7).

## **12K Submission to Secretary of State before adoption**

- (1) This section applies where—
  - (a) a draft spatial development strategy has been published under section 12H,
  - (b) the prescribed period for the making of representations (see section 12H(7)) has elapsed,
  - (c) either—
    - (i) the strategic planning authority that prepared the draft strategy has published the examiner's report on it (see section 12I(9)), or

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- (ii) no examination of the draft strategy is needed because of a direction under section 12I(1), and
  - (d) the draft strategy has not been withdrawn (see section 12J).
- (2) The strategic planning authority must—
  - (a) consider any representations received in accordance with regulations under section 12H(7) and decide whether to make any modifications as a result,
  - (b) if an examination was held, consider the examiner’s report and decide whether to make any modifications that the examiner recommends, and
  - (c) consider whether to make any other modifications to take account of—
    - (i) any national development management policies so far as material, or
    - (ii) any other material considerations.
- (3) After such consideration and (if considered appropriate) modification, the strategic planning authority must submit the draft spatial development strategy to the Secretary of State, stating that the authority intends to adopt it.
- (4) The strategic planning authority must inform the Secretary of State of—
  - (a) any modifications made to the published draft strategy, and the reasons for making them;
  - (b) any modifications to the published draft strategy that the examiner recommended but which the authority has not made, and the reasons for not making them.
- (5) If the Secretary of State considers that a submitted spatial development strategy is—
  - (a) inconsistent with current national policies, or
  - (b) detrimental to the interests of an area outside the strategy area,
 the Secretary of State may, within the relevant period, direct the strategic planning authority to make specified modifications of the strategy in order to deal with the inconsistency or detriment.
- (6) In this section “the relevant period”, in relation to a spatial development strategy, means—
  - (a) the period of six weeks beginning with the date when the strategy was submitted to the Secretary of State, or
  - (b) such longer period as is specified by the Secretary of State in a direction given within the period specified in paragraph (a) to the authority that submitted the strategy.

## **12L Adoption of spatial development strategy**

- (1) A spatial development strategy must not be adopted by a strategic planning authority unless it is in the form submitted to the Secretary of State under section 12K, subject to any modifications directed to be made under subsection (5) of that section.
- (2) A spatial development strategy must not be adopted by a strategic planning authority unless—
  - (a) the relevant period (as defined in section 12K(6)) has elapsed,
  - (b) the authority has complied with any requirement of regulations under this Part for steps to be taken, or a period to elapse, before a strategy may be adopted, and

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- (c) if a direction was given to the authority under section 12K(5), the Secretary of State confirms that the Secretary of State is content with the modified strategy.
- (3) A strategic planning authority must hold a vote on a resolution to adopt its spatial development strategy as soon as reasonably practicable after the conditions in subsection (2) are satisfied.
- [<sup>F6</sup>(4) Subsections (4A) to (5) apply in relation to the adoption of a spatial development strategy by—
  - (a) a combined authority, or
  - (b) a combined county authority.
- (4A) In the case of a non-mayoral combined authority or non-mayoral combined county authority, a resolution to adopt the strategy is to be made by a simple majority of the constituent members present and voting on that resolution at a meeting of the authority.
- (4B) In the case of a mayoral combined authority or mayoral combined county authority, a resolution to adopt the strategy is to be made by a simple majority of the relevant members present and voting on that resolution at a meeting of the authority; and such a majority must include the mayor, or the deputy mayor acting in place of the mayor.
- (4C) But if—
  - (a) the office of mayor is vacant, and
  - (b) there is no deputy mayor,the decision is to be made by a simple majority of the other relevant members present and voting on that question at a meeting of the authority.
- (4D) In the case of a resolution by a non-mayoral combined authority or non-mayoral combined county authority—
  - (a) each constituent member has one vote;
  - (b) in the case of a tied vote—
    - (i) no person has a casting vote; and
    - (ii) the authority must be regarded as having disagreed to the question that the decision should be made.
- (5) In the case of a resolution of a mayoral combined authority or mayoral combined county authority—
  - (a) each relevant member has one vote;
  - (b) in the event of a tied vote then (unless it is a case where subsection (4C) applies), the mayor, or the deputy mayor acting in place of the mayor, has a casting vote (in addition to any other vote the mayor or deputy mayor may have).]
- (5) In the event of a tied vote on whether to pass a resolution to adopt the strategy, the mayor of the authority has a casting vote (in addition to any other vote the mayor may have).
- (6) A strategic planning authority that has adopted a spatial development strategy must publish the strategy together with a statement that it has been adopted.
- (7) A spatial development strategy becomes operative when it is published.

[ In this section—  
<sup>F7</sup>(8)

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“constituent member”, in relation to a combined authority or combined county authority—

- (a) means a person appointed by a constituent council to be a member of the authority; and
- (b) also includes a person acting as a member of the authority in the absence of such a member;

and here “constituent council” has the meaning given in section 104(11) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (in relation to a combined authority) or section 10(11) of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (in relation to a combined county authority);

“relevant member”, in relation to mayoral combined authority or mayoral combined county authority means—

- (a) a constituent member, or
- (b) the mayor,

and also includes the deputy mayor acting in place of the mayor.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F6** S. 12L(4)-(5) substituted for s. 12L(4)(5) (29.4.2026) by [English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 \(c. 23\)](#), s. 108(1)(3), **Sch. 2 para. 3(3)** (with s. 102)
- F7** S. 12L(8) inserted (29.4.2026) by [English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 \(c. 23\)](#), s. 108(1)(3), **Sch. 2 para. 3(4)** (with s. 102)

#### *Review, alteration and replacement of spatial development strategy*

### **12M Review and monitoring**

- (1) This section applies in relation to an operative spatial development strategy.
- (2) A strategic planning authority must keep under review the matters which may be expected to affect the development of the strategy area or the planning of its development or which are otherwise relevant to the content of the strategy.
- (3) In exercising functions under subsection (2), a strategic planning authority must—
  - (a) if the authority identifies matters to be kept under review that relate to the area of a local planning authority that is outside the strategy area, consult that local planning authority about those matters;
  - (b) if the authority identifies matters to be kept under review that relate to the area of a person responsible for preparing a spatial development strategy that is outside the strategy area, consult that person about those matters.
- (4) A strategic planning authority must carry out a review of its spatial development strategy from time to time.
- (5) The Secretary of State may direct a strategic planning authority to review all or specified parts of its spatial development strategy.
- (6) A strategic planning authority must—
  - (a) monitor the implementation of its spatial development strategy, and
  - (b) monitor, and collect information about, matters relevant to the preparation, review, alteration, replacement or implementation of the strategy.

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- (7) The Secretary of State may make regulations imposing either or both of the following duties on each strategic planning authority that has an operative spatial development strategy—
- (a) a duty to make prescribed information relating to the implementation of the authority's strategy available to the public in such form and manner as may be prescribed;
  - (b) a duty to provide prescribed information relating to the implementation of the authority's strategy to the Secretary of State in such form and manner as may be prescribed.

## **12N Alterations**

- (1) This section applies in relation to an operative spatial development strategy.
- (2) A strategic planning authority may at any time prepare alterations of its strategy.
- (3) The Secretary of State may direct a strategic planning authority to alter its spatial development strategy as specified in the direction.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision as to when, or the circumstances in which, a strategic planning authority must alter its spatial development strategy.
- (5) A spatial development strategy as altered must still conform to section 12D.
- (6) Sections 12G to 12L apply in relation to the preparation and adoption of an alteration of a spatial development strategy as they apply in relation to the preparation and adoption of a spatial development strategy.

## **12O Replacement**

- (1) This section applies in relation to an operative spatial development strategy.
- (2) A strategic planning authority may at any time prepare a new spatial development strategy as a replacement.
- (3) The Secretary of State may direct a strategic planning authority to replace its spatial development strategy.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision as to when, or the circumstances in which, a strategic planning authority must replace its spatial development strategy.
- (5) A strategic planning authority's operative spatial development strategy is revoked upon a new spatial development strategy being adopted by the authority in accordance with this Part.

*Secretary of State's intervention powers in relation to spatial development strategy*

## **12P Powers where strategic planning authority is failing etc**

- (1) This section applies if the Secretary of State considers that—

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- (a) a strategic planning authority is failing to do anything it is necessary or expedient for it to do in connection with the preparation, adoption, alteration, replacement or review of a spatial development strategy,
  - (b) a spatial development strategy is, is going to be or may be—
    - (i) inconsistent with current national policies, or
    - (ii) detrimental to the interests of an area outside the strategy area, or
  - (c) a proposed alteration of a spatial development strategy will, or may, result in the strategy becoming—
    - (i) inconsistent with current national policies, or
    - (ii) detrimental to the interests of an area outside the strategy area.
- (2) The Secretary of State may—
  - (a) if the strategy is not operative, take over preparation of the strategy from the strategic planning authority;
  - (b) if the strategy is operative, alter the strategy;
  - (c) give a direction to the strategic planning authority in relation to the preparation, adoption, withdrawal, alteration, replacement, review or revocation of the strategy.
- (3) The power of direction under subsection (2)(c) includes power to direct a strategic planning authority—
  - (a) to modify or withdraw its draft spatial development strategy;
  - (b) to alter or revoke its (operative) spatial development strategy.
- (4) Subsections (5) to (12) apply if preparation of a spatial development strategy is taken over under subsection (2)(a).
- (5) The Secretary of State must publish a document setting out—
  - (a) the timetable for preparing the strategy, and
  - (b) details of any departures from any existing spatial development strategy timetable.
- (6) The Secretary of State must (or, if an examination of the draft strategy has already been held, may)—
  - (a) make arrangements for an examination of the draft strategy to be held in public, or
  - (b) direct the strategic planning authority to make arrangements for an examination of the draft strategy under section 12I.
- (7) Subsections (2) to (8) of section 12I apply in relation to an examination held under subsection (6)(a), reading references to the strategic planning authority as references to the Secretary of State.
- (8) The Secretary of State must either—
  - (a) publish the examiner's report, or
  - (b) direct the strategic planning authority to publish it.
- (9) The Secretary of State may then—
  - (a) approve the strategy,
  - (b) modify the strategy and approve it with the modifications,
  - (c) direct the strategic planning authority to consider adopting—
    - (i) the strategy, or

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- (ii) the strategy as modified by the Secretary of State, or
  - (d) reject the strategy.
- (10) If the Secretary of State gives a direction under subsection (9)(c), section 12L applies with the omission of subsections (1) and (2) of that section (and as if the reference in subsection (3) of that section to the conditions in subsection (2) being satisfied were a reference to the direction being received).
- (11) If the Secretary of State approves a spatial development strategy under subsection (9)
  - (a) or (b), the Secretary of State must either—
    - (a) publish the strategy, or
    - (b) direct the strategic planning authority to publish it.
- (12) The spatial development strategy becomes operative when it is published.
- (13) Subsections (5) to (12) (and the provisions applied by them) apply in relation to an alteration of a strategy under subsection (2)(b) as they apply to a strategy prepared under subsection (2)(a).
- (14) The Secretary of State must give reasons for—
  - (a) whatever the Secretary of State does under subsection (2);
  - (b) the decision made under subsection (9).
- (15) In the exercise of any function under this section the Secretary of State—
  - (a) may take account of any matter that the Secretary of State considers to be relevant (regardless of whether the matter was taken account of by the strategic planning authority), and
  - (b) must have regard to—
    - (i) the spatial development strategy timetable, and
    - (ii) the local plan timetable prepared by a local planning authority for an area that is wholly or partly within the strategy area.
- (16) In subsection (15)(b)(ii) “local plan timetable” is to be construed in accordance with section 15B.

## **12Q Power to approve strategy where adoption resolution not passed**

- (1) This section applies in the event of a vote by a strategic planning authority against passing a resolution to adopt a spatial development strategy.
- (2) The Secretary of State may, if the Secretary of State considers it appropriate—
  - (a) approve the strategy, or
  - (b) modify the strategy and approve it with the modifications.
- (3) The powers in subsection (2) are exercisable—
  - (a) on the Secretary of State’s own initiative, or
  - (b) in the case of a strategy prepared by a mayoral combined authority or a mayoral combined county authority, if the mayor of the authority requests the Secretary of State to exercise those powers.
- (4) The function of making a request as mentioned in subsection (3)(b) is exercisable only by the mayor (and may not be the subject of arrangements under section 107D(3) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 or section 30(3) of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023).

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- (5) The Secretary of State must give reasons to the strategic planning authority or (as the case may be) the mayor of the strategic planning authority—
  - (a) for anything the Secretary of State does under subsection (2), or
  - (b) if the Secretary of State declines to approve the strategy, for that decision.
- (6) If the Secretary of State approves a spatial development strategy under subsection (2) the Secretary of State must either—
  - (a) publish the strategy, or
  - (b) direct the strategic planning authority to publish it.
- (7) The spatial development strategy becomes operative when it is published.
- (8) In making a decision under this section the Secretary of State may take account of any matter that the Secretary of State considers to be relevant (regardless of whether the matter was taken account of by the strategic planning authority).

## **12R Liability for Secretary of State's costs of intervention**

- (1) The Secretary of State may require a strategic planning authority to reimburse the Secretary of State for any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State in, or in connection with, exercising a function under section 12P or 12Q in relation to the authority's spatial development strategy.
- (2) Where the strategic planning authority is a strategic planning board, subsection (1) is to be read as giving power for the Secretary of State to require reimbursement of such expenditure from the constituent authorities of the board in such proportions as the Secretary of State considers just and reasonable.

## **12S Temporary direction pending possible use of intervention powers**

- (1) If the Secretary of State is considering whether to take action under section 12P in relation to a spatial development strategy, the Secretary of State may direct the strategic planning authority responsible for the strategy not to take any step, or not to take a step specified in the direction, in connection with the strategy—
  - (a) until a time or event (if any) specified in the direction, or
  - (b) until the direction is revoked.
- (2) A spatial development strategy to which such a direction relates is not operative while the direction is in force.
- (3) A direction given under this section in relation to a strategy ceases to have effect if the Secretary of State—
  - (a) gives a direction under section 12P(2)(c) or (9)(c) in relation to the strategy, or
  - (b) approves the strategy under section 12P(9)(a) or (b).

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## Supplementary

### 12T Supplementary etc provision in connection with regulations about strategic planning boards

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make supplementary, incidental, transitional, transitory or saving provision for the purposes of strategic planning board regulations.
- (2) Where, immediately before strategic planning board regulations establishing a strategic planning board come into force, a spatial development strategy is operative in relation to the area of a principal authority that is to be a constituent authority of the board, regulations under subsection (1) may include provision for that strategy to be treated, for the purposes of this Part or another enactment, as the operative spatial development strategy of the strategic planning board.
- (3) Where a strategic planning board has an operative spatial development strategy immediately before strategic planning board regulations that revoke the regulations that established that board come into force, regulations under subsection (1) may include provision for that strategy to be treated, for the purposes of this Part or another enactment, as the operative spatial development strategy of a prescribed principal authority or authorities.
- (4) In this section “strategic planning board regulations” means regulations under section 12B(2).

### 12U Regulations

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision in connection with the exercise by any person of a function conferred by or under this Part.
- (2) The regulations may (among other things) make provision as to—
  - (a) the procedure to be followed in connection with the preparation, adoption, publication, review, withdrawal, alteration or replacement of a spatial development strategy or in connection with a review under section 12M(2);
  - (b) the remuneration and allowances payable to a person appointed to conduct a public examination (under section 12I or as mentioned in section 12P(6)(a));
  - (c) the supply of information or documents to the Secretary of State by a strategic planning authority for the purposes of any decision that the Secretary of State may make under this Part;
  - (d) the determination of the time by or at which anything must be done for the purposes of this Part;
  - (e) the manner of publication of any document required to be published under this Part;
  - (f) the making of reasonable charges for the provision of copies of documents required by or under this Part.
- (3) Regulations under this Part may make different provision for different areas.

### 12V Directions

- (1) A direction given to a strategic planning authority under this Part may—
  - (a) require the authority to do specified things by specified dates;

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- (b) require the authority to keep the Secretary of State informed at specified intervals of the progress being made towards doing what the authority is directed to do.
- (2) A direction under this Part must be given in writing.
- (3) A direction under this Part may be varied or revoked by notice in writing to the strategic planning authority to which it was given.
- (4) A direction under this Part must be published.

## **12W Meaning of “spatial development strategy” etc**

- (1) In this Part “spatial development strategy” means, as the context requires—
  - (a) a strategy adopted by a strategic planning authority under section 12L,
  - (b) a strategy approved by the Secretary of State under section 12P(9)(a) or (b) or 12Q(2)(a) or (b), or
  - (c) a strategy in preparation by a strategic planning authority in accordance with this Part.
- (2) In sections 12B(4)(c), 12C(6)(b)(iv), 12H(2)(f) and 12M(3)(b)—
  - (a) “spatial development strategy” includes—
    - (i) the spatial development strategy for London,
    - (ii) a spatial development strategy adopted by a combined authority in accordance with regulations under section 105A of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, and
    - (iii) a spatial development strategy adopted by a combined county authority in accordance with regulations under section 19 of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023; and
  - (b) “person responsible for preparing a spatial development strategy” is to be read accordingly.
- (3) For the purposes of sections 12M to 12O, a spatial development strategy approved by the Secretary of State under a power specified in subsection (1)(b) is to be regarded as the spatial development strategy of the strategic planning authority in relation to which the power is exercised.

## **12X Interpretation**

- (1) In this Part—
  - “combined authority” means a combined authority established under section 103(1) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009;
  - “combined county authority” means a combined county authority established under section 9(1) of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023;
  - “constituent authority”, in relation to a strategic planning board, is to be construed in accordance with section 12B;
  - “examination” means an examination in public of a draft spatial development strategy as set out in section 12I, and “examiner” is to be construed accordingly;
  - “mayoral combined authority” has the meaning given by section 107A(8) of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009;

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“mayoral combined county authority” has the meaning given by section 27(8) of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023;

“national development management policy” must be construed in accordance with section 38ZA;

[<sup>F8</sup>“non-mayoral combined authority” means a combined authority that is not a mayoral combined authority;

“non-mayoral combined county authority” means a combined county authority that is not a mayoral combined county authority;]

“principal authority” has the meaning given by section 12A(7);

“spatial development strategy for London” means the strategy adopted by the Mayor of London under Part 8 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999;

“spatial development strategy timetable” has the meaning given by section 12E;

“strategic planning authority” has the meaning given by section 12A;

“strategic planning board” has the meaning given by section 12B;

“strategy area” has the meaning given by section 12A(4);

“unitary authority” means—

(a) a county council for an area that does not include the areas of district councils, or

(b) a district council for an area that does not form part of the area of a county council;

“upper-tier county council” means a county council for an area that includes the areas of district councils.

(2) In this Part—

(a) “local planning authority” has the same meaning as in Part 2 (see section 15LF);

(b) references to a local planning authority’s area are to the area for which they are the local planning authority in accordance with that Part.]

### Textual Amendments

**F8** Words in s. 12X(1) inserted (29.4.2026) by [English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 \(c. 23\)](#), s. 108(1)(3), [Sch. 2 para. 4](#) (with s. 102)

## PART 2

### LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C6** Pt. 2 modified (temp.) (28.11.2008) by [Local Government \(Structural Changes\) \(Transitional Arrangements\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/2867\)](#), regs. 1(1), **21(1)**, 23(2) (with reg. 1(2))

**C7** Pt. 2 modified (25.3.2026) by [The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 \(Local Planning\) \(Modification and Consequential Amendments\) \(England\) Regulations 2026 \(S.I. 2026/170\)](#), regs. 1(2), 7

**C8** Pt. 2 applied (25.3.2026) by [The Town and Country Planning \(Local Planning\) \(England\) Regulations 2026 \(S.I. 2026/186\)](#), regs. 1(2), **78(8)** (with Sch.)

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- C9** Pt. 2 modified (16.4.2026) by [S.I. 2026/170, reg. 7A](#) (as inserted by [The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 \(Local Planning\) \(Modification and Consequential Amendments\) \(England\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2026 \(S.I. 2026/350\)](#), regs. 1(2), 2)

## Survey

### 13 Survey of area

- (1) The local planning authority must keep under review the matters which may be expected to affect the development of their area or the planning of its development.
- (2) These matters include—
  - (a) the principal physical, economic, social and environmental characteristics of the area of the authority;
  - (b) the principal purposes for which land is used in the area;
  - (c) the size, composition and distribution of the population of the area;
  - (d) the communications, transport system and traffic of the area;
  - (e) any other considerations which may be expected to affect those matters;
  - (f) such other matters as may be prescribed or as the Secretary of State (in a particular case) may direct.
- (3) The matters also include—
  - (a) any changes which the authority think may occur in relation to any other matter;
  - (b) the effect such changes are likely to have on the development of the authority's area or on the planning of such development.
- (4) The local planning authority may also keep under review and examine the matters mentioned in subsections (2) and (3) in relation to any neighbouring area to the extent that those matters may be expected to affect the area of the authority.
- (5) In exercising a function under subsection (4) a local planning authority must consult with the local planning authority for the neighbouring area in question.
- (6) If a neighbouring area is in Wales references to the local planning authority for that area must be construed in accordance with Part 6.

#### Commencement Information

**I21** S. 13 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097, art. 2](#)

**I22** S. 13 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202, art. 2\(b\)](#)

### [F9]14 Survey of area: minerals and waste planning authorities and county councils

- (1) A minerals and waste planning authority must keep under review the matters which may be expected to affect minerals and waste development in the relevant area or the planning of such development.
- (2) Subsections (2) to (5) of section 13 apply for the purposes of subsection (1) as they apply for the purposes of that section and—

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- (a) references to the local planning authority must be construed as references to the minerals and waste planning authority,
  - (b) references to the area of the local planning authority must be construed as references to the relevant area, and
  - (c) references to the local planning authority for a neighbouring area must be construed as references to—
    - (i) in the case of a neighbouring area in England, the minerals and waste planning authority for that area, or
    - (ii) in the case of a neighbouring area in Wales, the local planning authority for that area for the purposes of Part 6.
- (3) The Secretary of State may by regulations require or (in a particular case) may direct a county council to keep under review in relation to their area such of the matters mentioned in section 13(1) to (4) as the Secretary of State prescribes or directs (as the case may be).
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (3)—
- (a) it is immaterial whether the matter relates to minerals and waste development;
  - (b) if a matter which is prescribed or in respect of which the Secretary of State gives a direction falls within section 13(4) the county council must consult the local planning authority for the area in question.
- (5) The county council must make available the results of their review under subsection (3) to such persons as the Secretary of State prescribes or directs (as the case may be).]

#### Textual Amendments

**F9** S. 14 substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), **Sch. 8 para. 18** (with s. 247); [S.I. 2026/169](#), reg. 3(f)(v) (with Sch. 1)

### *<sup>F10</sup>Register*

#### Textual Amendments

**F10** S. 14A and cross-heading inserted (12.5.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 151(1), 216(1)(d)**

## **14A Register of land**

- (1) The Secretary of State may make regulations requiring a local planning authority in England to prepare, maintain and publish a register of land within (or partly within) the authority's area which—
- (a) is of a prescribed description, or
  - (b) satisfies prescribed criteria.
- (2) The regulations may require the register to be kept in two or more parts.

A reference to the register in the following subsections includes a reference to a prescribed part of the register.

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- (3) The regulations may make provision permitting the local planning authority to enter in the register land within (or partly within) the authority's area which—
  - (a) is of a prescribed description or satisfies prescribed criteria, and
  - (b) is not required by the regulations to be entered in the register.
- (4) The regulations may—
  - (a) require or authorise a local planning authority to carry out consultation and other procedures in relation to entries in the register;
  - (b) specify descriptions of land that are not to be entered in the register;
  - (c) confer a discretion on a local planning authority, in prescribed circumstances, not to enter in the register land of a prescribed description that the authority would otherwise be required to enter in it;
  - (d) require a local planning authority exercising the discretion referred to in paragraph (c) to explain why they have done so;
  - (e) specify information to be included in the register;
  - (f) make provision about revising the register.
- (5) The regulations may specify a description of land by reference to a description in national policies and advice.
- (6) The regulations may confer power on the Secretary of State to require a local planning authority—
  - (a) to prepare or publish the register, or to bring the register up to date, by a specified date;
  - (b) to provide the Secretary of State with specified information, in a specified form and by a specified date, in relation to the register.

In this subsection “specified” means specified by the Secretary of State.

- (7) In exercising their functions under the regulations, a local planning authority must have regard to—
  - (a) the development plan;
  - (b) national policies and advice;
  - (c) any guidance issued by the Secretary of State for the purposes of the regulations.
- (8) In this section “national policies and advice” means national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State (as it has effect from time to time).]

### *F11* Development schemes

#### Textual Amendments

- F11** Ss. 15A-15LH and cross-headings substituted for ss. 15-37 and cross-heading (3.3.2026 for the purpose of making regulations only, excluding ss. 15A-15AI, 15K and 15LE(2)(a)(b)(c)(k)(l) (3); 25.3.2026 in so far as not already in force for the insertion of ss. 15B(1)(2)(a)(c)-(i)(3)-(12), 15BA-15C, 15CA(1)-(6)(a)-(g)(i)(7)(8), 15CB-15EA, 15G-15HA, 15HC-15JB, 15L-15LD, 15LE(1)(2)(d)-(j)(m)-(p)(3)(4), 15LF-15LG and 15LH (in part), otherwise prosp.) by [Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 7](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, [regs. 2, 3\(b\)](#) (with [Schs. 1, 2](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2026/333, [regs. 1\(2\), 2](#))

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## 15 Local development scheme

- (1) The local planning authority must prepare and maintain a scheme to be known as their local development scheme.
- (2) The scheme must specify—
  - <sup>F12</sup>(a) .....
  - <sup>F13</sup>(aa) the local development documents which are to be development plan documents;
  - (b) the subject matter and geographical area to which each <sup>F14</sup>development plan document] is to relate;
  - <sup>F15</sup>(c) .....
  - (d) which <sup>F16</sup>development plan documents] (if any) are to be prepared jointly with one or more other local planning authorities;
  - (e) any matter or area in respect of which the authority have agreed (or propose to agree) to the constitution of a joint committee under section 29;
  - (f) the timetable for the preparation and revision of the <sup>F17</sup>development plan documents];
  - (g) such other matters as are prescribed.
- <sup>F18</sup>(3) .....
- <sup>F19</sup>(3A) If a local planning authority have not prepared a local development scheme, the Secretary of State or the Mayor of London may—
  - (a) prepare a local development scheme for the authority, and
  - (b) direct the authority to bring that scheme into effect.]
- (4) The Secretary of State <sup>F20</sup>or the Mayor of London] may direct the local planning authority to make such amendments to the scheme as he thinks appropriate <sup>F21</sup>for the purpose of ensuring <sup>F22</sup>full and effective coverage (both geographically and with regard to subject matter)] of the authority's area by the development plan documents (taken as a whole) for that area].
- <sup>F23</sup>(4A) The Mayor of London—
  - (a) may give a direction under subsection <sup>F24</sup>(3A) or] (4) only if the local planning authority are a London borough, and
  - (b) in considering whether to give such a direction, and which amendments to include in the direction, must have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State.]
- (5) <sup>F25</sup>A direction under subsection <sup>F26</sup>(3A) or] (4)] must contain the Secretary of State's <sup>F27</sup>, or (as the case may be) the Mayor of London's,] reasons for giving it.
- (6) The local planning authority must comply with a direction given under subsection <sup>F28</sup>(3A) or] (4). <sup>F29</sup>In the case of a direction given by the Mayor of London, this subsection is subject to subsections (6A) to (6E).]
- <sup>F30</sup>(6A) If at any time the Mayor of London gives a direction under subsection <sup>F31</sup>(3A) or] (4)—
  - (a) he must at that time send a copy of the direction to the Secretary of State, and
  - (b) <sup>F32</sup>effect is not to be given to the direction] until such time as may be prescribed.

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- (6B) The Secretary of State may, within such time as may be prescribed, direct the local planning authority—
- (a) to disregard a direction given under subsection [F33(3A) or] (4) by the Mayor of London, or
  - (b) to give effect to the direction with such modifications as may be specified in the Secretary of State's direction.
- (6C) Such a direction must contain the Secretary of State's reasons for giving it.
- (6D) If at any time the Secretary of State gives a direction under subsection (6B), the Secretary of State must at that time send a copy of the direction to the Mayor of London.
- (6E) The local planning authority must comply with any direction given by the Secretary of State under subsection (6B).]
- [F34(7) To bring the scheme into effect, the local planning authority must resolve that the scheme is to have effect and in the resolution specify the date from which the scheme is to have effect.]
- (8) The local planning authority must revise their local development scheme—
- (a) at such time as they consider appropriate;
  - (b) when directed to do so by the Secretary of State [F35or the Mayor of London]. [F36In the case of a direction given by the Mayor of London, paragraph (b) is subject to subsections (8B) to (8F).]
- [F37(8A) The Mayor of London—
- (a) may give a direction under subsection (8) only if the local planning authority are a London borough, and
  - (b) in considering whether to give such a direction, must have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State.
- [ A direction may be given under subsection (8)(b) only if [F39—
- F38(8AA)
- (a)] the person giving the direction thinks that revision of the scheme is necessary for the purpose of ensuring [F40full and effective coverage (both geographically and with regard to subject matter)] of the authority's area by the development plan documents (taken as a whole) for that area.
  - [F41, or
  - (b) the Secretary of State has published data standards under section 36(3) which apply to the local development scheme and the person giving the direction thinks that the scheme should be revised so that it complies with the standards.]]
- (8B) If at any time the Mayor of London gives a direction under subsection (8)(b)—
- (a) he must at that time send a copy of the direction to the Secretary of State, and
  - (b) the scheme is not to be revised until such time as may be prescribed.
- (8C) The Secretary of State may, within such time as may be prescribed, direct the local planning authority to disregard a direction given under subsection (8)(b) by the Mayor of London.
- (8D) Such a direction must contain the Secretary of State's reasons for giving it.

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(8E) If at any time the Secretary of State gives a direction under subsection (8C), the Secretary of State must at that time send a copy of the direction to the Mayor of London.

(8F) The local planning authority must comply with any direction given by the Secretary of State under subsection (8C).]

(9) Subsections (2) to (7) apply to the revision of a scheme as they apply to the preparation of the scheme.

[<sup>F42</sup>(9A) The local planning authority must make the following available to the public—

- (a) the up-to-date text of the scheme,
- (b) a copy of any amendments made to the scheme, and
- (c) up-to-date information showing the state of the authority's compliance (or non-compliance) with the timetable mentioned in subsection (2)(f).]

[<sup>F43</sup>(10) Section 38(1) of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (delegation of functions by the Mayor) does not apply to the Mayor of London's functions under this section of giving a direction.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F12** S. 15(2)(a) repealed (6.4.2009) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), ss. 180(2)(a), 241(8), [Sch. 13](#) (with s. 226); [S.I. 2009/400](#), art. 3(e)(o), [Sch. Pt. 1](#)
- F13** S. 15(2)(aa) inserted (6.4.2009) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), ss. 180(2)(b), 241(8) (with s. 226); [S.I. 2009/400](#), art. 3(e)
- F14** Words in s. 15(2)(b) substituted (6.4.2009) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), ss. 180(2)(c), 241(8) (with s. 226); [S.I. 2009/400](#), art. 3(e)
- F15** S. 15(2)(c) repealed (6.4.2009) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), ss. 180(2)(d), 241(8), [Sch. 13](#) (with s. 226); [S.I. 2009/400](#), art. 3(e)(o), [Sch. Pt. 1](#)
- F16** Words in s. 15(2)(d) substituted (6.4.2009) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), ss. 180(2)(e), 241(8) (with s. 226); [S.I. 2009/400](#), art. 3(e)
- F17** Words in s. 15(2)(f) substituted (6.4.2009) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), ss. 180(2)(e), 241(8) (with s. 226); [S.I. 2009/400](#), art. 3(e)
- F18** S. 15(3) repealed (15.1.2012) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), ss. 111(2), 240(1)(h), [Sch. 25 Pt. 17](#) (with s. 144)
- F19** S. 15(3A) inserted (13.7.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), ss. 143(1), 216(3); [S.I. 2016/733](#), reg. 3(c)
- F20** Words in s. 15(4) inserted (23.10.2007 for specified purposes, 27.6.2008 in so far as not already in force) by [Greater London Authority Act 2007 \(c. 24\)](#), ss. 30(4), 59(4)(b); [S.I. 2008/1372](#), art. 2 (with art. 3)
- F21** Words in s. 15(4) inserted (15.1.2012) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), ss. 111(3), 240(1)(h) (with s. 144)
- F22** Words in s. 15(4) substituted (13.7.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), ss. 143(2), 216(3); [S.I. 2016/733](#), reg. 3(c)
- F23** S. 15(4A) inserted (23.10.2007 for specified purposes, 27.6.2008 in so far as not already in force) by [Greater London Authority Act 2007 \(c. 24\)](#), ss. 30(5), 59(4)(b); [S.I. 2008/1372](#), art. 2 (with art. 3)
- F24** Words in s. 15(4A)(a) inserted (13.7.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), ss. 143(3), 216(3); [S.I. 2016/733](#), reg. 3(c)
- F25** Words in s. 15(5) substituted (23.10.2007 for specified purposes, 27.6.2008 in so far as not already in force) by [Greater London Authority Act 2007 \(c. 24\)](#), ss. 30(6)(a), 59(4)(b); [S.I. 2008/1372](#), art. 2 (with art. 3)
- F26** Words in s. 15(5) inserted (13.7.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), ss. 143(3), 216(3); [S.I. 2016/733](#), reg. 3(c)

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- F27** Words in s. 15(5) inserted (23.10.2007 for specified purposes, 27.6.2008 in so far as not already in force) by [Greater London Authority Act 2007 \(c. 24\)](#), **ss. 30(6)(b)**, 59(4)(b); S.I. 2008/1372, art. 2 (with art. 3)
- F28** Words in s. 15(6) inserted (13.7.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 143(3)**, 216(3); S.I. 2016/733, reg. 3(c)
- F29** Words in s. 15(6) inserted (23.10.2007 for specified purposes, 27.6.2008 in so far as not already in force) by [Greater London Authority Act 2007 \(c. 24\)](#), **ss. 30(7)**, 59(4)(b); S.I. 2008/1372, art. 2 (with art. 3)
- F30** S. 15(6A)-(6E) inserted (23.10.2007 for specified purposes, 27.6.2008 in so far as not already in force) by [Greater London Authority Act 2007 \(c. 24\)](#), **ss. 30(8)**, 59(4)(b); S.I. 2008/1372, art. 2 (with art. 3)
- F31** Words in s. 15(6A) inserted (13.7.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 143(3)**, 216(3); S.I. 2016/733, reg. 3(c)
- F32** Words in s. 15(6A)(b) substituted (15.1.2012) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 111(4)**, 240(1)(h) (with s. 144)
- F33** Words in s. 15(6B)(a) inserted (13.7.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 143(3)**, 216(3); S.I. 2016/733, reg. 3(c)
- F34** S. 15(7) substituted (15.1.2012) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 111(5)**, 240(1)(h) (with s. 144)
- F35** Words in s. 15(8)(b) inserted (23.10.2007 for specified purposes, 27.6.2008 in so far as not already in force) by [Greater London Authority Act 2007 \(c. 24\)](#), **ss. 30(9)(a)**, 59(4)(b); S.I. 2008/1372, art. 2 (with art. 3)
- F36** Words in s. 15(8) inserted (23.10.2007 for specified purposes, 27.6.2008 in so far as not already in force) by [Greater London Authority Act 2007 \(c. 24\)](#), **ss. 30(9)(b)**, 59(4)(b); S.I. 2008/1372, art. 2 (with art. 3)
- F37** S. 15(8A)-(8F) inserted (23.10.2007 for specified purposes, 27.6.2008 in so far as not already in force) by [Greater London Authority Act 2007 \(c. 24\)](#), **ss. 30(10)**, 59(4)(b); S.I. 2008/1372, art. 2 (with art. 3)
- F38** S. 15(8AA) inserted (15.1.2012) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 111(6)**, 240(1)(h) (with s. 144)
- F39** Word in s. 15(8AA) inserted (19.7.2017) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 11(4)(a)**, 46(1); S.I. 2017/767, reg. 2(c)
- F40** Words in s. 15(8AA) substituted (13.7.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 143(2)**, 216(3); S.I. 2016/733, reg. 3(c)
- F41** S. 15(8AA)(b) inserted (19.7.2017) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 11(4)(b)**, 46(1); S.I. 2017/767, reg. 2(c)
- F42** S. 15(9A) inserted (15.1.2012) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 111(7)**, 240(1)(h) (with s. 144)
- F43** S. 15(10) inserted (23.10.2007 for specified purposes, 27.6.2008 in so far as not already in force) by [Greater London Authority Act 2007 \(c. 24\)](#), **ss. 30(11)**, 59(4)(b); S.I. 2008/1372, art. 2 (with art. 3)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C10** S. 15 applied (with modifications) (7.7.2005) by [North Northamptonshire Joint Committee Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/1552\)](#), arts. 1(2), **4(2)**
- C11** S. 15 applied (with modifications) (25.7.2008) by [West Northamptonshire Joint Committee Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1572\)](#), arts. 1, **4(2)**
- C12** S. 15 modified (28.11.2008) by [Local Government \(Structural Changes\) \(Transitional Arrangements\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/2867\)](#), regs. 1(1), **22** (with regs. 1(2), 22(2))
- C13** S. 15 applied (with modifications) (1.7.2009) by [Cambridge City Fringes Joint Committee Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1254\)](#), arts. 1, **4(2)**
- C14** S. 15 applied (with modifications) (24.3.2010) by [The South Downs National Park Authority \(Establishment\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/497\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 3 para. 12**
- C15** S. 15 applied (with modifications) (5.7.2011) by [The South East Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1455\)](#), arts. 1, **4(2)**

#### Commencement Information

- I23** S. 15 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by S.I. 2004/2097, **art. 2**

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**I24** S. 15 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)

## 16 Minerals and waste development scheme

- (1) A county council in respect of any part of their area for which there is a district council must prepare and maintain a scheme to be known as their minerals and waste development scheme.
- (2) Section 15 (ignoring subsections (1) and (2)(e)) applies in relation to a minerals and waste development scheme as it applies in relation to a local development scheme.
- (3) This Part applies to a minerals and waste development scheme as it applies to a local development scheme and for that purpose—
  - (a) references to a local development scheme include references to a minerals and waste development scheme;
  - (b) references to a local planning authority include references to a county council.
- (4) But subsection (3) does not apply to—
  - (a) section 17(3);
  - (b) section 24(1)(b), (4) and (7);
  - (c) the references in section 24(5) to subsection (4) and the Mayor;
  - (d) sections 29 to 31.

[<sup>F44</sup>(5) Also, subsection (3)(b) does not apply to section 33A(1)(a) and (b).]]

### Textual Amendments

**F44** S. 16(5) inserted (15.11.2011) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), [ss. 110\(2\), 240\(5\)\(i\)](#) (with [s. 144](#))

### Commencement Information

**I25** S. 16 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I26** S. 16 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)

## *[<sup>F11</sup>Plan timetables*

## 15B Local plan timetable

- (1) Each local planning authority must prepare and maintain a document to be known as their “local plan timetable”.
- (2) The local plan timetable must specify—
  - (a) the matters which the authority’s local plan for their area is to deal with,
  - (b) the geographical area to which the authority’s local plan is to relate,
  - (c) any supplementary plans which the authority are to prepare,
  - (d) the subject matter and geographical area, site or sites to which each of those supplementary plans is to relate,
  - (e) how the authority propose to comply with the requirement in section 15F(1) (requirement in relation to design code),

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- (f) whether the authority's local plan for their area is to be a joint local plan and, if so, each other local planning authority for whose area the joint local plan is to be their local plan,
  - (g) whether the authority are to prepare a joint supplementary plan and, if so, each other local planning authority who are to prepare that joint supplementary plan with them,
  - (h) any matter or area in respect of which the authority have agreed (or propose to agree) to the constitution of a joint committee under section 15J, and
  - (i) a timetable for the preparation of the authority's local plan for their area, and any supplementary plans the authority are to make, which is consistent with this Part and any regulations made under it.
- (3) If the local planning authority's local plan for their area is to be a joint local plan, or the authority is to prepare one or more joint supplementary plans, the timetable for each joint plan, specified in the local plan timetable in accordance with subsection (2)(i), must be consistent with the timetable for that plan in the local plan timetable prepared by each other local planning authority who are to prepare that plan.
- (4) If the local planning authority are a minerals and waste planning authority, the local plan timetable may incorporate the authority's minerals and waste plan timetable.
- (5) The Secretary of State may prescribe—
  - (a) the form and content of the local plan timetable;
  - (b) further matters which the local plan timetable must deal with.
- (6) If a local planning authority have not prepared a local plan timetable, the Secretary of State or the Mayor of London may—
  - (a) prepare a local plan timetable for the authority, and
  - (b) direct the authority to bring that timetable into effect.
- (7) The Secretary of State or the Mayor of London may direct the local planning authority to make such amendments to the local plan timetable as the Secretary of State or (as the case may be) Mayor thinks appropriate for the purpose of ensuring full and effective coverage (both geographically and with regard to subject matter) of the authority's area by the development plan for that area.
- (8) To bring the local plan timetable into effect, the local planning authority must publish it, together with a statement that the timetable is to have effect.
- (9) Once the local plan timetable has effect, the local planning authority must comply with it.
- (10) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision as to when, or the circumstances in which, a local planning authority must revise their local plan timetable (and that provision may confer a power to direct that a local plan timetable is to be revised).
- (11) Subsections (1) to (9) and section 15BA apply to the revision of a local plan timetable as they apply to the preparation of a local plan timetable.
- (12) For further provision about directions under subsection (6) or (7), see section 15BA.

## **15BA Local plan timetable: further provision about directions under section 15B**

- (1) The Mayor of London—

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- (a) may give a direction under section 15B(6) or (7) only if the local planning authority are a London borough council, and
  - (b) in considering whether to give such a direction, and which amendments to include in the direction, must have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State.
- (2) A direction under section 15B(6) or (7) must contain the Secretary of State's, or (as the case may be) the Mayor of London's, reasons for giving it.
- (3) If at any time the Mayor of London gives a direction under section 15B(6) or (7)—
  - (a) the Mayor must at that time send a copy of the direction to the Secretary of State, and
  - (b) the direction is not to be given effect until such time as may be prescribed.
- (4) The Secretary of State may, within such time as may be prescribed, direct the local planning authority—
  - (a) to disregard a direction given under section 15B(6) or (7) by the Mayor of London, or
  - (b) to give effect to the direction with such modifications as may be specified in the Secretary of State's direction.
- (5) Such a direction must contain the Secretary of State's reasons for giving it.
- (6) If at any time the Secretary of State gives a direction under subsection (4), the Secretary of State must at that time send a copy of the direction to the Mayor of London.
- (7) Section 38(1) of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (delegation of functions by the Mayor) does not apply to the Mayor of London's functions under section 15B(6) or (7) of giving a direction.

#### **15BB Minerals and waste plan timetable**

- (1) Each minerals and waste planning authority must prepare and maintain a document to be known as their "minerals and waste plan timetable".
- (2) The minerals and waste plan timetable must specify—
  - (a) the matters which will be dealt with by the minerals and waste plan for the relevant area,
  - (b) the geographical area to which the authority's minerals and waste plan is to relate,
  - (c) any supplementary plans which the minerals and waste planning authority are to make,
  - (d) the subject matter and geographical area, site or sites to which each supplementary plan is to relate,
  - (e) whether the minerals and waste plan for the authority's area is to be a joint minerals and waste plan and, if so, each other minerals and waste planning authority for whose relevant area the joint minerals and waste plan is to be the minerals and waste plan,
  - (f) whether the authority are to prepare a joint supplementary plan and, if so, each other minerals and waste planning authority who are to prepare that joint supplementary plan with them, and

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- (g) a timetable for the preparation of the minerals and waste plan for the relevant area, and any supplementary plans the authority are to make, which is consistent with this Part and any regulations made under it.
- (3) If the minerals and waste plan for the relevant area is to be a joint minerals and waste plan, or the authority is to prepare one or more joint supplementary plans, the timetable for each joint plan, specified in the minerals and waste plan timetable in accordance with subsection (2)(g), must be consistent with the timetable for that plan in the minerals and waste plan timetable prepared by each other minerals and waste planning authority who are to prepare that plan.
- (4) Sections 15B(5) to (12), 15BA and 15LE apply in relation to a minerals and waste plan timetable as they apply in relation to a local plan timetable and for that purpose—
  - (a) references to a local plan timetable are to be read as references to a minerals and waste plan timetable,
  - (b) references to a local plan are to be read as references to a minerals and waste plan,
  - (c) references to a local planning authority are to be read as references to a minerals and waste planning authority, and
  - (d) references to a local planning authority’s area are to be read as references to a minerals and waste planning authority’s relevant area.
- (5) In this section “joint minerals and waste plan” means a minerals and waste plan prepared jointly by two or more minerals and waste planning authorities for their combined relevant areas under sections 15I and 15IA (as applied by section 15CB(8)).

*Local, minerals and waste and supplementary plans*

## **15C Local plans**

- (1) Each local planning authority must prepare a document to be known as their “local plan”.
- (2) Only one local plan may have effect in relation to a local planning authority’s area at any one time.
- (3) The local plan must set out policies of the local planning authority (however expressed) in relation to the amount, type and location of, and timetable for, development in the local planning authority’s area.
- (4) The local plan may include—
  - (a) other policies (however expressed) in relation to the use or development of land in the local planning authority’s area which are designed to achieve objectives that relate to the particular characteristics or circumstances of their area, any part of their area or one or more specific sites in their area;
  - (b) details of any infrastructure requirements, or requirements for affordable housing, to which development in accordance with the policies, included in the plan under subsection (3) or paragraph (a) of this subsection, would give rise;
  - (c) requirements with respect to design that relate to development, or development of a particular description, throughout the local planning authority’s area, in any part of their area or at one or more specific sites in their

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area, which the local planning authority consider should be met for planning permission for the development to be granted.

- (5) The Secretary of State may prescribe further matters which the local plan may, or must, deal with.
- (6) The local plan must be designed to secure that the use and development of land in the local planning authority's area contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change.
- (7) The local plan must take account of any local nature recovery strategy that relates to all or part of the local planning authority's area, including in particular—
  - (a) the areas identified in the strategy as areas which—
    - (i) are, or could become, of particular importance for biodiversity, or
    - (ii) are areas where the recovery or enhancement of biodiversity could make a particular contribution to other environmental benefits,
  - (b) the priorities set out in the strategy for recovering or enhancing biodiversity, and
  - (c) the proposals set out in the strategy as to potential measures relating to those priorities.
- (8) The local plan must take account of an assessment of the amount, and type, of housing that is needed in the local planning authority's area, including the amount of affordable housing that is needed.
- (9) The local plan must not—
  - (a) include anything that is not permitted or required by or under subsections (3) to (5) or (10) or regulations under section 15CA(8)(a), or
  - (b) be inconsistent with or (in substance) repeat any national development management policy.
- (10) References in this section to development do not include minerals and waste development, but where the local planning authority is the minerals and waste planning authority for any part of their area, their local plan may incorporate all or part of their minerals and waste plan.

## **15CA Local plans: preparation and further provision**

- (1) A local plan must be prepared in accordance with the local planning authority's local plan timetable.
- (2) A local plan must be in general conformity with the spatial development strategy, if one is operative in relation to the area of the local planning authority.
- (3) The local planning authority must, at such times as may be prescribed, seek observations or advice in relation to a proposed local plan, from a person appointed by the Secretary of State.
- (4) The Secretary of State may require the local planning authority to—
  - (a) reimburse the Secretary of State for any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State in, or in connection with, appointing a person under subsection (3), or
  - (b) pay any fees and expenses of a person appointed by the Secretary of State under subsection (3).

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- (5) The local planning authority must, as soon as is reasonably practicable, publish any observations or advice they receive from a person appointed by the Secretary of State under subsection (3).
- (6) In preparing their local plan, a local planning authority must have regard to—
  - (a) any observations or advice received from a person appointed by the Secretary of State under subsection (3),
  - (b) any responses to a consultation, provided for in regulations under section 15LE, in connection with the preparation of the local plan,
  - (c) national development management policies,
  - (d) other national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State,
  - (e) the National Planning Framework for Scotland, if any part of the authority's area adjoins Scotland,
  - (f) the National Development Framework for Wales, if any part of the authority's area adjoins Wales,
  - (g) any other part of the development plan for the authority's area which has effect,
  - (h) any neighbourhood priorities statement—
    - (i) which has effect for part of the authority's area, and
    - (ii) to which the authority has not already had regard in preparing another local plan previously adopted or approved under this Part, and
  - (i) such other matters as the Secretary of State prescribes.
- (7) A local plan has effect only in so far as it or any part of it is adopted or approved under this Part.
- (8) Regulations made by the Secretary of State may—
  - (a) prescribe the form and content of a local plan;
  - (b) make provision as to any further documents which must be prepared by the authority in connection with the preparation of a local plan (including the form and content of such documents);
  - (c) prescribe the nature of the observations or advice which must be sought under subsection (3);
  - (d) prescribe documents or information which must be provided by the local planning authority to a person appointed by the Secretary of State under subsection (3) (including the form and content of such documents);
  - (e) prescribe the form and content of observations or advice provided under subsection (3);
  - (f) prescribe when the local planning authority is to have regard to something mentioned in subsection (6);
  - (g) prescribe when any step in, or in connection with, the preparation of the local plan must be taken;
  - (h) make provision as to when, or in what circumstances, a new local plan is to be prepared to replace the existing one.

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## **15CB Minerals and waste plan**

- (1) Each minerals and waste planning authority must, in respect of their relevant area, prepare one or more documents which are to be known collectively as their “minerals and waste plan”.
- (2) The minerals and waste plan must set out policies of the minerals and waste planning authority (however expressed) in relation to the amount, type and location of, and timetable for, minerals and waste development, in the relevant area.
- (3) The minerals and waste plan may include—
  - (a) other policies (however expressed) in relation to—
    - (i) minerals and waste development in the relevant area, which are designed to achieve objectives that relate to the particular characteristics or circumstances of that area, any part of that area or one or more specific sites in that area;
    - (ii) development other than minerals and waste development, which are designed to secure that minerals and waste development in the relevant area can take place;
  - (b) details of any infrastructure requirements to which minerals and waste development in accordance with the policies, included in the plan under subsection (2) or paragraph (a) of this subsection, would give rise.
- (4) The Secretary of State may prescribe further matters relating to minerals and waste development which the minerals and waste plan may, or must, deal with.
- (5) The minerals and waste plan must be designed to secure that minerals and waste development in the relevant area contributes to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change.
- (6) The minerals and waste plan must take account of any local nature recovery strategy that relates to all or part of the relevant area, including in particular—
  - (a) the areas identified in the strategy as areas which—
    - (i) are, or could become, of particular importance for biodiversity, or
    - (ii) are areas where the recovery or enhancement of biodiversity could make a particular contribution to other environmental benefits,
  - (b) the priorities set out in the strategy for recovering or enhancing biodiversity, and
  - (c) the proposals set out in the strategy as to potential measures relating to those priorities.
- (7) The minerals and waste plan must not—
  - (a) include anything that is not permitted or required by or under subsections (2) to (4) or regulations under section 15CA(8)(a) (as applied by subsection (8)), or
  - (b) be inconsistent with or (in substance) repeat any national development management policy.
- (8) This Part applies in relation to a minerals and waste plan as it applies in relation to a local plan and for that purpose—
  - (a) references to a local plan timetable are to be read as references to a minerals and waste plan timetable,

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- (b) references to a local plan are to be read as references to a minerals and waste plan,
  - (c) references to a local planning authority are to be read as references to a minerals and waste planning authority, and
  - (d) references to a local planning authority's area are to be read as references to a minerals and waste planning authority's relevant area.
- (9) Subsection (8) is subject to such modifications of this Part, as it applies in relation to a minerals and waste plan, as may be prescribed.
- (10) Subsection (8) does not apply to—
- (a) sections 15B and 15BA;
  - (b) section 15C;
  - (c) section 15CC;
  - (d) sections 15J to 15JB;
  - (e) section 15LB(2);
  - (f) sections 15LC(3)(c) and 15LD.

## **15CC Supplementary plans**

- (1) Each relevant plan-making authority may prepare one or more documents, each of which is to be known as a “supplementary plan”.
- (2) A supplementary plan prepared by the Mayor of London may include requirements with respect to design that relate to development, or development of a particular description, throughout Greater London, which the Mayor considers should be met for planning permission for the development to be granted.
- (3) A supplementary plan prepared by a local planning authority may include—
  - (a) policies (however expressed) in relation to the amount, type and location of, or timetable for, development at a specific site in their area or at two or more specific sites in their area which the authority consider to be nearby to each other;
  - (b) other policies (however expressed) in relation to the use or development of land in the local planning authority's area which are designed to achieve objectives that relate to the particular characteristics or circumstances of a specific site in their area or two or more specific sites in their area which the authority consider to be nearby to each other;
  - (c) details of any infrastructure requirements, or requirements for affordable housing, to which development in accordance with any policies, included in the plan under paragraph (a) or (b), would give rise;
  - (d) requirements with respect to design that relate to development, or development of a particular description, throughout the local planning authority's area, in any part of their area or at one or more specific sites in their area, which the local planning authority consider should be met for planning permission for the development to be granted.
- (4) References in subsection (3) to development do not include minerals and waste development.
- (5) A supplementary plan prepared by a minerals and waste planning authority may include—

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- (a) policies (however expressed) in relation to the amount, type and location of, or timetable for, minerals and waste development at one or more specific sites in the relevant area or at two or more specific sites in that area which the authority consider to be nearby to each other;
  - (b) other policies (however expressed) in relation to—
    - (i) minerals and waste development in the relevant area which are designed to achieve objectives that relate to the particular characteristics or circumstances of a specific site in that area or two or more specific sites in that area which the authority consider to be nearby to each other;
    - (ii) development other than minerals and waste development, which are designed to secure that minerals and waste development can take place at a specific site in the relevant area or two or more specific sites in that area which the authority consider to be nearby to each other;
  - (c) details of any infrastructure requirements to which minerals and waste development in accordance with any policies, included in the plan under paragraph (a) or (b), would give rise.
- (6) The Secretary of State may prescribe further matters which a supplementary plan may include.
- (7) A supplementary plan must be in general conformity with the spatial development strategy, if one is operative in relation to the area or a site to which the plan relates.
- (8) In preparing a supplementary plan, the relevant plan-making authority must have regard to any other part of the development plan which has effect for the area or a site to which the plan relates.
- (9) So far as the relevant plan-making authority consider appropriate, having regard to the subject matter of the supplementary plan, the plan must—
  - (a) be designed to secure that the development and use of land in the authority's area contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change, and
  - (b) take account of any local nature recovery strategy which relates to all or part of the area to which the plan relates or to an area in which a site to which the plan relates is located, including in particular—
    - (i) the areas identified in the strategy as areas which—
      - (A) are, or could become, of particular importance for biodiversity, or
      - (B) are areas where the recovery or enhancement of biodiversity could make a particular contribution to other environmental benefits,
    - (ii) the priorities set out in the strategy for recovering or enhancing biodiversity, and
    - (iii) the proposals set out in the strategy as to potential measures relating to those priorities.
- (10) A supplementary plan must not—
  - (a) include anything which is not permitted or required by or under subsections (2) to (6), or
  - (b) be inconsistent with or (in substance) repeat any national development management policy.

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- (11) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision about the preparation, withdrawal or revision of supplementary plans.
- (12) Regulations under subsection (11)—
  - (a) may apply, or make provision corresponding to, any provision made by or under this Part in relation to the preparation, withdrawal or revision of a local plan, with or without modifications;
  - (b) must require a proposed supplementary plan to be the subject of consultation with the public.
- (13) A supplementary plan has effect only in so far as it or any part of it is adopted or approved under this Part.

### *Examination of plans*

## **15D Independent examination: local plans**

- (1) A local planning authority must submit their proposed local plan to the Secretary of State for independent examination if a person appointed by the Secretary of State under section 15CA(3) advises that the prescribed requirements are met in relation to the plan.
- (2) The authority must also send or make available to the Secretary of State (in addition to the local plan) such other documents (or copies of documents) and such information as is prescribed.
- (3) The Secretary of State may prescribe the manner in which the local plan, or any document or information to be sent under subsection (2), is to be sent.
- (4) The examination must be carried out by a person appointed by the Secretary of State (“the examiner”).
- (5) The purpose of the independent examination is to determine whether it is reasonable to conclude that the local plan is sound.
- (6) Any person who makes representations in relation to the local plan must (if that person so requests) be given the opportunity to appear before and be heard by the examiner.
- (7) At any time before the examiner makes a recommendation under any of the following subsections, if the examiner considers that—
  - (a) certain matters need to be dealt with in order for it to become reasonable to conclude that the local plan is sound, and
  - (b) those matters could be dealt with by pausing the examination under section 15DA for further work to be carried out,
 the examiner may decide that the examination is to be so paused.
- (8) The Secretary of State may by notice to the examiner—
  - (a) direct the examiner not to take any step, or any further step, in connection with the examination of the local plan, or of a specified part of it, until a specified time or until the direction is withdrawn;
  - (b) require the examiner—
    - (i) to consider any specified matters;

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- (ii) to give an opportunity, or further opportunity, to specified persons to appear before and be heard by the examiner;
- (iii) to take any specified procedural step in connection with the examination.

In this subsection “specified” means specified in the notice.

- (9) Where the examiner—
  - (a) has carried out the examination, and
  - (b) considers that, in all the circumstances, it would be reasonable to conclude that the local plan is sound,the examiner must recommend that the local plan is adopted and give reasons for the recommendation.
- (10) Subsections (11) and (12) apply where the examiner—
  - (a) has carried out the examination, and
  - (b) is not required by subsection (9) to recommend that the local plan is adopted.
- (11) If the examiner considers that, if certain modifications were made to the local plan, it would become reasonable to conclude that the plan is sound, the examiner must—
  - (a) recommend that those modifications are made and that the plan is then adopted, and
  - (b) give reasons for the recommendation.
- (12) If the examiner is not required by subsection (11) to recommend that the local plan is adopted with modifications and the examination is not paused or to be paused under section 15DA, the examiner must—
  - (a) recommend that the local plan is withdrawn, and
  - (b) give reasons for the recommendation.
- (13) The local planning authority must publish the recommendations and reasons they receive under this section.

### **15DA Pause of independent examination for further work**

- (1) This section applies if the examiner decides under section 15D(7) that the examination under that section is to be paused under this section for further work to be carried out.
- (2) The examiner must notify the local planning authority and the Secretary of State—
  - (a) that the examiner has taken that decision,
  - (b) of the matters which the examiner considers need to be dealt with in order for it to become reasonable to conclude that the local plan is sound, and
  - (c) of the period for which the examination under section 15D is to be paused under this section (“the pause period”).
- (3) The pause period may not—
  - (a) begin earlier than the day on which notice is given to the local planning authority under subsection (2), nor
  - (b) be longer than such period as may be prescribed
- (4) The examination under section 15D is suspended at the beginning of the pause period.

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- (5) During the pause period, the local planning authority must take steps to deal with the matters notified to them under subsection (2)(b).
- (6) Before the end of the pause period, the local planning authority must send to the examiner—
  - (a) a document—
    - (i) setting out what the authority have done during the pause period to deal with the matters notified to them under subsection (2)(b), and
    - (ii) setting out any modifications to the local plan that the authority propose to make in order to make it sound or stating that the authority do not propose to make any such modifications, and
  - (b) any further evidence as to the soundness of the plan which the local planning authority may have.
- (7) The local planning authority must publish the document and any evidence sent under subsection (6).
- (8) If the examiner considers, at the end of the pause period, that the matters notified to the local planning authority under subsection (2)(b) have not been dealt with, with the result that there is no prospect of it becoming reasonable to conclude that the local plan is sound, the examiner must—
  - (a) recommend that the local plan is withdrawn, and
  - (b) give reasons for the recommendation.
- (9) If the examiner does not make a recommendation under subsection (8), the examination under section 15D is resumed.
- (10) The local planning authority must publish any recommendation and reasons they receive under this section.

## **15DB Independent examination: supplementary plans**

- (1) A relevant plan-making authority must submit each supplementary plan that they propose to adopt for independent examination.
- (2) The supplementary plan must be submitted to—
  - (a) the Secretary of State, in order for the examination to be carried out by a person appointed by the Secretary of State, or
  - (b) a person who, in the opinion of the relevant plan-making authority—
    - (i) is independent of the authority,
    - (ii) does not have an interest in any land that may be affected by the supplementary plan, and
    - (iii) has appropriate qualifications and experience.
- (3) In the following provisions of this section, the person appointed by the Secretary of State under paragraph (a) of subsection (2), or (as the case may be) the person to whom the supplementary plan is submitted under paragraph (b) of that subsection, is “the examiner”.
- (4) The authority must also send or make available to the examiner (in addition to the supplementary plan) such other documents (or copies of documents) and such information as is prescribed.

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- (5) The purpose of the independent examination is to determine in respect of the supplementary plan—
  - (a) whether the requirements of section 15CC, and regulations under subsection (11) of that section relating to the preparation of the plan, have been met, and
  - (b) whether the relevant plan-making authority have had regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State which may be relevant.
- (6) The general rule is that the independent examination is to take the form of written representations.
- (7) But the examiner must cause a hearing to be held for the purposes of receiving oral representations in any case where the examiner considers that the consideration of oral representations is necessary to ensure adequate examination of an issue or that a person has a fair chance to put a case.
- (8) If a hearing is held under subsection (7), any person who makes representations about the matters mentioned in subsection (5) must (if that person so requests) be given the opportunity to appear before and be heard by the examiner
- (9) Where the examiner considers that, in all the circumstances, it would be reasonable to conclude—
  - (a) that the requirements mentioned in subsection (5)(a) have been met, and
  - (b) the relevant plan-making authority have had regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State which may be relevant,the examiner must recommend that the supplementary plan is adopted and give reasons for the recommendation.
- (10) Subsections (11) and (12) apply where the examiner—
  - (a) has carried out the examination, and
  - (b) is not required by subsection (9) to recommend that the supplementary plan is adopted.
- (11) If the examiner considers that—
  - (a) certain modifications of the supplementary plan would result in it being reasonable to conclude, in all the circumstances, that the requirements mentioned in subsection (5)(a) are met, and
  - (b) it is, in all the circumstances, reasonable to conclude that the relevant plan-making authority have had regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State which may be relevant,the examiner must recommend that those modifications are made and that the plan is then adopted and give reasons for the recommendation.
- (12) Where the examiner has carried out the examination and is not required by subsection (11) to recommend that the supplementary plan is adopted with modifications, the examiner must—
  - (a) recommend that the supplementary plan is withdrawn, and
  - (b) give reasons for the recommendation.
- (13) The relevant plan-making authority must publish the recommendations and reasons they receive under this section.

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### *Withdrawal and adoption of plans*

#### **15E Withdrawal of a local plan**

- (1) A local planning authority may, at any time before they are required to submit a local plan for independent examination under section 15D, withdraw the plan.
- (2) After a local plan has been submitted for independent examination, the local planning authority may only withdraw the plan—
  - (a) if the person appointed to carry out the examination recommends that they do so and the Secretary of State has not directed that it is not to be withdrawn, or
  - (b) the Secretary of State directs that the plan is to be withdrawn.
- (3) The Secretary of State may at any time—
  - (a) after a local plan has been submitted for independent examination under section 15D, but
  - (b) before it is adopted under section 15EA,
 direct the local planning authority to withdraw the plan.

#### **15EA Adoption of local plan or supplementary plan**

- (1) Where the person appointed to carry out the independent examination of a local plan recommends that the plan as originally prepared is adopted, the local planning authority may adopt it—
  - (a) as originally prepared, or
  - (b) with modifications that (taken together) do not materially affect its contents.
- (2) Where the person appointed to carry out the independent examination of a local plan recommends that the plan is adopted with modifications, the local planning authority may adopt it—
  - (a) with those modifications, or
  - (b) with those modifications, along with further modifications if the further modifications (taken together) do not materially affect its contents.
- (3) Where the person appointed to carry out the independent examination of a supplementary plan recommends that the plan as originally prepared is adopted, the relevant plan-making authority may adopt it—
  - (a) as originally prepared, or
  - (b) with modifications that (taken together) do not materially affect its contents.
- (4) Where the person appointed to carry out the independent examination of a supplementary plan recommends that the plan is adopted with modifications, the relevant plan-making authority may adopt it—
  - (a) with those modifications, or
  - (b) with those modifications, along with further modifications if the further modifications (taken together) do not materially affect its contents.
- (5) An authority must not adopt a local plan or supplementary plan unless they do so in accordance with subsection (1), (2), (3) or (4).
- (6) A plan is adopted by a local planning authority, or a minerals and waste planning authority, if it is adopted by a resolution of the authority.

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- (7) The Mayor of London adopts a supplementary plan by publishing it, together with a statement that the plan is to have effect.

*Requirement in relation to design code*

**15F Design code for whole area**

- (1) A local planning authority must ensure that, for every part of their area, the development plan includes requirements with respect to design that relate to development, or development of a particular description, which the authority consider should be met for planning permission for the development to be granted.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not require the local planning authority to ensure—
- (a) that there are requirements for every description of development for every part of their area, or
  - (b) that there are requirements in relation to every aspect of design.

*Revocation and revision of plans*

**15G Revocation of local plans and supplementary plans**

- (1) A local plan is revoked upon a new local plan for the local planning authority's area being adopted or approved under this Part.
- (2) The Secretary of State—
- (a) may revoke a local plan at the request of the local planning authority;
  - (b) may revoke a supplementary plan at the request of the relevant plan-making authority;
  - (c) may prescribe descriptions of supplementary plan which may be revoked by the relevant plan-making authority themselves.

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**15GA Revision of local plan**

- (1) A local planning authority may, at any time after their local plan has come into effect, prepare a revision of it.
- (2) If the Secretary of State directs them to do so after the local plan comes into effect, a local planning authority must prepare a revision of the local plan, in accordance with such timetable as the Secretary of State directs.
- (3) Subsection (4) applies if any part of the area of the local planning authority is an area to which an enterprise zone scheme relates.
- (4) As soon as practicable after the occurrence of a relevant event—

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- (a) the authority must consider whether their local plan should be changed in the light of the enterprise zone scheme;
  - (b) if they think that any changes to their local plan are required in consequence of the scheme they must prepare a revision to their local plan to give effect to the changes.
- (5) The following are relevant events—
  - (a) the making of an order under paragraph 5 of Schedule 32 to the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 (designation of enterprise zone);
  - (b) the giving of notification under paragraph 11(1) of that Schedule (approval of modification of enterprise zone scheme).
- (6) References to an enterprise zone and an enterprise zone scheme must be construed in accordance with that Act.
- (7) This Part applies in relation to a revision under this section as it applies in relation to a local plan, subject to such modifications as may be prescribed.

#### *Intervention powers in relation to plans*

### **15H Power to require Secretary of State approval**

- (1) At any time before a proposed local plan is adopted by a local planning authority, the Secretary of State may direct the local planning authority to submit the plan (or any part of it) to the Secretary of State for approval.
- (2) At any time before a proposed supplementary plan is adopted by a relevant plan-making authority, the Secretary of State may direct the relevant plan-making authority to submit the plan (or any part of it) to the Secretary of State for approval.
- (3) Where the Secretary of State gives a direction under subsection (1) or (2)—
  - (a) the authority must not take any step in connection with the adoption of the plan until the Secretary of State gives the Secretary of State's decision or withdraws the direction;
  - (b) if the direction is given, and not withdrawn, before the authority have submitted the plan for independent examination, the Secretary of State must hold an independent examination;
  - (c) if the direction is given after the authority have submitted the plan for independent examination but before the person appointed to carry out the examination has made recommendations, and is not withdrawn before those recommendations are made, the person must make the recommendations to the Secretary of State.
- (4) Subsections (4) to (12) of section 15D, and section 15DA, apply to an examination of a local plan held under subsection (3)(b).
- (5) In the case of an examination of a supplementary plan held under subsection (3)(b)—
  - (a) subsections (5) to (12) of section 15DB apply, and
  - (b) the examiner is to be a person appointed by the Secretary of State.
- (6) The Secretary of State must publish the recommendations made to the Secretary of State by virtue of subsection (3)(c) and the reasons of the person making the recommendations.

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- (7) In relation to a plan or part of a plan submitted under subsection (1) or (2), the Secretary of State—
  - (a) may approve, approve subject to modifications or reject the plan or part, and
  - (b) must give reasons for the decision under paragraph (a).
- (8) In the exercise of any function under this section the Secretary of State—
  - (a) may take account of any matter which the Secretary of State thinks is relevant (regardless of whether the matter was taken account of by the authority), and
  - (b) must have regard to the local plan timetable and minerals and waste plan timetable, so far as relevant.

## **15HA Secretary of State powers where local planning authority are failing etc**

- (1) This section applies if the Secretary of State thinks that—
  - (a) a local planning authority are failing to do anything it is necessary or expedient for them to do in connection with the preparation, adoption or revision of a local plan,
  - (b) a local plan or supplementary plan is, is going to be or may be unsatisfactory, or
  - (c) a proposed revision of a local plan or supplementary plan will, or may, result in the plan becoming unsatisfactory.
- (2) The Secretary of State may—
  - (a) if the plan has not come into effect, take over preparation of the plan from the relevant authority;
  - (b) if the plan has come into effect, revise the plan;
  - (c) give directions to the relevant authority in relation to—
    - (i) the preparation or adoption of the plan (including a direction requiring the plan to be modified in accordance with the direction);
    - (ii) the revocation or revision of the plan (including a direction requiring the plan to be revised in accordance with the direction or a direction revoking the plan).
- (3) The Secretary of State may appoint a person (a “local plan commissioner”) to—
  - (a) investigate and report to the Secretary of State, or
  - (b) do any of the things that may be done under subsection (2), on the Secretary of State’s behalf.
- (4) Subsections (5) to (10) apply if preparation of the plan is taken over under subsection (2)(a) or (3)(b).
- (5) The Secretary of State or (as the case may be) the local plan commissioner must publish a document setting out—
  - (a) their timetable for preparing the plan, and
  - (b) if they intend to depart from anything specified in a local plan timetable in relation to the plan, details of how they intend to depart from it.
- (6) The Secretary of State must—
  - (a) hold an independent examination of the plan or (as the case may be) direct the local plan commissioner to submit the plan for independent examination, or

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- (b) direct the relevant authority to submit the plan for independent examination under section 15D or (as the case may be) 15DB.
- (7) Subsections (4) to (12) of section 15D, and section 15DA, apply to an examination of a local plan held under subsection (6)(a), reading references to the local planning authority as references to the Secretary of State or (as the case may be) the local plan commissioner.
- (8) In the case of an examination of a supplementary plan held under subsection (6)(a)—
  - (a) subsections (5) to (12) of section 15DB apply, reading references to the relevant plan-making authority as references to the Secretary of State or (as the case may be) the local plan commissioner, and
  - (b) the examiner is to be a person appointed by the Secretary of State or the local plan commissioner.
- (9) The Secretary of State must either—
  - (a) publish the recommendations and reasons of the person appointed to hold the examination, or
  - (b) give directions to the relevant authority or local plan commissioner in relation to publication of those recommendations and reasons.
- (10) The Secretary of State or local plan commissioner may then—
  - (a) approve the plan or approve it subject to modifications,
  - (b) direct the relevant authority to consider adopting the plan, or
  - (c) reject the plan.
- (11) Subsections (5) to (10) (and the provisions applied by them) apply in relation to a revision to a plan under subsection (2)(b) or (3)(b) as they apply to a plan prepared under subsection (2)(a) or (3)(b).
- (12) In the exercise of any function under this section, the Secretary of State or local plan commissioner may take account of any matter which the Secretary of State or local plan commissioner thinks is relevant (regardless of whether the matter was taken account of by the relevant authority).
- (13) The Secretary of State must give reasons for anything the Secretary of State does in pursuance of subsection (2) or (10).
- (14) A local plan commissioner must give reasons for anything the commissioner does in pursuance of subsection (3)(b) or (10).
- (15) In this section “relevant authority”—
  - (a) in relation to a local plan, means the local planning authority, or
  - (b) in relation to a supplementary plan, means the relevant plan-making authority.

## **15HB Secretary of State powers where local planning authority fails to ensure design code**

- (1) This section applies where the Secretary of State considers that a local planning authority are unlikely to comply, or have not complied, with the requirement in section 15F(1).
- (2) The Secretary of State may give directions to the local planning authority as to the steps they must take to comply with that requirement, including directions as to the

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preparation, adoption or revision of their local plan or one or more supplementary plans.

(3) The Secretary of State must give reasons for any directions given under this section.

### **15HC Liability for Secretary of State's costs of intervention**

- (1) The Secretary of State may require the relevant authority to—
  - (a) reimburse the Secretary of State for any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State in, or in connection with, exercising a function under any of sections 15H to 15HB, or
  - (b) pay any fees and expenses of a local plan commissioner appointed under section 15HA(3).
- (2) Where a function under any of those sections is exercised in relation to a joint local plan or joint supplementary plan, the Secretary of State may apportion liability for such expenditure on such basis as the Secretary of State thinks just and reasonable between the authorities who are jointly preparing, or have jointly prepared, the plan.
- (3) In subsection (1) “relevant authority” means—
  - (a) where the function is exercised, or the local plan commissioner is appointed, in relation a local plan, the local planning authority;
  - (b) where the function is exercised, or the local plan commissioner is appointed, in relation to a supplementary plan, the relevant plan-making authority.

### **15HD Default powers exercisable by Mayor of London, combined authority, combined county authority or county council**

Schedule A1 (default powers exercisable by Mayor of London, combined authority, combined county authority or county council) has effect.

### **15HE Temporary direction pending possible use of intervention or default powers**

- (1) If the Secretary of State is considering whether to take action under section 15H, 15HA or 15HB or Schedule A1 in relation to a local plan or a supplementary plan, the Secretary of State may direct the local planning authority or (as the case may be) the relevant plan-making authority not to take any step, or not to take a step specified in the direction, in connection with the plan—
  - (a) until a time or event (if any) specified in the direction, or
  - (b) until the direction is withdrawn.
- (2) A plan to which a direction under this section relates has no effect while the direction is in force.
- (3) A direction given under this section in relation to a plan ceases to have effect if—
  - (a) the Secretary of State—
    - (i) gives a direction under section 15H, 15HA(2)(c) or (10)(b) or 15HB(2) or paragraph 8(5) of Schedule A1 in relation to the plan, or
    - (ii) approves the plan under section 15HA(10)(a),
  - (b) a local plan commissioner—
    - (i) gives a direction under section 15HA(3)(b), or
    - (ii) approves the plan under section 15HA(10)(a),

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- (c) the Mayor of London does anything under paragraph 2(4) of Schedule A1,
- (d) a combined authority does anything under paragraph 6(4) of that Schedule, or
- (e) a county council does anything under paragraph 7C(4) of that Schedule.

### *Joint plans*

## **15I Joint local plans by agreement or direction**

- (1) A joint local plan is a local plan prepared jointly by two or more local planning authorities for their combined areas.
- (2) Two or more local planning authorities may agree to prepare a joint local plan (a “joint local plan agreement”).
- (3) The Secretary of State may direct two or more local planning authorities to prepare a joint local plan (a “joint local plan direction”).
- (4) The Secretary of State may give a joint local plan direction to a local planning authority whether or not the authority’s local plan timetable specifies that their local plan for their area is to be a joint local plan.
- (5) The Secretary of State may give a joint local plan direction only if the Secretary of State considers that to do so will facilitate the more effective planning of the development and use of land in the area of one or more of the local planning authorities in question.
- (6) A joint local plan direction may specify the timetable for preparation of the joint local plan.
- (7) The Secretary of State must, when giving a joint local plan direction, notify the local planning authorities to which it applies of the reasons for giving it.
- (8) If the Secretary of State gives a joint local plan direction, the Secretary of State may direct the local planning authorities to which it is given to amend their local plan timetables to take account of the direction.
- (9) The Secretary of State may modify or withdraw a joint local plan direction by notice in writing to the authorities to which it was given.
- (10) The Secretary of State must, when modifying or withdrawing a joint local plan direction, notify the local planning authorities to which it was given of the reasons for the modification or withdrawal.

## **15IA Joint local plans: application of Part**

- (1) This section applies in a case where—
  - (a) a joint local plan agreement is made, or
  - (b) a joint local plan direction is given.
- (2) This Part applies for the purposes of any step which may be, or is required to be, taken in relation to the joint local plan as it applies for the purposes of any step which may be, or is required to be, taken in relation to a local plan.

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- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2) anything which must be done by or in relation to a local planning authority in connection with a local plan must be done by or in relation to each of the relevant authorities in connection with the joint local plan.
- (4) Subsections (2) and (3) are subject to such modifications of this Part, as it applies to joint local plans, as may be prescribed.
- (5) If the relevant authorities include one or more authorities in relation to whose area a spatial development strategy is operative, the requirements of this Part in relation to the spatial development strategy, which apply to or in respect of local plans, apply—
  - (a) to or in respect of the joint local plan, and
  - (b) in relation to such of the area to which the joint local plan relates as the spatial development strategy is operative in relation to.
- (6) In this section “the relevant authorities” are the local planning authorities who are to prepare a joint local plan in accordance with the joint local plan agreement or joint local plan direction.

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**151B Joint local plan agreement or direction: withdrawal or modification**

- (1) This section applies if—
  - (a) a relevant authority withdraw from a joint local plan agreement,
  - (b) the Secretary of State withdraws a joint local plan direction, or
  - (c) the Secretary of State modifies a joint local plan direction so that it ceases to apply to one or more of the relevant authorities to which it was given.
- (2) Any step taken in relation to the joint local plan must be treated as a step taken by—
  - (a) a relevant authority for the purposes of any corresponding local plan prepared by them;
  - (b) two or more other relevant authorities for the purposes of any corresponding joint local plan.
- (3) Any independent examination of the joint local plan must be suspended.
- (4) If, before the end of the period prescribed for the purposes of this subsection, a relevant authority request the Secretary of State to do so, the Secretary of State may direct that—
  - (a) the examination is resumed in relation to—
    - (i) any corresponding local plan prepared by a relevant authority, or
    - (ii) any corresponding joint local plan prepared by two or more of the relevant authorities;
  - (b) any step taken for the purposes of the suspended examination has effect for the purposes of the resumed examination.

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- (5) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision as to what is a corresponding local plan or a corresponding joint local plan for the purposes of this section.
- (6) For the purposes of this section references to the joint local plan are to the joint local plan to which the joint local plan agreement or (as the case may be) joint local plan direction related.
- (7) In this section “the relevant authorities” are the local planning authorities—
  - (a) who were party to the joint local plan agreement immediately before the authority mentioned in subsection (1)(a) withdrew from it, or
  - (b) to whom the joint local plan direction applied immediately before it was withdrawn or modified by the Secretary of State.

### **151C Joint supplementary plans by agreement**

- (1) Two or more local planning authorities may agree to prepare a joint supplementary plan under section 15CC, in which case in relation to that plan references in subsection (3) of that section to the area of the local planning authority are to be read as references to the combined areas of the relevant authorities.
- (2) Two or more minerals and waste planning authorities may agree to prepare a joint supplementary plan under section 15CC, in which case in relation to that plan references in subsection (5) of that section to the relevant area are to be read as references to the combined relevant areas of the relevant authorities.
- (3) This Part applies for the purposes of any step which may be, or is required to be, taken in relation to the joint supplementary plan as it applies for the purposes of any step which may be, or is required to be, taken in relation to a supplementary plan.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (3) anything which must be done by or in relation to a local planning authority or (as the case may be) a minerals and waste planning authority in connection with a supplementary plan must be done by or in relation to each of the relevant authorities in connection with the joint supplementary plan.
- (5) Subsections (3) and (4) are subject to such modifications of this Part, as it applies to joint supplementary plans, as may be prescribed.
- (6) If the relevant authorities include one or more authorities in relation to whose area a spatial development strategy is operative, the requirements of this Part in relation to the spatial development strategy, which apply to or in respect of supplementary plans, apply—
  - (a) to or in respect of the joint supplementary plan, and
  - (b) in relation to such of the area to which the joint supplementary plan relates as the spatial development strategy is operative in relation to.
- (7) Subsections (8) to (10) apply if a relevant authority withdraws from an agreement mentioned in subsection (1) or (2).
- (8) Any step taken in relation to the joint supplementary plan must be treated as a step taken by—
  - (a) a relevant authority for the purposes of any corresponding supplementary plan prepared by them;

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- (b) two or more other relevant authorities for the purposes of any corresponding joint supplementary plan.
- (9) Any independent examination of the joint supplementary plan must be suspended.
- (10) If, before the end of the period prescribed for the purposes of this subsection, any of the relevant authorities request the Secretary of State to do so, the Secretary of State may direct that—
  - (a) the examination is resumed in relation to—
    - (i) any corresponding supplementary plan prepared by any of the relevant authorities, or
    - (ii) any corresponding joint supplementary plan prepared by two or more of the relevant authorities;
  - (b) any step taken for the purposes of the suspended examination has effect for the purposes of the resumed examination.
- (11) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision as to what is a corresponding supplementary plan or a corresponding joint supplementary plan for the purposes of this section.
- (12) A joint supplementary plan is a supplementary plan prepared jointly by two or more relevant authorities in accordance with this section.
- (13) In this section “the relevant authorities” means the authorities who enter into the agreement mentioned in subsection (1) or (as the case may be) (2).

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*Joint committees*

**15J Joint committees**

- (1) This section applies if one or more local planning authorities agree with one or more county councils in relation to any area of such a council for which there is also a district council to establish a joint committee to be, for the purposes of this Part, the local planning authority—
  - (a) for the area specified in the agreement;
  - (b) in respect of such purposes as are so specified.
- (2) The Secretary of State may by regulations constitute a joint committee to be the local planning authority—
  - (a) for the area;
  - (b) in respect of those purposes.
- (3) Such regulations—
  - (a) must specify the authority or authorities and county council or councils (the “constituent authorities”) which are to constitute the joint committee;

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- (b) may make provision as to such other matters as the Secretary of State thinks are necessary or expedient to facilitate the exercise by the joint committee of its functions.
- (4) Regulations under subsection (3)(b) may include provision—
  - (a) corresponding to provisions relating to joint committees in Part 6 of the Local Government Act 1972;
  - (b) applying (with or without modifications) such enactments relating to local authorities as the Secretary of State thinks appropriate;
  - (c) modifying the application of this Part in relation to the joint committee.
- (5) For the purposes of subsection (4) a local authority is any of the following—
  - (a) a county council;
  - (b) a district council;
  - (c) a London borough council.
- (6) If regulations under this section are annulled in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament—
  - (a) with effect from the date of the resolution the joint committee ceases to be the local planning authority as mentioned in subsection (2);
  - (b) anything which the joint committee (as the local planning authority) was required to do for the purposes of this Part must be done for their area by each local planning authority which were a constituent authority of the joint committee;
  - (c) each of those local planning authorities must revise their local plan timetable accordingly.
- (7) Nothing in this section or section 15JA confers on a local planning authority constituted by virtue of regulations under this section any function in relation to section 13 or 14 (survey of area).
- (8) This section and section 15JA are subject to the requirement in section 15C(2) that only one local plan may have effect in relation to the area of a local planning authority (including one constituted by virtue of regulations under this section) at any one time.
- (9) The policies contained in any local plan or supplementary plan adopted by the joint committee in the exercise of its functions under this Part must be taken for the purposes of the planning Acts to be the policies of each of the constituent authorities which are a local planning authority.
- (10) Subsection (11) applies to any function—
  - (a) which is conferred on a local planning authority (within the meaning of the principal Act) under or by virtue of the planning Acts, and
  - (b) which relates to the authority's local plan timetable, local plan or supplementary plan.
- (11) If the authority is a constituent authority of a joint committee references to the authority's local plan timetable, local plan or supplementary plan must be construed, in relation to that function, as including references to the timetable or plan of the joint committee.

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## **15JA Joint committees: additional functions**

- (1) This section applies if the constituent authorities of a joint committee agree that the joint committee is to be, for the purposes of this Part, the local planning authority for any area or purpose which is not the subject of—
  - (a) regulations under section 15J, or
  - (b) an earlier agreement under this section.
- (2) Each of the constituent authorities and the joint committee must revise their local plan timetable in accordance with the agreement.
- (3) With effect from the date when the last such revision takes effect the joint committee is, for the purposes of this Part, the local planning authority for the area or purpose mentioned in subsection (1).

## **15JB Dissolution of joint committee**

- (1) This section applies if a constituent authority requests the Secretary of State to revoke regulations constituting a joint committee as the local planning authority for any area or in respect of any purpose.
- (2) The Secretary of State may revoke the regulations.
- (3) If the Secretary of State does so, any step taken by the joint committee in relation to a local plan timetable, local plan or supplementary plan must be treated for the purposes of any corresponding timetable or plan as a step taken by a successor authority.
- (4) A successor authority is—
  - (a) a local planning authority which were a constituent authority of the joint committee;
  - (b) a joint committee constituted by regulations under section 15J for an area which does not include an area which was not part of the area of the joint committee mentioned in subsection (1).
- (5) If the revocation takes effect at a time when an independent examination is being carried out in relation to a local plan or supplementary plan in relation to which the joint committee is the local planning authority the examination must be suspended.
- (6) But if, before the end of the period prescribed for the purposes of this subsection, a successor authority falling within subsection (4)(a) requests the Secretary of State to do so, the Secretary of State may direct that—
  - (a) the examination is resumed in relation to the corresponding plan;
  - (b) any step taken for the purposes of the suspended examination has effect for the purposes of the resumed examination.
- (7) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision as to what is a corresponding timetable or plan.

### *General*

## **15L Exclusion of certain representations**

- (1) This section applies to any representation or objection in respect of anything which is done or is proposed to be done in pursuance of—

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- (a) an order or scheme under section 10, 14, 16, 18, 106(1) or (3) or 108(1) of the Highways Act 1980;
  - (b) an order under section 1 of the New Towns Act 1981.
- (2) If the Secretary of State or a local planning authority thinks that a representation made in relation to a local plan or supplementary plan is in substance a representation or objection to which this section applies the Secretary of State or (as the case may be) the authority may disregard it.

#### **15LA Development corporations: power to disapply provisions**

The Secretary of State may direct that the provisions of—

- (a) this Part, or
- (b) any particular regulations made under section 14A,

do not apply to the area of an urban development corporation or a development corporation established under the New Towns Act 1981.

#### **15LB Guidance**

- (1) In the exercise of any function conferred by or under this Part a relevant plan-making authority must have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State.
- (2) The Secretary of State must issue guidance for local planning authorities on how their local plan and any supplementary plans (taken as a whole) should address housing needs that result from old age or disability.

#### **15LC Monitoring information**

- (1) The Secretary of State may prescribe information within subsection (3) which each local planning authority must make available to the public.
- (2) The Secretary of State may prescribe information within subsection (3) which each local planning authority must provide to the Secretary of State.
- (3) Information is within this subsection if it relates to—
  - (a) the implementation of the local planning authority’s local plan timetable;
  - (b) the implementation of policies in their local plan and any supplementary plans they have prepared;
  - (c) the implementation of any policies which relate to the authority’s area, in any spatial development strategy that is operative in relation to their area;
  - (d) the extent to which specified environmental outcomes (within the meaning of Part 6 of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023) are being delivered in relation to the authority’s area.
- (4) The information must be in such form, and made available or provided in such manner, as may be prescribed.

#### **15LD Policies map**

- (1) Each local planning authority must ensure that a map, to be known as a “policies map”, is prepared, and kept up to date, which illustrates the geographical application of the development plan for the authority’s area.

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- (2) The map prepared and kept up to date under subsection (1)—
  - (a) must be in such form, and have such content, as may be prescribed,
  - (b) must be revised at such times, or in such circumstances, as may be prescribed, and
  - (c) must be made available to the public.

## **15LE Regulations**

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision in connection with the exercise by any person of a function conferred by or under this Part.
- (2) The regulations may, in particular, include provision as to—
  - (a) the form and content of a joint spatial development strategy;
  - (b) the documents (if any) which must accompany a joint spatial development strategy;
  - (c) the procedure to be followed in connection with the preparation, adoption, publication, review, alteration or withdrawal of a joint spatial development strategy or in connection with any review under section 15AE(2);
  - (d) the procedure to be followed in the preparation, adoption, review, revision or withdrawal of local plans or supplementary plans;
  - (e) requirements about the giving of notice and publicity;
  - (f) requirements about inspection by the public of a local plan, supplementary plan or any other document;
  - (g) consultation with, or participation by, the public or any prescribed body or other person in connection with anything done under this Part, including provision imposing requirements for consultation or participation or as to the nature and extent of the consultation or participation that may or must take place;
  - (h) the making of representations about any matter to be included in a local plan or supplementary plan;
  - (i) consideration of any such representations;
  - (j) the remuneration and allowances payable to a person appointed to provide observations or advice under section 15CA(3), carry out a public or independent examination under this Part or act as a local plan commissioner under section 15HA(3);
  - (k) the procedure to be followed in the preparation, making, modification, revocation, replacement or publication of a neighbourhood priorities statement;
  - (l) the form, and content, of a neighbourhood priorities statement;
  - (m) the determination of the time by or at which anything must be done for the purposes of this Part;
  - (n) the manner of publication of any draft, report or other document published under this Part;
  - (o) monitoring the exercise by local planning authorities of their functions under this Part;
  - (p) the making of reasonable charges for the provision of copies of documents required by or under this Part.

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- (3) Regulations under subsection (2)(1) may provide for the form or content of a neighbourhood priorities statement to be determined by the Secretary of State.
- (4) Regulations under this Part may make different provision for different areas.

## **15LF Meaning of “local planning authority” etc**

- (1) This section applies for the purposes of this Part.
- (2) Each of the following is a local planning authority for their area—
  - (a) a district council;
  - (b) a London borough council;
  - (c) a metropolitan district council;
  - (d) a county council in relation to any area in England for which there is no district council.
- (3) A National Park authority is the local planning authority for the whole of its area, in place of any authority who would otherwise be a local planning authority for any part of that area under subsection (2).
- (4) The Broads Authority is the local planning authority for the Broads, in place of any authority who would otherwise be a local planning authority for any part of the Broads under subsection (2).
- (5) Where a relevant order provides that a development corporation is to be the local planning authority for an area for some or all purposes of this Part, the development corporation is the local planning authority for that area and those purposes in place of any authority who would otherwise be the local planning authority for that area and those purposes.
- (6) In subsection (5)—
  - “development corporation” means an urban development corporation, a development corporation established under the New Towns Act 1981 or a Mayoral development corporation;
  - “relevant order”—
    - (a) in relation to an urban development corporation, means an order under section 149(1A) of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980;
    - (b) in relation to a development corporation established under the New Towns Act 1981, means an order under section 7A(2)(b) of that Act;
    - (c) in relation to a Mayoral development corporation, means an order under section 198(2) of the Localism Act 2011.
- (7) Subsection (5) is subject to subsections (8) and (9).
- (8) Subsection (9) applies where a designation order under section 13 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (power to make designation orders) provides that the Homes and Communities Agency is to be the local planning authority—
  - (a) for an area specified in the order, and
  - (b) for all purposes of this Part or any such purposes so specified.
- (9) The Homes and Communities Agency is the local planning authority for the area and the purposes concerned in place of any authority who would otherwise be the local planning authority for that area and those purposes.

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- (10) See also section 15J under which joint committees can be constituted to be local planning authorities for the purposes of this Part.
- (11) References (other than in this section) to a local planning authority's area are to the area for which they are the local planning authority in accordance with this Part.

## **15LG Meaning of “minerals and waste planning authority” etc**

- (1) This section has effect for the purposes of this Part.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3)—
  - (a) a county council in England is the minerals and waste planning authority for their area,
  - (b) a London borough council is the minerals and waste planning authority for their area,
  - (c) a metropolitan district council is the minerals and waste planning authority for their area, and
  - (d) a district council is the minerals and waste planning authority for any part of their area for which there is no county council.
- (3) A National Park authority is the minerals and waste planning authority for the whole of its area, in place of any authority who would otherwise be a minerals and waste planning authority for any part of that area under subsection (2).
- (4) Where a relevant order provides that a development corporation is to be the minerals and waste planning authority for an area for some or all purposes of this Part, the development corporation is the minerals and waste planning authority for that area and those purposes in place of any authority who would otherwise be the minerals and waste planning authority for that area and those purposes.
- (5) In subsection (4)—
  - “development corporation” means an urban development corporation, a development corporation established under the New Towns Act 1981 or a Mayoral development corporation;
  - “relevant order”—
    - (a) in relation to an urban development corporation, means an order under section 149(2A) of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980;
    - (b) in relation to a development corporation established under the New Towns Act 1981, means an order under section 7A(6) of that Act;
    - (c) in relation to a Mayoral development corporation, means an order under section 198(2) of the Localism Act 2011.
- (6) “Relevant area”, in relation to a minerals and waste planning authority, means the area for which the authority are the minerals and waste planning authority in accordance with this section.

## **15LH Interpretation**

- (1) This section has effect for the purposes of this Part.
- (2) Each of the following is a relevant plan-making authority—
  - (a) the Mayor of London;

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- (b) a local planning authority;
- (c) a minerals and waste planning authority.

(3) In this Part (unless a contrary intention appears)—

“affordable housing” means—

(a) social housing within the meaning of Part 2 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008, and

(b) any other description of housing that may be prescribed;

“constituent authority”, in relation to a joint committee, must be construed in accordance with section 15J(3);

“joint local plan” must be construed in accordance with section 15I(1);

“joint local plan agreement” must be construed in accordance with section 15I(2);

“joint local plan direction” must be construed in accordance with section 15I(3);

“joint spatial development strategy” means a strategy adopted by local planning authorities under section 15AD or, as the context requires, a strategy in preparation further to an agreement under section 15A(1);

“joint supplementary plan” must be construed in accordance with section 15IC;

“local nature recovery strategy” means a local nature recovery strategy under section 104 of the Environment Act 2021;

“local plan” must be construed in accordance with section 15C;

“local plan timetable” must be construed in accordance with section 15B;

“local planning authority” must be construed in accordance with section 15LF;

“minerals and waste development” means development which is a county matter within the meaning of paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the principal Act (ignoring sub-paragraph (1)(i) of that paragraph);

“minerals and waste plan” must be construed in accordance with section 15CB;

“minerals and waste plan timetable” must be construed in accordance with section 15BB;

“minerals and waste planning authority” must be construed in accordance with section 15LG;

“neighbourhood priorities statement” must be construed in accordance with section 15K;

“relevant area” must be construed in accordance with section 15LG;

“relevant plan-making authority” must be construed in accordance with subsection (2);

“spatial development strategy” means (except in the context of more specific expressions)—

(a) the spatial development strategy for London,

(b) a spatial development strategy adopted by a combined authority established under section 103 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, or

(c) a joint spatial development strategy;

“spatial development strategy for London” means the strategy adopted by the Mayor of London under Part 8 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999;

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“supplementary plan” must be construed in accordance with section 15CC.]

## *[<sup>F11</sup>Documents*

### **17 Local development documents**

<sup>F45</sup>(1) .....

<sup>F45</sup>(2) .....

(3) [<sup>F46</sup>The local planning authority's local development documents ] must (taken as a whole) set out the authority's policies (however expressed) relating to the development and use of land in their area.

(4) In the case of the documents which are included in a minerals and waste development scheme they must also (taken as a whole) set out the authority's policies (however expressed) [<sup>F47</sup>Where a county council is required to prepare a minerals and waste development scheme in respect of an area, the council's local development documents must (taken as a whole) set out the council's policies (however expressed) for that area ] within the meaning of paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the principal Act (ignoring sub-paragraph (1)(i)).

(5) If to any extent a policy set out in a local development document conflicts with any other statement or information in the document the conflict must be resolved in favour of the policy.

(6) The authority must keep under review their local development documents having regard to the results of any review carried out under section 13 or 14.

[<sup>F48</sup>(6A) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision requiring a local planning authority to review a local development document at such times as may be prescribed.

(6B) If regulations under subsection (6A) require a local planning authority to review a local development document—

- (a) they must consider whether to revise the document following each review, and
- (b) if they decide not to do so, they must publish their reasons for considering that no revisions are necessary.

(6C) Any duty imposed by virtue of subsection (6A) applies in addition to the duty in subsection (6).]

(7) Regulations under this section may prescribe—

[<sup>F49</sup>(za) which descriptions of documents are, or if prepared are, to be prepared as local development documents;]

- (a) which descriptions of local development documents are development plan documents;
- (b) the form and content of the local development documents;
- (c) the time at which any step in the preparation of any such document must be taken.

(8) A document is a local development document only in so far as it or any part of it—

- (a) is adopted by resolution of the local planning authority as a local development document;
- (b) is approved by the Secretary of State under section 21 or 27.

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- [<sup>F50</sup>(c) is approved by the Mayor of London under paragraph 2 of Schedule A1;
- (d) is approved by a combined authority under paragraph 6 of that Schedule.]
- [<sup>F51</sup>(e) is approved by an upper-tier county council (as defined in that Schedule) under paragraph 7C of that Schedule.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F45** S. 17(1)(2) repealed (6.4.2009) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), ss. 180(3)(a), 241(8), [Sch. 13](#) (with s. 226); [S.I. 2009/400](#), art. 3(e)(o), [Sch. Pt. 1](#)
- F46** Words in s. 17(3) substituted (6.4.2009) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), [ss. 180\(3\)\(b\)](#), 241(8) (with s. 226); [S.I. 2009/400](#), art. 3(e)
- F47** Words in s. 17(4) substituted (6.4.2009) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), [ss. 180\(3\)\(c\)](#), 241(8) (with s. 226); [S.I. 2009/400](#), art. 3(e)
- F48** S. 17(6A)-(6C) inserted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 19.7.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), [ss. 12](#), 46(3); [S.I. 2017/767](#), reg. 2(d)
- F49** S. 17(7)(za) inserted (6.4.2009) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), [ss. 180\(3\)\(d\)](#), 241(8) (with s. 226); [S.I. 2009/400](#), art. 3(e)
- F50** S. 17(8)(c)(d) inserted (1.10.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), [ss. 147\(3\)](#), 216(3); [S.I. 2016/733](#), reg. 4(1)(e)
- F51** S. 17(8)(e) inserted (16.1.2018) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 46(1), [Sch. 2 para. 9](#); [S.I. 2018/38](#), reg. 2(c)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C19** S. 17(3) modified (1.4.2010) by [The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 \(S.I. 2010/490\)](#), regs. 1(2), [39\(1\)\(a\)](#) (with reg. 125)

#### Commencement Information

- I27** S. 17 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)
- I28** S. 17 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)

## 18 Statement of community involvement

- (1) The local planning authority must prepare a statement of community involvement.
- (2) The statement of community involvement is a statement of the authority's policy as to the involvement in the exercise of the authority's functions under sections [<sup>F52</sup>13, 15,] 19, 26 and 28 of this Act and Part 3 of the principal Act of persons who appear to the authority to have an interest in matters relating to development in their area.
- (2A) [<sup>F53</sup>Subject to subsection (2B),] the reference in subsection (2) to functions under Part 3 of the principal Act does not include functions under any provision of that Act relating to neighbourhood development orders (including any function under any of sections 61F to 61H of that Act).
- [<sup>F54</sup>(2B) A statement of community involvement must set out the local planning authority's policies for giving advice or assistance under—
  - (a) paragraph 3 of Schedule 4B to the principal Act (advice or assistance on proposals for making of neighbourhood development orders), and
  - (b) paragraph 3 of Schedule A2 to this Act (advice or assistance on proposals for modification of neighbourhood development plans).

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(2C) The reference in subsection (2B)(a) to Schedule 4B to the principal Act includes that Schedule as applied by section 38A(3) of this Act (process for making neighbourhood development plans).

(2D) Subsection (2B) applies regardless of whether, at any given time—

- (a) an area within the area of the authority has been designated as a neighbourhood area, or
- (b) there is a qualifying body which is entitled to submit proposals to the authority for the making by the authority of a neighbourhood development order or a neighbourhood development plan.]

[<sup>F55</sup>(3) For the purposes of this Part (except sections 19(2) and 24) the statement of community involvement is a local development document.

This is subject to section 17(8).]

[<sup>F56</sup>(3A) The statement of community involvement must not be specified as a development plan document in the local development scheme.]

[<sup>F57</sup>(3B) The Secretary of State may by regulations prescribe matters to be addressed by a statement of community involvement in addition to the matters mentioned in subsection (2).]

<sup>F58</sup>(4) .....

<sup>F58</sup>(5) .....

<sup>F58</sup>(6) .....

#### Textual Amendments

- F52** Words in s. 18(2) inserted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 31.7.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 13(2)**, 46(3); S.I. 2018/38, reg. 4(b) (with reg. 5)
- F53** Words in s. 18(2A) inserted (31.7.2018) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 6(2)**, 46(1); S.I. 2018/38, reg. 4(a)
- F54** S. 18(2B)-(2D) inserted (31.7.2018) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 6(3)**, 46(1); S.I. 2018/38, reg. 4(a)
- F55** S. 18(3) substituted (6.4.2009) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), **ss. 180(4)(a)**, 241(8) (with s. 226); S.I. 2009/400, art. 3(e)
- F56** S. 18(3A) inserted (6.4.2009) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), **ss. 180(4)(b)**, 241(8) (with s. 226); S.I. 2009/400, art. 3(e)
- F57** S. 18(3B) inserted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 13(3)**, 46(3)
- F58** S. 18(4)-(6) repealed (6.4.2009) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), **ss. 180(4)(c)**, 241(8), **Sch. 13** (with s. 226); S.I. 2009/400, art. 3(e)(o), Sch. Pt. 1

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- I29** S. 18 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 2(b)**

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## 19 Preparation of local development documents

- (1) [<sup>F59</sup>Development plan documents] must be prepared in accordance with the local development scheme.

[<sup>F60</sup>(1A) Development plan documents must (taken as a whole) include policies designed to secure that the development and use of land in the local planning authority's area contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change.]

[<sup>F61</sup>(1B) Each local planning authority must identify the strategic priorities for the development and use of land in the authority's area.

(1C) Policies to address those priorities must be set out in the local planning authority's development plan documents (taken as a whole).

(1D) Subsection (1C) does not apply in the case of a London borough council or a Mayoral development corporation if and to the extent that the council or corporation are satisfied that policies to address those priorities are set out in the spatial development strategy.

(1E) If a combined authority established under section 103 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 has the function of preparing the spatial development strategy for the authority's area, subsection (1D) also applies in relation to—

- (a) a local planning authority whose area is within, or the same as, the area of the combined authority, and
- (b) the spatial development strategy published by the combined authority.]

- (2) In preparing a local development document the local planning authority must have regard to—

- (a) national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State;

[<sup>F62</sup>(aa) the local development documents which are to be development plan documents;]

- (b) [<sup>F63</sup>the regional strategy] for the region in which the area of the authority is situated, if the area is outside Greater London;

- (c) the spatial development strategy if the authority are a London borough or if any part of the authority's area adjoins Greater London;

- (d) [<sup>F64</sup>the regional strategy] for any region which adjoins the area of the authority;

- (e) the [<sup>F65</sup>National Development Framework for Wales,] if any part of the authority's area adjoins Wales;

<sup>F66</sup>(f) .....

<sup>F67</sup>(g) .....

- (h) any other local development document which has been adopted by the authority;

- (i) the resources likely to be available for implementing the proposals in the document;

- (j) such other matters as the Secretary of State prescribes.

- (3) In preparing the [<sup>F68</sup>local development documents (other than their statement of community involvement)] the authority must also comply with their statement of community involvement.

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- (4) But subsection (3) does not apply at any time before the authority have adopted their statement of community involvement.
- (5) The local planning authority must also—
  - (a) carry out an appraisal of the sustainability of the proposals in each [<sup>F69</sup>development plan document];
  - (b) prepare a report of the findings of the appraisal.
- (6) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision—
  - (a) as to any further documents which must be prepared by the authority in connection with the preparation of a local development document;
  - (b) as to the form and content of such documents.

<sup>F70</sup>(7) .....

#### Textual Amendments

- F59** Words in s. 19(1) substituted (6.4.2009) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), **ss. 180(5)(a)**, 241(8) (with s. 226); [S.I. 2009/400](#), art. 3(e)
- F60** S. 19(1A) inserted (6.4.2009) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), **ss. 182**, 241(8) (with s. 226); [S.I. 2009/400](#), art. 3(e)
- F61** S. 19(1B)-(1E) inserted (16.1.2018) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 8(1)**, 46(1); [S.I. 2018/38](#), **reg. 2(a)**
- F62** Words in s. 19(2) inserted (6.4.2009) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), **ss. 180(5)(b)**, 241(8) (with s. 226); [S.I. 2009/400](#), art. 3(e)
- F63** Words in s. 19(2)(b) substituted (1.4.2010) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 148(5), **Sch. 5 para. 14**; [S.I. 2009/3318](#), art. 4(gg)
- F64** Words in s. 19(2)(d) substituted (1.4.2010) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 148(5), **Sch. 5 para. 14**; [S.I. 2009/3318](#), art. 4(gg)
- F65** Words in s. 19(2)(e) substituted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.12.2020 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), s. 58(2)(b)(4)(b), **Sch. 2 para. 24**; [S.I. 2020/1216](#), reg. 2(b)
- F66** S. 19(2)(f) omitted (26.5.2015) by virtue of [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 100(2)(b)**, 115(3)(k)
- F67** S. 19(2)(g) omitted (26.5.2015) by virtue of [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 100(2)(b)**, 115(3)(k)
- F68** Words in s. 19(3) substituted (6.4.2009) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), **ss. 180(5)(c)**, 241(8) (with s. 226); [S.I. 2009/400](#), art. 3(e)
- F69** Words in s. 19(5) substituted (6.4.2009) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), **ss. 180(5)(d)**, 241(8) (with s. 226); [S.I. 2009/400](#), art. 3(e)
- F70** S. 19(7) omitted (26.5.2015) by virtue of [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 100(2)(b)**, 115(3)(k)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C20** S. 19 applied in part (with modifications) (23.12.2016) by [The Greater Manchester Combined Authority \(Functions and Amendment\) Order 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1267\)](#), arts. 1(2), 4(5), **Sch. 1 Pt. 2**
- C21** S. 19 applied (with modifications) (8.5.2018) by [The West of England Combined Authority Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/126\)](#), arts. 1(5), 11(5), **Sch. 2 Pt. 2**
- C22** S. 19 applied (with modifications) (7.5.2024) by [The North East Mayoral Combined Authority \(Establishment and Functions\) Order 2024 \(S.I. 2024/402\)](#), arts. 1(3), 38(5), **Sch. 5 Pt. 2** (with art. 9)

#### Commencement Information

- I30** S. 19 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), **art. 2**
- I31** S. 19 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 2(b)**

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## 20 Independent examination

- (1) The local planning authority must submit every development plan document to the Secretary of State for independent examination.
  - (2) But the authority must not submit such a document unless—
    - (a) they have complied with any relevant requirements contained in regulations under this Part, and
    - (b) they think the document is ready for independent examination.
  - (3) The authority must also send to the Secretary of State (in addition to the development plan document) such other documents (or copies of documents) and such information as is prescribed.
  - (4) The examination must be carried out by a person appointed by the Secretary of State.
  - (5) The purpose of an independent examination is to determine in respect of the development plan document—
    - (a) whether it satisfies the requirements of sections 19 and 24(1), regulations under section 17(7) and any regulations under section 36 relating to the preparation of development plan documents;
    - (b) whether it is sound.<sup>[F71]</sup> and
    - (c) whether the local planning authority complied with any duty imposed on the authority by section 33A in relation to its preparation.]
  - (6) Any person who makes representations seeking to change a development plan document must (if he so requests) be given the opportunity to appear before and be heard by the person carrying out the examination.
- <sup>[F72]</sup>(6A) The Secretary of State may by notice to the person appointed to carry out the examination—
- (a) direct the person not to take any step, or any further step, in connection with the examination of the development plan document, or of a specified part of it, until a specified time or until the direction is withdrawn;
  - (b) require the person—
    - (i) to consider any specified matters;
    - (ii) to give an opportunity, or further opportunity, to specified persons to appear before and be heard by the person;
    - (iii) to take any specified procedural step in connection with the examination.
- In this subsection “specified” means specified in the notice.]
- <sup>[F73]</sup>(7) Where the person appointed to carry out the examination—
- (a) has carried it out, and
  - (b) considers that, in all the circumstances, it would be reasonable to conclude—
    - (i) that the document satisfies the requirements mentioned in subsection (5)(a) and is sound, and
    - (ii) that the local planning authority complied with any duty imposed on the authority by section 33A in relation to the document's preparation,
 the person must recommend that the document is adopted and give reasons for the recommendation.
- (7A) Where the person appointed to carry out the examination—

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- (a) has carried it out, and
  - (b) is not required by subsection (7) to recommend that the document is adopted, the person must recommend non-adoption of the document and give reasons for the recommendation.
- (7B) Subsection (7C) applies where the person appointed to carry out the examination—
  - (a) does not consider that, in all the circumstances, it would be reasonable to conclude that the document satisfies the requirements mentioned in subsection (5)(a) and is sound, but
  - (b) does consider that, in all the circumstances, it would be reasonable to conclude that the local planning authority complied with any duty imposed on the authority by section 33A in relation to the document's preparation.
- (7C) If asked to do so by the local planning authority, the person appointed to carry out the examination must recommend modifications of the document that would make it one that—
  - (a) satisfies the requirements mentioned in subsection (5)(a), and
  - (b) is sound.]
- (8) The local planning authority must publish the recommendations and the reasons.

#### Textual Amendments

- F71** S. 20(5)(c) and word inserted (15.11.2011) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 110(3)**, 240(5)(i) (with s. 144)
- F72** S. 20(6A) inserted (13.7.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 144**, 216(3); S.I. 2016/733, reg. 3(c)
- F73** S. 20(7)-(7C) substituted for s. 20(7) (15.1.2012) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 112(2)**, 240(1)(h) (with **ss. 112(6)**, 144)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C23** S. 20 excluded (28.11.2008) by [Local Government \(Structural Changes\) \(Transitional Arrangements\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/2867\)](#), regs. 1(1), **23(3)** (with reg. 1(2))

#### Commencement Information

- I32** S. 20 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), **art. 2**
- I33** S. 20 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 2(b)**

## 21 Intervention by Secretary of State

- (1) If the Secretary of State thinks that a local development document is unsatisfactory—
  - (a) he may at any time before the document is adopted under section 23 direct the local planning authority to modify the document in accordance with the direction;
  - (b) if he gives such a direction he must state his reasons for doing so.
- (2) The authority—
  - (a) must comply with the direction;
  - (b) must not adopt the document unless the Secretary of State gives notice that he is satisfied that they have complied with the direction.

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- (3) But subsection (2) does not apply if [<sup>F74</sup>or to the extent that] the Secretary of State withdraws the direction.
- (4) At any time before a development plan document is adopted by a local planning authority the Secretary of State may direct that the document (or any part of it) is submitted to him for his approval.
- (5) The following paragraphs apply if the Secretary of State gives a direction under subsection (4)—
  - (a) the authority must not take any step in connection with the adoption of the document until the Secretary of State gives his decision [<sup>F75</sup>, or withdraws the direction];
  - [<sup>F76</sup>(b) if the direction is given, and not withdrawn, before the authority have submitted the document under section 20(1), the Secretary of State must hold an independent examination;]
  - (c) if the direction is given after the authority have submitted the document but before the person appointed to carry out the examination has made his recommendations [<sup>F77</sup>, and is not withdrawn before those recommendations are made, the person] must make his recommendations to the Secretary of State;
  - [<sup>F78</sup>(d) the document has no effect unless the document or (as the case may be) the relevant part of it has been approved by the Secretary of State, or the direction is withdrawn.]
- [<sup>F79</sup>(5A) Subsections (4) to (7C) of section 20 apply to an examination held under subsection (5) (b), the reference to the local planning authority in subsection (7C) of that section being read as a reference to the Secretary of State.
- (5B) For the purposes of subsection (5)(d) the “relevant part” of a development plan document is the part that—
  - (a) is covered by a direction under subsection (4) which refers to only part of the document, or
  - (b) continues to be covered by a direction under subsection (4) following the partial withdrawal of the direction.]
  - (6) The Secretary of State must publish the recommendations made to him by virtue of subsection (5)(b) or (c) and the reasons of the person making the recommendations.
  - (7) In considering a document or part of a document submitted under subsection (4) the Secretary of State may take account of any matter which he thinks is relevant.
  - (8) It is immaterial whether any such matter was taken account of by the authority.
  - (9) In relation to a document or part of a document submitted to him under subsection (4) the Secretary of State—
    - (a) may approve, approve subject to specified modifications or reject the document or part;
    - (b) must give reasons for his decision under paragraph (a).
  - [<sup>F80</sup>(9A) The Secretary of State may at any time—
    - (a) after a development plan document has been submitted for independent examination under section 20, but
    - (b) before it is adopted under section 23,

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direct the local planning authority to withdraw the document.]

(10) In the exercise of any function under this section the Secretary of State must have regard to the local development scheme.

[<sup>F81</sup>(11) The local planning authority must reimburse the Secretary of State for any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State under this section that is specified in a notice given to the authority by the Secretary of State.]

[<sup>F82</sup>(12) In the case of a joint local development document or a joint development plan document, the Secretary of State may apportion liability for the expenditure on such basis as the Secretary of State thinks just between the local planning authorities who have prepared the document.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F74** Words in s. 21(3) inserted (1.10.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 145(1)**, 216(3); [S.I. 2016/733](#), **reg. 4(1)(c)**
- F75** Words in s. 21(5)(a) inserted (1.10.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 145(2)(a)**, 216(3); [S.I. 2016/733](#), **reg. 4(1)(c)**
- F76** S. 21(5)(b) substituted (1.10.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 145(2)(b)**, 216(3); [S.I. 2016/733](#), **reg. 4(1)(c)**
- F77** Words in s. 21(5)(c) substituted (1.10.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 145(2)(c)**, 216(3); [S.I. 2016/733](#), **reg. 4(1)(c)**
- F78** S. 21(5)(d) substituted (1.10.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 145(2)(d)**, 216(3); [S.I. 2016/733](#), **reg. 4(1)(c)**
- F79** S. 21(5A)(5B) inserted (1.10.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 145(3)**, 216(3); [S.I. 2016/733](#), **reg. 4(1)(c)**
- F80** S. 21(9A) inserted (15.1.2012) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 112(5)**, 240(1)(h) (with s. 144)
- F81** S. 21(11) inserted (1.10.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 145(4)**, 216(3); [S.I. 2016/733](#), **reg. 4(1)(c)**
- F82** S. 21(12) inserted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 16.1.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 9(3)**, 46(3); [S.I. 2018/38](#), **reg. 2(b)**

#### Commencement Information

- I34** S. 21 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), **art. 2**
- I35** S. 21 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 2(b)**

#### [<sup>F83</sup>21A Temporary direction pending possible use of intervention powers

- (1) If the Secretary of State is considering whether to give a direction to a local planning authority under section 21 in relation to a development plan document or other local development document, he may direct the authority not to take any step in connection with the adoption of the document—
- until the time (if any) specified in the direction, or
  - until the direction is withdrawn.
- (2) A document to which a direction under this section relates has no effect while the direction is in force.
- (3) A direction given under this section in relation to a document ceases to have effect if a direction is given under section 21 in relation to that document.]

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### Textual Amendments

**F83** S. 21A inserted (26.5.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 145(5)**, 216(3); [S.I. 2016/609](#), reg. 2

## 22 Withdrawal of local development documents

- (1) A local planning authority may at any time before a local development document is adopted under section 23 withdraw the document.

<sup>F84</sup>(2) .....

### Textual Amendments

**F84** S. 22(2) repealed (15.1.2012) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), ss. 112(4), 240(1)(h), **Sch. 25 Pt. 17** (with s. 144)

### Commencement Information

**I36** S. 22 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), **art. 2**

**I37** S. 22 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 2(b)**

## 23 Adoption of local development documents

- (1) The local planning authority may adopt a local development document (other than a development plan document) either as originally prepared or as modified to take account of—

- (a) any representations made in relation to the document;
- (b) any other matter they think is relevant.

[<sup>F85</sup>(2) If the person appointed to carry out the independent examination of a development plan document recommends that it is adopted, the authority may adopt the document—

- (a) as it is, or
- (b) with modifications that (taken together) do not materially affect the policies set out in it.

(2A) Subsection (3) applies if the person appointed to carry out the independent examination of a development plan document—

- (a) recommends non-adoption, and
- (b) under section 20(7C) recommends modifications (“the main modifications”).

(3) The authority may adopt the document—

- (a) with the main modifications, or
- (b) with the main modifications and additional modifications if the additional modifications (taken together) do not materially affect the policies that would be set out in the document if it was adopted with the main modifications but no other modifications.]

(4) The authority must not adopt a development plan document unless they do so in accordance with subsection (2) or (3).

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- (5) A document is adopted for the purposes of this section if it is adopted by resolution of the authority.

#### Textual Amendments

**F85** S. 23(2)-(3) substituted for s. 23(2)(3) (15.1.2012) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 112(3), 240(1)(h)** (with **ss. 112(6), 144**)

#### Commencement Information

**I38** S. 23 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 2(b)**

## 24 Conformity with regional strategy

- (1) The local development documents must be in general conformity with—
- <sup>F86</sup>the regional strategy] (if the area of the local planning authority is in a region other than London);
  - the spatial development strategy (if the local planning authority are a London borough <sup>F87</sup>or a Mayoral development corporation][<sup>F88</sup>for an area in Greater London]).

<sup>F89</sup>(2) .....

<sup>F90</sup>(3) .....

- (4) A local planning authority which are a London borough <sup>F87</sup>or a Mayoral development corporation][<sup>F91</sup>for an area in Greater London] —

- must request the opinion in writing of the Mayor of London as to the general conformity of a development plan document with the spatial development strategy;
- may request the opinion in writing of the Mayor as to the general conformity of any other local development document with the spatial development strategy.

- (5) Whether or not the local planning authority make a request mentioned in <sup>F92</sup>subsection (4), the Mayor may give an opinion as to the general conformity of a local development document with the spatial development strategy]

<sup>F93</sup>(6) .....

- (7) If in the opinion of the Mayor a document is not in general conformity with the spatial development strategy the Mayor must be taken to have made representations seeking a change to the document.

<sup>F94</sup>(8) .....

<sup>F95</sup>(9) .....

#### Textual Amendments

**F86** Words in s. 24(1)(a) substituted (1.4.2010) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 148(5), **Sch. 5 para. 15(2)**; [S.I. 2009/3318](#), art. 4(gg)

**F87** Words in s. 24(1)(b)(4) inserted (15.1.2012) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 240(1)(l), **Sch. 22 para. 55**

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- F88** Words in s. 24(1)(b) inserted (29.4.2026) by [English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 \(c. 23\)](#), s. 108(1)(3), **Sch. 20 para. 22** (with s. 102)
- F89** S. 24(2) repealed (1.4.2010) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 148(5)(5), **Sch. 5 para. 15(3)**, **7 Pt. 4**; S.I. 2009/3318, art. 4(gg)(ii)
- F90** S. 24(3) repealed (1.4.2010) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 148(5)(5), **Sch. 5 para. 15(3)**, **7 Pt. 4**; S.I. 2009/3318, art. 4(gg)(ii)
- F91** Words in s. 24(4) inserted (29.4.2026) by [English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 \(c. 23\)](#), s. 108(1)(3), **Sch. 20 para. 22** (with s. 102)
- F92** Words in s. 24(5) substituted (1.4.2010) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 148(5), **Sch. 5 para. 15(4)**; S.I. 2009/3318, art. 4(gg)
- F93** S. 24(6) repealed (1.4.2010) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 148(5)(5), **Sch. 5 para. 15(5)**, **7 Pt. 4**; S.I. 2009/3318, art. 4(gg)(ii)
- F94** S. 24(8) repealed (1.4.2010) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 148(5)(5), **Sch. 5 para. 15(5)**, **7 Pt. 4**; S.I. 2009/3318, art. 4(gg)(ii)
- F95** S. 24(9) repealed (1.4.2010) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 148(5)(5), **Sch. 5 para. 15(5)**, **7 Pt. 4**; S.I. 2009/3318, art. 4(gg)(ii)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C24** S. 24 applied in part (with modifications) (23.12.2016) by [The Greater Manchester Combined Authority \(Functions and Amendment\) Order 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1267\)](#), arts. 1(2), 4(5), **Sch. 1 Pt. 2**
- C25** S. 24 applied (with modifications) (8.5.2018) by [The West of England Combined Authority Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/126\)](#), arts. 1(5), 11(5), **Sch. 2 Pt. 2**
- C26** S. 24 applied (with modifications) (7.5.2024) by [The North East Mayoral Combined Authority \(Establishment and Functions\) Order 2024 \(S.I. 2024/402\)](#), arts. 1(3), 38(5), **Sch. 5 Pt. 2** (with art. 9)

#### Commencement Information

- I39** S. 24 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), **art. 2**
- I40** S. 24 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 2(b)**

## 25 Revocation of local development documents

The Secretary of State —

- (a) may at any time revoke a local development document at the request of the local planning authority;
- (b) may prescribe descriptions of local development document which may be revoked by the authority themselves.

#### Commencement Information

- I41** S. 25 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), **art. 2**
- I42** S. 25 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 2(b)**

## 26 Revision of local development documents

- (1) The local planning authority may at any time prepare a revision of a local development document.
- (2) The authority must prepare a revision of a local development document—
  - (a) if the Secretary of State directs them to do so, and
  - (b) in accordance with such timetable as he directs.

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- (3) This Part applies to the revision of a local development document as it applies to the preparation of the document.
- (4) Subsection (5) applies if any part of the area of the local planning authority is an area to which an enterprise zone scheme relates.
- (5) As soon as practicable after the occurrence of a relevant event—
  - (a) the authority must review every local development document in the light of the enterprise zone scheme;
  - (b) if they think that any modifications of the document are required in consequence of the scheme they must prepare a revised document containing the modifications.
- (6) The following are relevant events—
  - (a) the making of an order under paragraph 5 of Schedule 32 to the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 (c. 65) (designation of enterprise zone);
  - (b) the giving of notification under paragraph 11(1) of that Schedule (approval of modification of enterprise zone scheme).
- (7) References to an enterprise zone and an enterprise zone scheme must be construed in accordance with that Act.

#### Commencement Information

**I43** S. 26 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I44** S. 26 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)

### [<sup>F96</sup>27 Secretary of State's default powers

- (1) This section applies if the Secretary of State thinks that a local planning authority are failing or omitting to do anything it is necessary for them to do in connection with the preparation, revision or adoption of a development plan document.
- (2) The Secretary of State may—
  - (a) prepare or revise (as the case may be) the document, or
  - (b) give directions to the authority in relation to the preparation or revision of the document.
- (3) The Secretary of State must either—
  - (a) hold an independent examination, or
  - (b) direct the authority to submit the document for independent examination.
- (4) The Secretary of State must either—
  - (a) publish the recommendations and reasons of the person appointed to hold the examination, or
  - (b) give directions to the authority in relation to publication of those recommendations and reasons.
- (5) The Secretary of State may—
  - (a) approve the document, or approve it subject to specified modifications, as a local development document,

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- (b) direct the authority to consider adopting the document by resolution of the authority as a local development document, or
  - (c) (except where it was prepared or revised by the Secretary of State under subsection (2)(a)) reject the document.
- (6) Subsections (4) to (7C) of section 20 apply (subject to subsection (7) below) to an examination held under subsection (3)(a), the reference to the local planning authority in subsection (7C) of that section being read as a reference to the Secretary of State.
- (7) Subsections (5)(c), (7)(b)(ii) and (7B)(b) of section 20 do not apply to an independent examination held—
- (a) under subsection (3)(a), or
  - (b) in response to a direction under subsection (3)(b),
- in respect of a document prepared or revised by the Secretary of State under subsection (2)(a).
- (8) The Secretary of State must give reasons for anything he does in pursuance of subsection (2) or (5).
- (9) The authority must reimburse the Secretary of State for any expenditure he incurs in connection with anything—
- (a) which is done by him under subsection (2)(a), and
  - (b) which the authority failed or omitted to do as mentioned in subsection (1).]

[<sup>F97</sup>(10) In the case of a joint local development document or a joint development plan document, the Secretary of State may apportion liability for the expenditure on such basis as the Secretary of State thinks just between the local planning authorities for whom the document has been prepared.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F96** S. 27 substituted (1.10.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 146**, 216(3); S.I. 2016/733, reg. 4(1)(d)
- F97** S. 27(10) inserted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 16.1.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 9(4)**, 46(3); S.I. 2018/38, reg. 2(b)

#### Commencement Information

- I45** S. 27 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 2(b)**

### [<sup>F98</sup>27A Default powers exercisable by Mayor of London<sup>F99</sup>, combined authority<sup>F100</sup>, combined county authority] or county council]

Schedule A1 (default powers exercisable by Mayor of London<sup>F99</sup>, combined authority<sup>F100</sup>, combined county authority] or county council]) has effect.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F98** S. 27A inserted (1.10.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 147(1)**, 216(3); S.I. 2016/733, reg. 4(1)(e)
- F99** Words in s. 27A substituted (16.1.2018) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 46(1), **Sch. 2 para. 10**; S.I. 2018/38, reg. 2(c)

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**F100** Words in s. 27A heading inserted (26.12.2023) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(2)(c), [Sch. 4 para. 155](#) (with s. 247)

## 28 Joint local development documents

- (1) Two or more local planning authorities may agree to prepare one or more joint local development documents.
- (2) This Part applies for the purposes of any step which may be or is required to be taken in relation to a joint local development document as it applies for the purposes of any step which may be or is required to be taken in relation to a local development document.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (2) anything which must be done by or in relation to a local planning authority in connection with a local development document must be done by or in relation to each of the authorities mentioned in subsection (1) in connection with a joint local development document.
- (4) Any requirement of this Part in relation to [<sup>F101</sup>regional strategy] is a requirement in relation to [<sup>F101</sup>regional strategy] for the region in which each authority mentioned in subsection (1) is situated.
- (5) If the authorities mentioned in subsection (1) include one or more London boroughs the requirements of this Part in relation to the spatial development strategy also apply.
- (6) Subsections (7) to (9) apply if a local planning authority withdraw from an agreement mentioned in subsection (1).
- (7) Any step taken in relation to the document must be treated as a step taken by—
  - (a) an authority which were a party to the agreement for the purposes of any corresponding document prepared by them;
  - (b) two or more other authorities who were parties to the agreement for the purposes of any corresponding joint local development document.
- (8) Any independent examination of a local development document to which the agreement relates must be suspended.
- (9) If before the end of the period prescribed for the purposes of this subsection an authority which were a party to the agreement request the Secretary of State to do so he may direct that—
  - [<sup>F102</sup>(a) the examination is resumed in relation to—
    - (i) any corresponding document prepared by an authority which were a party to the agreement, or
    - (ii) any corresponding joint local development document prepared by two or more other authorities which were parties to the agreement;]
  - (b) any step taken for the purposes of the suspended examination has effect for the purposes of the resumed examination.
- (10) A joint local development document is a local development document prepared jointly by two or more local planning authorities.
- (11) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision as to what is a corresponding document [<sup>F103</sup>or a corresponding joint local development document for the purposes of this section.]

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### Textual Amendments

- F101** Words in s. 28(4) substituted (1.4.2010) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 148(5), [Sch. 5 para. 16](#); [S.I. 2009/3318](#), art. 4(gg)
- F102** S. 28(9)(a) substituted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 16.1.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), [ss. 9\(6\)](#), 46(3); [S.I. 2018/38](#), reg. 2(b)
- F103** Words in s. 28(11) inserted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 16.1.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), [ss. 9\(7\)](#), 46(3); [S.I. 2018/38](#), reg. 2(b)

### Commencement Information

- I46** S. 28 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), art. 2
- I47** S. 28 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), art. 2(b)

## <sup>F104</sup> 28A Power to direct preparation of joint development plan documents

- (1) The Secretary of State may direct two or more local planning authorities to prepare a joint development plan document.
- (2) The Secretary of State may give a direction under this section in relation to a document whether or not it is specified in the local development schemes of the local planning authorities in question as a document which is to be prepared jointly with one or more other local planning authorities.
- (3) The Secretary of State may give a direction under this section only if the Secretary of State considers that to do so will facilitate the more effective planning of the development and use of land in the area of one or more of the local planning authorities in question.
- (4) A direction under this section may specify—
  - (a) the area to be covered by the joint development plan document to which the direction relates;
  - (b) the matters to be covered by that document;
  - (c) the timetable for preparation of that document.
- (5) The Secretary of State must, when giving a direction under this section, notify the local planning authorities to which it applies of the reasons for giving it.
- (6) If the Secretary of State gives a direction under this section, the Secretary of State may direct the local planning authorities to which it is given to amend their local development schemes so that they cover the joint development plan document to which it relates.
- (7) A joint development plan document is a development plan document which is, or is required to be, prepared jointly by two or more local planning authorities pursuant to a direction under this section.

### Textual Amendments

- F104** Ss. 28A-28C inserted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 16.1.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), [ss. 9\(2\)](#), 46(3); [S.I. 2018/38](#), reg. 2(b)

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## **28B Application of Part to joint development plan documents**

- (1) This Part applies for the purposes of any step which may be or is required to be taken in relation to a joint development plan document as it applies for the purposes of any step which may be or is required to be taken in relation to a development plan document.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1) anything which must be done by or in relation to a local planning authority in connection with a development plan document must be done by or in relation to each of the authorities mentioned in section 28A(1) in connection with a joint development plan document.
- (3) If the authorities mentioned in section 28A(1) include a London borough council or a Mayoral development corporation, the requirements of this Part in relation to the spatial development strategy also apply.
- (4) Those requirements also apply if—
  - (a) a combined authority established under section 103 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 has the function of preparing the spatial development strategy for the combined authority's area, and
  - (b) the authorities mentioned in section 28A(1) include a local planning authority whose area is within, or is the same as, the area of the combined authority.

### **Textual Amendments**

**F104** Ss. 28A-28C inserted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 16.1.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 9(2)**, 46(3); [S.I. 2018/38](#), **reg. 2(b)**

## **28C Modification or withdrawal of direction under section 28A**

- (1) The Secretary of State may modify or withdraw a direction under section 28A by notice in writing to the authorities to which it was given.
- (2) The Secretary of State must, when modifying or withdrawing a direction under section 28A, notify the local planning authorities to which it was given of the reasons for the modification or withdrawal.
- (3) The following provisions of this section apply if—
  - (a) the Secretary of State withdraws a direction under section 28A, or
  - (b) the Secretary of State modifies a direction under that section so that it ceases to apply to one or more of the local planning authorities to which it was given.
- (4) Any step taken in relation to the joint development plan document to which the direction related is to be treated as a step taken by—
  - (a) a local planning authority to which the direction applied for the purposes of any corresponding document prepared by them, or
  - (b) two or more local planning authorities to which the direction applied for the purposes of any corresponding joint development plan document prepared by them.
- (5) Any independent examination of a joint development plan document to which the direction related must be suspended.

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- (6) If before the end of the period prescribed for the purposes of this subsection a local planning authority to which the direction applied request the Secretary of State to do so, the Secretary of State may direct that—
- (a) the examination is resumed in relation to—
    - (i) any corresponding document prepared by a local planning authority to which the direction applied, or
    - (ii) any corresponding joint development plan document prepared by two or more local planning authorities to which the direction applied, and
  - (b) any step taken for the purposes of the suspended examination has effect for the purposes of the resumed examination.
- (7) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision as to what is a corresponding document or a corresponding joint development plan document for the purposes of this section.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F104** Ss. 28A-28C inserted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 16.1.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), ss. **9(2)**, 46(3); S.I. 2018/38, reg. 2(b)

### *Joint committees*

## 29 Joint committees

- (1) This section applies if one or more local planning authorities agree with one or more county councils in relation to any area of such a council for which there is also a district council to establish a joint committee to be, for the purposes of this Part, the local planning authority—
- (a) for the area specified in the agreement;
  - (b) in respect of such matters as are so specified.
- (2) The Secretary of State may by order constitute a joint committee to be the local planning authority—
- (a) for the area;
  - (b) in respect of those matters.
- (3) Such an order—
- (a) must specify the authority or authorities and county council or councils (the constituent authorities) which are to constitute the joint committee;
  - (b) may make provision as to such other matters as the Secretary of State thinks are necessary or expedient to facilitate the exercise by the joint committee of its functions.
- (4) Provision under subsection (3)(b)—
- (a) may include provision corresponding to provisions relating to joint committees in Part 6 of the Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70);
  - (b) may apply (with or without modifications) such enactments relating to local authorities as the Secretary of State thinks appropriate.

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- (5) If an order under this section is annulled in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament—
- (a) with effect from the date of the resolution the joint committee ceases to be the local planning authority as mentioned in subsection (2);
  - (b) anything which the joint committee (as the local planning authority) was required to do for the purposes of this Part must be done for their area by each local planning authority which were a constituent authority of the joint committee;
  - (c) each of those local planning authorities must revise their local development scheme accordingly.
- (6) Nothing in this section or section 30 confers on a local planning authority constituted by virtue of an order under this section any function in relation to section 13 or 14.
- (7) The policies adopted by the joint committee in the exercise of its functions under this Part must be taken for the purposes of the planning Acts to be the policies of each of the constituent authorities which are a local planning authority.
- (8) Subsection (9) applies to any function—
- (a) which is conferred on a local planning authority (within the meaning of the principal Act) under or by virtue of the planning Acts, and
  - (b) which relates to the authority's local development scheme or local development documents.
- (9) If the authority is a constituent authority of a joint committee references to the authority's local development scheme or local development documents must be construed as including references to the scheme or documents of the joint committee.
- (10) For the purposes of subsection (4) a local authority is any of the following—
- (a) a county council;
  - (b) a district council;
  - (c) a London borough council.

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C27** S. 29 modified (28.11.2008) by [Local Government \(Structural Changes\) \(Transitional Arrangements\) \(No.2\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/2867\)](#), regs. 1(1), **24** (with reg. 1(2))

**C28** S. 29 modified (26.11.2018) by [The Local Government \(Boundary Changes\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1128\)](#), regs. 1(1), **27** (with reg. 1(2)(3))

#### Commencement Information

**I48** S. 29 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), **art. 2**

**I49** S. 29 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 2(b)**

### 30 Joint committees: additional functions

- (1) This section applies if the constituent authorities to a joint committee agree that the joint committee is to be, for the purposes of this Part, the local planning authority for any area or matter which is not the subject of—
- (a) an order under section 29, or
  - (b) an earlier agreement under this section.

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- (2) Each of the constituent authorities and the joint committee must revise their local development scheme in accordance with the agreement.
- (3) With effect from the date when the last such revision takes effect the joint committee is, for the purposes of this Part, the local planning authority for the area or matter mentioned in subsection (1).

#### Commencement Information

**I50** S. 30 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)

### 31 Dissolution of joint committee

- (1) This section applies if a constituent authority requests the Secretary of State to revoke an order constituting a joint committee as the local planning authority for any area or in respect of any matter.
- (2) The Secretary of State may revoke the order.
- (3) Any step taken by the joint committee in relation to a local development scheme or a local development document must be treated for the purposes of any corresponding scheme or document as a step taken by a successor authority.
- (4) A successor authority is—
  - (a) a local planning authority which were a constituent authority of the joint committee;
  - (b) a joint committee constituted by order under section 29 for an area which does not include an area which was not part of the area of the joint committee mentioned in subsection (1).
- (5) If the revocation takes effect at any time when an independent examination is being carried out in relation to a local development document the examination must be suspended.
- (6) But if before the end of the period prescribed for the purposes of this subsection a successor authority falling within subsection (4)(a) requests the Secretary of State to do so he may direct that—
  - (a) the examination is resumed in relation to the corresponding document;
  - (b) any step taken for the purposes of the suspended examination has effect for the purposes of the resumed examination.
- (7) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision as to what is a corresponding scheme or document.

#### Commencement Information

**I51** S. 31 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I52** S. 31 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)

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## Miscellaneous

### 32 Exclusion of certain representations

- (1) This section applies to any representation or objection in respect of anything which is done or is proposed to be done in pursuance of—
- (a) an order or scheme under section 10, 14, 16, 18, 106(1) or (3) or 108(1) of the Highways Act 1980 (c. 66);
  - (b) an order or scheme under section 7, 9, 11, 13 or 20 of the Highways Act 1959 (c. 25), section 3 of the Highways (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1961 (c. 63) or section 1 or 10 of the Highways Act 1971 (c. 41) (which provisions were replaced by the provisions mentioned in paragraph (a));
  - (c) an order under section 1 of the New Towns Act 1981 (c. 64).
- (2) If the Secretary of State or a local planning authority thinks that a representation made in relation to a local development document is in substance a representation or objection to which this section applies he or they (as the case may be) may disregard it.

#### Commencement Information

**I53** S. 32 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)

### 33 Urban development corporations

The Secretary of State may direct [<sup>F105</sup>that the provisions of—

- (a) this Part, or
- (b) any particular regulations made under section 14A,  
do not apply] to the area of an urban development corporation.

#### Textual Amendments

**F105** Words in s. 33 substituted (12.5.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), [ss. 151\(2\)](#), 216(1)(d)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

**C29** S. 33 applied (with modifications) (E.) (30.3.2006) by [London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Act 2006 \(c. 12\)](#), [s. 5\(1\)\(b\)\(2\)\(3\)\(c\)](#)40(1)(b)

#### Commencement Information

**I54** S. 33 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)

### [<sup>F106</sup>33A Duty to co-operate in relation to planning of sustainable development

- (1) Each person who is—
- (a) a local planning authority,
  - (b) a county council in England that is not a local planning authority, or
  - (c) a body, or other person, that is prescribed or of a prescribed description,

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must co-operate with every other person who is within paragraph (a), (b) or (c) or subsection (9) in maximising the effectiveness with which activities within subsection (3) are undertaken.

- (2) In particular, the duty imposed on a person by subsection (1) requires the person—
  - (a) to engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis in any process by means of which activities within subsection (3) are undertaken, and
  - (b) to have regard to activities of a person within subsection (9) so far as they are relevant to activities within subsection (3).
- (3) The activities within this subsection are—
  - (a) the preparation of development plan documents,
  - (b) the preparation of other local development documents,
  - (c) the preparation of marine plans under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 for the English inshore region, the English offshore region or any part of either of those regions,
  - (d) activities that can reasonably be considered to prepare the way for activities within any of paragraphs (a) to (c) that are, or could be, contemplated, and
  - (e) activities that support activities within any of paragraphs (a) to (c),
 so far as relating to a strategic matter.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (3), each of the following is a “strategic matter”—
  - (a) sustainable development or use of land that has or would have a significant impact on at least two planning areas, including (in particular) sustainable development or use of land for or in connection with infrastructure that is strategic and has or would have a significant impact on at least two planning areas, and
  - (b) sustainable development or use of land in a two-tier area if the development or use—
    - (i) is a county matter, or
    - (ii) has or would have a significant impact on a county matter.
- (5) In subsection (4)—
 

“county matter” has the meaning given by paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the principal Act (ignoring sub-paragraph 1(1)(i)),

“planning area” means—

  - (a) the area of—
    - (i) a district council (including a metropolitan district council),
    - (ii) a London borough council, or
    - (iii) a county council in England for an area for which there is no district council,
 but only so far as that area is neither in a National Park nor in the Broads,
  - (b) a National Park,
  - (c) the Broads,
  - (d) the English inshore region, or
  - (e) the English offshore region, and

“two-tier area” means an area—

  - (a) for which there is a county council and a district council, but
  - (b) which is not in a National Park.

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- (6) The engagement required of a person by subsection (2)(a) includes, in particular—
- (a) considering whether to consult on and prepare, and enter into and publish, agreements on joint approaches to the undertaking of activities within subsection (3), and
  - (b) if the person is a local planning authority, considering whether to agree under section 28 to prepare joint local development documents.
- (7) A person subject to the duty under subsection (1) must have regard to any guidance given by the Secretary of State about how the duty is to be complied with.
- (8) A person, or description of persons, may be prescribed for the purposes of subsection (1)(c) only if the person, or persons of that description, exercise functions for the purposes of an enactment.
- (9) A person is within this subsection if the person is a body, or other person, that is prescribed or of a prescribed description.
- (10) In this section—
- “ the English inshore region ” and “ the English offshore region ” have the same meaning as in the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, and
  - “ land ” includes the waters within those regions and the bed and subsoil of those waters. ]

#### Textual Amendments

**F106** S. 33A inserted (15.11.2011) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 110(1)**, 240(5)(i) (with [s. 144](#))

### 34 Guidance

- [<sup>F107</sup>(1)] In the exercise of any function conferred under or by virtue of this Part the local planning authority must have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State.
- [<sup>F108</sup>(2) The Secretary of State must issue guidance for local planning authorities on how their local development documents (taken as a whole) should address housing needs that result from old age or disability.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F107** S. 34(1): s. 34 renumbered as s. 34(1) (4.7.2019) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 8(2)(a)**, 46(1); [S.I. 2019/1081](#), [reg. 2](#)

**F108** S. 34(2) inserted (4.7.2019) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 8(2)(b)**, 46(1); [S.I. 2019/1081](#), [reg. 2](#)

#### Commencement Information

**I55** S. 34 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 2(b)**

### 35 [<sup>F109</sup> Authorities] monitoring [<sup>F109</sup> reports ]

<sup>F110</sup>(1) . . . . .

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- (2) [<sup>F111</sup> Every local planning authority must prepare reports containing ] such information as is prescribed as to—
- (a) the implementation of the local development scheme;
  - (b) the extent to which the policies set out in the local development documents are being achieved.
- (3) [<sup>F112</sup> A report under subsection (2) must—
- (a) be in respect of a period—
    - (i) which the authority considers appropriate in the interests of transparency,
    - (ii) which begins with the end of the period covered by the authority's most recent report under subsection (2), and
    - (iii) which is not longer than 12 months or such shorter period as is prescribed;]
    - (c) be in such form as is prescribed;
    - (d) contain such other matter as is prescribed.

[<sup>F113</sup> (3A) Subsection (3B) applies if a London borough council or a Mayoral development corporation have determined in accordance with section 19(1D) that—

    - (a) policies to address the strategic priorities for the development and use of land in their area are set out in the spatial development strategy, and
    - (b) accordingly, such policies will not to that extent be set out in their development plan documents.

(3B) Each report by the council or corporation under subsection (2) must—

    - (a) indicate that such policies are set out in the spatial development strategy, and
    - (b) specify where in the strategy those policies are set out.

(3C) If a combined authority established under section 103 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 has the function of preparing the spatial development strategy for the authority's area, subsections (3A) and (3B) also apply in relation to—

    - (a) a local planning authority whose area is within, or the same as, the area of the combined authority, and
    - (b) the spatial development strategy published by the combined authority.]

[<sup>F114</sup> (4) The authority must make the authority's reports under this section available to the public.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F109** Words in s. 35 heading substituted (15.1.2012) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 113(6)**, 240(1)(h) (with [s. 144](#))
- F110** S. 35(1) repealed (15.1.2012) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 113(2)**, 240(1)(h), **Sch. 25 Pt. 17** (with [s. 144](#))
- F111** Words in s. 35(2) substituted (15.1.2012) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 113(3)**, 240(1)(h) (with [s. 144](#))
- F112** Words in s. 35(3) substituted (15.1.2012) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 113(4)**, 240(1)(h) (with [s. 144](#))
- F113** S. 35(3A)-(3C) inserted (16.1.2018) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 8(3)**, 46(1); [S.I. 2018/38](#), **reg. 2(a)**

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**F114** S. 35(4) inserted (15.1.2012) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 113(5), 240(1)(h)** (with s. 144)

#### Commencement Information

**I56** S. 35 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), **art. 2**

**I57** S. 35 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 2(b)**

### General

## 36 Regulations [<sup>F115</sup>and standards]

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision in connection with the exercise by any person of functions under this Part.
- (2) The regulations may in particular make provision as to—
  - (a) the procedure to be followed by the local planning authority in carrying out the appraisal under section 19;
  - (b) the procedure to be followed in the preparation of local development documents;
  - (c) requirements about the giving of notice and publicity;
  - (d) requirements about inspection by the public of a local development document or any other document;
  - (e) the nature and extent of consultation with and participation by the public in anything done under this Part;
  - (f) the making of representations about any matter to be included in a local development document;
  - (g) consideration of any such representations;
  - (h) the remuneration and allowances payable to a person appointed to carry out an independent examination under section 20;
  - (i) the determination of the time at which anything must be done for the purposes of this Part;
  - (j) the manner of publication of any draft, report or other document published under this Part;
  - (k) monitoring the exercise by local planning authorities of their functions under this Part;
  - (l) the making of reasonable charges for the provision of copies of documents required by or under this Part.

[<sup>F116</sup>(3) The Secretary of State may from time to time publish data standards for—

- (a) local development schemes,
  - (b) local development documents, or
  - (c) local development documents of a particular kind.
- (4) For this purpose a “data standard” is a written standard which contains technical specifications for a scheme or document or the data contained in a scheme or document.
- (5) A local planning authority must comply with the data standards published under subsection (3) in preparing, publishing, maintaining or revising a scheme or document to which the standards apply.]

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### Textual Amendments

**F115** Words in s. 36 heading inserted (19.7.2017) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 11(2)**, 46(1); [S.I. 2017/767](#), **reg. 2(c)**

**F116** S. 36(3)-(5) inserted (19.7.2017) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 11(3)**, 46(1); [S.I. 2017/767](#), **reg. 2(c)**

### Commencement Information

**I58** S. 36 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), **art. 2**

**I59** S. 36 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 2(b)**

## 37 Interpretation

(1) Local development scheme must be construed in accordance with section 15.

(2) Local development document must be construed in accordance with [<sup>F117</sup>sections 17 and 18(3)].

[<sup>F118</sup>(3) A development plan document is a local development document which is specified as a development plan document in the local development scheme.]

(4) Local planning authorities are—

- (a) district councils;
- (b) London borough councils;
- (c) metropolitan district councils;
- (d) county councils in relation to any area in England for which there is no district council;
- (e) the Broads Authority.

(5) A National Park authority is the local planning authority for the whole of its area and subsection (4) must be construed subject to that.

[<sup>F119</sup>(5ZA) Subsection (4) must also be construed subject to any order under section 198(2) of the Localism Act 2011 so far as providing that a Mayoral development corporation is, as regards an area, to be the local planning authority for some or all of the purposes of this Part in relation to some or all kinds of development.

(5ZB) Where such an order makes such provision, that MDC is, in relation to the kinds of development concerned, the local planning authority for the area and purposes concerned in place of any authority who, in relation to those kinds of development, would otherwise be the local planning authority for that area and those purposes.]

[<sup>F120</sup>(5A) Subsection (4) must [<sup>F121</sup>additionally be construed, and subsection (5ZB) must be construed,] subject to any designation order under section 13 of the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (power to make designation orders) providing that the Homes and Communities Agency is to be the local planning authority—

- (a) for an area specified in the order, and
- (b) for all purposes of this Part or any such purposes so specified.

(5B) Where such an order makes such provision, the Homes and Communities Agency is the local planning authority for the area and the purposes concerned in place of any authority who would otherwise be the local planning authority for that area and those purposes.]

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[<sup>F122</sup>(5C) Joint local development document must be construed in accordance with section 28(10).

(5D) Joint development plan document must be construed in accordance with section 28A(7).]

[<sup>F123</sup>(6) Regional strategy” means a regional strategy under Part 5 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

(6A) “ Responsible regional authorities ” is to be construed in accordance with Part 5 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.]

(7) This section applies for the purposes of this Part.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F117** Words in s. 37(2) substituted (6.4.2009) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), **ss. 180(6)(a)**, 241(8) (with s. 226); [S.I. 2009/400](#), art. 3(e)
- F118** S. 37(3) substituted (6.4.2009) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), **ss. 180(6)(b)**, 241(8) (with s. 226); [S.I. 2009/400](#), art. 3(e)
- F119** S. 37(5ZA)(5ZB) inserted (15.1.2012) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 240(1)(l), **Sch. 22 para. 56(2)**
- F120** S. 37(5A)(5B) inserted (1.12.2008) by [Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 \(c. 17\)](#), s. 325(1), **Sch. 8 para. 81**; [S.I. 2008/3068](#), art. 2(1)(w)(3) (with arts. 6-13)
- F121** Words in s. 37(5A) substituted (15.1.2012) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 240(1)(l), **Sch. 22 para. 56(3)**
- F122** S. 37(5C)(5D) inserted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 16.1.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 9(8)**, 46(3); [S.I. 2018/38](#), reg. 2(b)
- F123** S. 37(6)(6A) substituted for s. 37(6) (1.4.2010) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 148(5), **Sch. 5 para. 17**; [S.I. 2009/3318](#), art. 4(gg)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C30** S. 37 applied in part (with modifications) (23.12.2016) by [The Greater Manchester Combined Authority \(Functions and Amendment\) Order 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1267\)](#), arts. 1(2), 4(5), **Sch. 1 Pt. 2**
- C31** S. 37 applied (with modifications) (8.5.2018) by [The West of England Combined Authority Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/126\)](#), arts. 1(5), 11(5), **Sch. 2 Pt. 2**
- C32** S. 37 applied (with modifications) (7.5.2024) by [The North East Mayoral Combined Authority \(Establishment and Functions\) Order 2024 \(S.I. 2024/402\)](#), arts. 1(3), 38(5), **Sch. 5 Pt. 2** (with art. 9)
- C33** S. 37(2) modified by [SI 2008/2867 reg. 19\(2\)](#) (as inserted (E.) (11.3.2009) by [Local Government \(Structural Changes\) \(Further Transitional and Supplementary Provision and Miscellaneous Amendments\) Regulations 2009 \(S.I. 2009/276\)](#), regs. 1(1), **14** (with reg. 1(2)))
- C34** S. 37(4) applied (temp. until 1.4.2006) (24.3.2005) by [New Forest National Park Authority \(Establishment\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/421\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 4 para. 12**
- C35** S. 37(4) continued (temp.) (24.3.2010) by [The South Downs National Park Authority \(Establishment\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/497\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 4 para. 11**
- C36** S. 37(5) excluded (temp. until 1.4.2006) (24.3.2005) by [New Forest National Park Authority \(Establishment\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/421\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 4 para. 12**
- C37** S. 37(5) excluded (24.3.2010) by [The South Downs National Park Authority \(Establishment\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/497\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 4 para. 11**

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- I60** S. 37 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 2(b)**

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## PART 3

### DEVELOPMENT

#### *Development plan*

### 38 Development plan

- (1) A reference to the development plan in any enactment mentioned in subsection (7) must be construed in accordance with subsections [F124(2A)] to (5).

[F125(2A) For the purposes of any area in England the development plan is—

- (a) each spatial development strategy that is operative in relation to that area,
- (b) each local plan which has effect in relation to that area,
- (c) each minerals and waste plan which has effect in relation to that area,
- (d) each supplementary plan which has effect in relation to that area,
- (e) each neighbourhood development plan which has been made in relation to that area, and
- (f) each policies map for that area.]

[F126(3A) For the purposes of any area in England (but subject to subsection (3B)) a neighbourhood development plan which relates to that area also forms part of the development plan for that area if—

- (a) section 38A(4)(a) (approval by referendum) applies in relation to the neighbourhood development plan, but
- (b) the local planning authority to whom the proposal for the making of the plan has been made have not made the plan.

(3B) The neighbourhood development plan ceases to form part of the development plan if the local planning authority decide under section 38A(6) not to make the plan.]

(4) For the purposes of any area in Wales the development plan is [F127—.

- (a) the National Development Framework for Wales,
- [F128(b) any strategic development plan for an area that includes all or part of that area, and]
- (c) the local development plan for that area].

(5) If to any extent a policy contained in a development plan for an area conflicts with another policy in the development plan the conflict must be resolved in favour of the policy which is contained in the last document [F129to become part of the development plan].

(6) If regard is to be had to the development plan for the purpose of any determination to be made under the planning Acts the determination must be made in accordance with the plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

(7) The enactments [F130mentioned in subsection (1)] are—

- (a) this Act;
- (b) the planning Acts;
- (c) any other enactment relating to town and country planning;
- (d) the Land Compensation Act 1961 (c. 33);
- (e) the Highways Act 1980 (c. 66).

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(8) In subsection (5) references to a development plan include a development plan for the purposes of paragraph 1 of Schedule 8.

[<sup>F131</sup>(9A) In subsection (2A)—

- (a) “spatial development strategy”, “local plan”, “minerals and waste plan” and “supplementary plan” have the same meaning as in Part 2 (see, in particular, section 15LH), and
- (b) policies map must be construed in accordance with section 15LD.]

[<sup>F132</sup>(10) Neighbourhood development plan must be construed in accordance with section 38A.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F124** Word in s. 38(1) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), **ss. 92(2), 255(3)(b)** (with s. 247); [S.I. 2026/169](#), reg. 3(a) (with Sch. 1)
- F125** S. 38(2A) substituted for s. 38(2)(3) (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), **ss. 92(3), 255(3)(b)** (with s. 247); [S.I. 2026/169](#), reg. 3(a) (with Sch. 1)
- F126** S. 38(3A)(3B) inserted (19.7.2017) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 3, 46(1)**; [S.I. 2017/767](#), reg. 2(b)
- F127** S. 38(4)(a)–(c) substituted for words (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.12.2020 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 9, 58(2)(b)(4)(b)**; [S.I. 2020/1216](#), reg. 2(a)
- F128** S. 38(4)(b) substituted (21.1.2021) by [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 1\)](#), s. 175(1)(e), **Sch. 9 para. 2**
- F129** Words in s. 38(5) substituted (15.11.2011 for specified purposes, 6.4.2012 for specified purposes, 3.8.2012 for specified purposes, 6.4.2013 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss., 240(5)(j), Sch. 9 para. 6(c)**; [S.I. 2012/628](#), art. 8(a) (with arts. 9, 12, 13, 16, 18–20) (as amended (3.8.2012) by [S.I. 2012/2029](#), arts. 2, 4); [S.I. 2012/2029](#), arts. 2, 3(a) (with art. 5) (as amended (6.4.2013) by [S.I. 2013/797](#), art. 4); [S.I. 2013/797](#), arts. 1(2), 2
- F130** Words in s. 38(7) inserted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), **Sch. 8 para. 19** (with s. 247); [S.I. 2026/169](#), reg. 3(f)(v) (with Sch. 1)
- F131** S. 38(9A) substituted for s. 38(9) (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), **ss. 92(4), 255(3)(b)** (with s. 247); [S.I. 2026/169](#), reg. 3(a) (with Sch. 1)
- F132** S. 38(10) inserted (15.11.2011 for specified purposes, 6.4.2012 for specified purposes, 3.8.2012 for specified purposes, 6.4.2013 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss., 240(5)(j), Sch. 9 para. 6(d)**; [S.I. 2012/628](#), art. 8(a) (with arts. 9, 12, 13, 16, 18–20) (as amended (3.8.2012) by [S.I. 2012/2029](#), arts. 2, 4); [S.I. 2012/2029](#), arts. 2, 3(a) (with art. 5) (as amended (6.4.2013) by [S.I. 2013/797](#), art. 4); [S.I. 2013/797](#), arts. 1(2), 2

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C38** S. 38 applied in part (with modifications) (23.12.2016) by [The Greater Manchester Combined Authority \(Functions and Amendment\) Order 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1267\)](#), arts. 1(2), 4(5), **Sch. 1 Pt. 2**
- C39** S. 38 applied (with modifications) (8.5.2018) by [The West of England Combined Authority Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/126\)](#), arts. 1(5), 11(5), **Sch. 2 Pt. 2**
- C40** S. 38 applied (with modifications) (7.5.2024) by [The North East Mayoral Combined Authority \(Establishment and Functions\) Order 2024 \(S.I. 2024/402\)](#), arts. 1(3), 38(5), **Sch. 5 Pt. 2** (with art. 9)

#### Commencement Information

- I61** S. 38 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 2(c)**
- I62** S. 38 in force at 15.10.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/2847](#), **art. 2(a)**

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### [<sup>F133</sup>38ZAMeaning of “national development management policy”

- (1) A “national development management policy” is a policy (however expressed) of the Secretary of State in relation to the development or use of land in England, or any part of England, which the Secretary of State by direction designates as a national development management policy.
- (2) The Secretary of State may—
  - (a) revoke a direction under subsection (1);
  - (b) modify a national development management policy.
- (3) The Secretary of State must have regard to the need to mitigate, and adapt to, climate change—
  - (a) in preparing a policy which is to be designated as a national development management policy, or
  - (b) in modifying a national development management policy.
- (4) Before making or revoking a direction under subsection (1), or modifying a national development management policy, the Secretary of State must ensure that such consultation with, and participation by, the public or any bodies or persons as the Secretary of State thinks appropriate takes place.
- (5) The only cases in which no consultation or participation need take place under subsection (4) are those where the Secretary of State thinks that none is appropriate because—
  - (a) a proposed modification of a national development management policy does not materially affect the policy or only corrects an obvious error or omission, or
  - (b) it is necessary, or expedient, for the Secretary of State to act urgently.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F133** S. 38ZA inserted (31.1.2024) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), **ss. 94, 255(3)(b)** (with [s. 247](#)); [S.I. 2024/92](#), [reg. 2\(c\)](#))

### [<sup>F134</sup>38A Meaning of “neighbourhood development plan”

- (1) Any qualifying body is entitled to initiate a process for the purpose of requiring a local planning authority in England to make a neighbourhood development plan.
- (2) A “neighbourhood development plan” is a plan which sets out policies (however expressed) in relation to the development and use of land in the whole or any part of a particular neighbourhood area specified in the plan.
- (3) Schedule 4B to the principal Act, which makes provision about the process for the making of neighbourhood development orders, including—
  - (a) provision for independent examination of orders proposed by qualifying bodies, and
  - (b) provision for the holding of referendums on orders proposed by those bodies, is to apply in relation to neighbourhood development plans (subject to the modifications set out in section 38C(5) of this Act).

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- (4) A local planning authority to whom a proposal for the making of a neighbourhood development plan has been made—
  - (a) must make a neighbourhood development plan to which the proposal relates if in each applicable referendum under that Schedule (as so applied) more than half of those voting have voted in favour of the plan, and
  - (b) if paragraph (a) applies, must make the plan as soon as reasonably practicable after the referendum is held [<sup>F135</sup>and, in any event, by such date as may be prescribed].
- (5) If—
  - (a) there are two applicable referendums under that Schedule as so applied (because the plan relates to a neighbourhood area designated as a business area under section 61H of the principal Act), and
  - (b) in one of those referendums (but not the other) more than half of those voting have voted in favour of the plan,the authority may (but need not) make a neighbourhood development plan to which the proposal relates.
- (6) The authority are not to be subject to the duty under subsection (4)(a) if they consider that the making of the plan would breach, or would otherwise be incompatible with, any [<sup>F136</sup>[<sup>F137</sup>assimilated] obligation] or any of the Convention rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).
- (7) Regulations made by the Secretary of State may make provision as to the procedure to be followed by local planning authorities in cases where they act under subsection (6).
- (8) The regulations may in particular make provision—
  - (a) for the holding of an examination,
  - (b) as to the payment by a local planning authority of remuneration and expenses of the examiner,
  - (c) as to the award of costs by the examiner,
  - (d) as to the giving of notice and publicity,
  - (e) as to the information and documents that are to be made available to the public,
  - (f) as to the making of reasonable charges for anything provided as a result of the regulations,
  - (g) as to consultation with and participation by the public, and
  - (h) as to the making and consideration of representations (including the time by which representations must be made).
- (9) The authority must publish in such manner as may be prescribed—
  - (a) their decision to act under subsection (4) or (6),
  - (b) their reasons for making that decision, and
  - (c) such other matters relating to that decision as may be prescribed.
- (10) The authority must send a copy of the matters required to be published to—
  - (a) the qualifying body that initiated the process for the making of the plan, and
  - (b) such other persons as may be prescribed.
- (11) If a neighbourhood development plan is in force in relation to a neighbourhood area—
  - (a) a qualifying body may make a proposal for the existing plan to be replaced by a new one, and

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- (b) the process for the making of the replacement plan is the same as the process for the making of the existing plan.

[ Subsection (11) is subject to Schedule A2, which makes provision for the modification <sup>F138</sup>(11A) of a neighbourhood development plan.]

[ Subsection (11C) applies if, as a result of a modification of a neighbourhood area <sup>F139</sup>(11B) under section 61G(6) of the principal Act, a neighbourhood development plan relates to more than one neighbourhood area.

- (11C) The replacement of the plan by a new plan in relation to one or some of those areas does not affect the continuation in force of the plan in relation to the other area or areas.]

- (12) For the purposes of this section [<sup>F140</sup>and section 38B] —

“local planning authority” has the same meaning as it has in Part 2 (see [<sup>F141</sup>section 15LF]),

“neighbourhood area” has the meaning given by sections 61G and 61I(1) of the principal Act,

“prescribed” means prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State, and

“qualifying body” means a parish council, or an organisation or body designated as a neighbourhood forum, authorised for the purposes of a neighbourhood development plan to act in relation to a neighbourhood area as a result of section 61F of the principal Act, as applied by section 38C of this Act.

#### Textual Amendments

**F134** Ss. 38A-38C inserted (15.11.2011 for specified purposes, 6.4.2012 for specified purposes, 3.8.2012 for specified purposes, 6.4.2013 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), ss., 240(5)(j), [Sch. 9 para. 7](#); [S.I. 2012/628](#), art. 8(a) (with arts. 9, 12, 13, 16, 18-20) (as amended (3.8.2012) by [S.I. 2012/2029](#), arts. 2, 4); [S.I. 2012/2029](#), arts. 2, 3(a) (with art. 5) (as amended (6.4.2013) by [S.I. 2013/797](#), art. 4); [S.I. 2013/797](#), arts. 1(2), 2

**F135** Words in s. 38A(4)(b) inserted (12.5.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), ss. 140(3), 216(1)(d)

**F136** Words in s. 38A(6) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Environmental Assessments and Miscellaneous Planning \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1232\)](#), regs. 1(2), 3(2); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

**F137** Word in s. 38A(6) substituted (1.1.2024) by [The Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 \(Consequential Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1424\)](#), reg. 1(2), [Sch. para. 53\(2\)\(a\)](#)

**F138** S. 38A(11A) inserted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 31.1.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), ss. 4(5), 46(3); [S.I. 2018/38](#), reg. 3(b)

**F139** S. 38A(11B)(11C) inserted (31.1.2018) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), ss. 5(6), 46(1); [S.I. 2018/38](#), reg. 3(c)

**F140** Words in s. 38A(12) inserted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 20\(a\)](#) (with s. 247); [S.I. 2026/169](#), reg. 3(f)(v) (with Sch. 1)

**F141** Words in s. 38A(12) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 20\(b\)](#) (with s. 247); [S.I. 2026/169](#), reg. 3(f)(v) (with Sch. 1)

#### 38B Provision that may be made by neighbourhood development plans

[ A neighbourhood development plan may include—

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- <sup>F142</sup>(A1) (a) policies (however expressed) in relation to the amount, type and location of, and timetable for, development in the neighbourhood area in the period for which the plan has effect;
- (b) other policies (however expressed) in relation to the use or development of land in the neighbourhood area which are designed to achieve objectives that relate to the particular characteristics or circumstances of that area, any part of that area or one or more specific sites in that area;
- (c) details of any infrastructure requirements, or requirements for affordable housing, to which development in accordance with the policies, included in the plan under paragraph (a) or (b), would give rise;
- (d) requirements with respect to design that relate to development, or development of a particular description, throughout the neighbourhood area, in any part of that area or at one or more specific sites in that area, which the qualifying body considers should be met for planning permission for the development to be granted.]
- (1) A neighbourhood development plan—
- (a) must specify the period for which it is to have effect,
- (b) may not include provision about development that is excluded development, and
- (c) may not relate to more than one neighbourhood area.
- (2) Only one neighbourhood development plan may be made for each neighbourhood area.
- [ Subsections (1)(c) and (2) are subject to section 61G(6D) of the principal Act (as <sup>F143</sup>(2A) applied by section 38C(5A) of this Act).]
- [ So far as the qualifying body considers appropriate, having regard to the subject matter <sup>F144</sup>(2B) of the neighbourhood development plan, the plan must—
- (a) be designed to secure that the development and use of land in the neighbourhood area contribute to the mitigation of, and adaptation to, climate change, and
- (b) take account of any local nature recovery strategy, under section 104 of the Environment Act 2021, that relates to all or part of the neighbourhood area, including in particular—
- (i) the areas identified in the strategy as areas which—
- (A) are, or could become, of particular importance for biodiversity, or
- (B) are areas where the recovery or enhancement of biodiversity could make a particular contribution to other environmental benefits,
- (ii) the priorities set out in the strategy for recovering or enhancing biodiversity, and
- (iii) the proposals set out in the strategy as to potential measures relating to those priorities.
- (2C) The neighbourhood development plan must not—
- (a) include anything that is not permitted or required by or under subsections (A1) to (2A) or regulations under subsection (4), or
- (b) be inconsistent with or (in substance) repeat any national development management policy.]

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- (3) If to any extent a policy set out in a neighbourhood development plan conflicts with any other statement or information in the plan, the conflict must be resolved in favour of the policy.
- (4) Regulations made by the Secretary of State may make provision—
  - (a) restricting the provision that may be included in neighbourhood development plans about the use of land,
  - (b) requiring [<sup>F145</sup>or permitting] neighbourhood development plans to include such matters as are prescribed in the regulations, and
  - (c) prescribing the form of neighbourhood development plans.
- (5) A local planning authority must publish each neighbourhood development plan that they make in such manner as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State.
- (6) Section 61K of the principal Act (meaning of “excluded development”) is to apply for the purposes of subsection (1)(b).

#### Textual Amendments

- F134** Ss. 38A-38C inserted (15.11.2011 for specified purposes, 6.4.2012 for specified purposes, 3.8.2012 for specified purposes, 6.4.2013 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\), ss., 240\(5\)\(j\), Sch. 9 para. 7; S.I. 2012/628, art. 8\(a\) \(with arts. 9, 12, 13, 16, 18-20\) \(as amended \(3.8.2012\) by S.I. 2012/2029, arts. 2, 4\); S.I. 2012/2029, arts. 2, 3\(a\) \(with art. 5\) \(as amended \(6.4.2013\) by S.I. 2013/797, art. 4\); S.I. 2013/797, arts. 1\(2\), 2](#)
- F142** S. 38B(A1) inserted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\), ss. 98\(2\), 255\(3\)\(b\) \(with s. 247\); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3\(c\) \(with Sch. 1\)](#)
- F143** S. 38B(2A) inserted (31.1.2018) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\), ss. 5\(7\), 46\(1\); S.I. 2018/38, reg. 3\(c\)](#)
- F144** S. 38B(2B)(2C) inserted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\), ss. 98\(3\), 255\(3\)\(b\) \(with s. 247\); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3\(c\) \(with Sch. 1\)](#)
- F145** Words in s. 38B(4)(b) inserted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\), ss. 98\(4\), 255\(3\)\(b\) \(with s. 247\); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3\(c\) \(with Sch. 1\)](#)

### 38C Supplementary provisions

- (1) The following provisions of the principal Act are to apply in relation to neighbourhood development plans.
- (2) The provisions to be applied are—
  - (a) section 61F (authorisation to act in relation to neighbourhood areas),
  - (b) section 61I(2) and (3) (neighbourhood areas in areas of two or more local planning authorities),
  - (c) section 61M (revocation or modification of neighbourhood development orders),
  - (d) section 61N (legal challenges),
  - (e) section 61O (guidance), and
  - (f) section 61P (provision as to the making of certain decisions by local planning authorities).

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[ Section 61F of the principal Act is to apply in accordance with subsection (2) of this  
F146(2A) section as if—

- (a) subsections (8)(a) and (8B) also referred to a proposal for the modification of a neighbourhood development plan,
- (b) subsection (13)(b) also referred to a proposal for the modification of a neighbourhood development plan made by a neighbourhood forum, and
- (c) subsection (13)(c) also referred to any duty of a local planning authority under paragraph 7, 8 or 9 of Schedule A2 to this Act.]

(3) Section 61M of the principal Act is to apply in accordance with subsection (2) of this section as if

- [ the words “by order” (wherever occurring) were omitted [F148], and  
F147(a)]
- (b) the reference in subsection (4A) to a modification materially affecting any planning permission granted by the order were to a modification materially affecting the policies in the plan.]

(4) Section 61N(1) of the principal Act is to apply in accordance with subsection (2) of this section as if the reference to section 61E(4) or (8) of that Act were a reference to section 38A(4) or (6) of this Act.

(5) Schedule 4B to the principal Act is to apply in accordance with 38A(3) of this Act with the following modifications—

- (a) the reference to section 61E(8) of the principal Act is to be read as a reference to section 38A(6) of this Act,
- (b) references to the provision made by or under sections 61E(2), 61J and 61L of the principal Act are to be read as references to the provision made by or under sections 38A and 38B of this Act,
- (c) references to section 61L(2)(b) or (5) of the principal Act are to be disregarded, and
- (d) paragraph 8 is to have effect as [F149]if—
  - (i) sub-paragraphs (2)(b) and (c) were omitted,
  - (ii) in sub-paragraph (2), for paragraph (ea) there were substituted—
    - “(ea) the making of the neighbourhood development plan would not result in the development plan for the area of the authority proposing that less housing is provided by means of development taking place in that area than if the neighbourhood development plan were not to be made,”, and
  - (iii) sub-paragraphs (3) to (5) were omitted.]

[ Section 61G(6D) of the principal Act is to apply in relation to neighbourhood  
F150(5A) development plans as if it also provided that a modification under section 61G(6) of that Act of a designation of a neighbourhood area does not affect the continuation in force of a neighbourhood development plan even though, as a result of the modification, more than one plan has effect for the same area.]

(6) Regulations under section 61G(11) of the principal Act (designation of areas as neighbourhood areas) may include provision about the consequences of the modification of designations

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- [<sup>F151</sup>(a)] on proposals for neighbourhood development plans, or on neighbourhood development plans, that have already been made<sup>F152</sup>, or
- (b) on proposals for the modification of neighbourhood development plans, or on modifications of neighbourhood development plans, that have already been made.]

- (7) The fact that the list of applied provisions includes section 61N(2) and (3) of the principal Act is not to affect the operation of section 20(2) of the Interpretation Act 1978 in relation to other references to enactments applied in accordance with this section.]

### Textual Amendments

- F134** Ss. 38A-38C inserted (15.11.2011 for specified purposes, 6.4.2012 for specified purposes, 3.8.2012 for specified purposes, 6.4.2013 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\), ss., 240\(5\)\(j\), Sch. 9 para. 7](#); S.I. 2012/628, art. 8(a) (with arts. 9, 12, 13, 16, 18-20) (as amended (3.8.2012) by S.I. 2012/2029, arts. 2, 4); S.I. 2012/2029, arts. 2, 3(a) (with art. 5) (as amended (6.4.2013) by S.I. 2013/797, art. 4); S.I. 2013/797, arts. 1(2), 2
- F146** S. 38C(2A) inserted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 31.1.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\), ss. 4\(7\), 46\(3\)](#); S.I. 2018/38, reg. 3(b)
- F147** Words in s. 38C(3) renumbered as s. 38C(3)(a) (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 31.1.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\), ss. 4\(8\)\(a\), 46\(3\)](#); S.I. 2018/38, reg. 3(b)
- F148** S. 38C(3)(b) and word inserted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 31.1.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\), ss. 4\(8\)\(b\), 46\(3\)](#); S.I. 2018/38, reg. 3(b)
- F149** Words in s. 38C(5)(d) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\), ss. 99\(2\), 255\(3\)\(b\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(d) (with Sch. 1)
- F150** S. 38C(5A) inserted (31.1.2018) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\), ss. 5\(8\), 46\(1\)](#); S.I. 2018/38, reg. 3(c)
- F151** Words in s. 38C(6) renumbered as s. 38C(6)(a) (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 31.1.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\), ss. 4\(9\)\(a\), 46\(3\)](#); S.I. 2018/38, reg. 3(b)
- F152** S. 38C(6)(b) and word inserted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 31.1.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\), ss. 4\(9\)\(b\), 46\(3\)](#); S.I. 2018/38, reg. 3(b)

## Sustainable development

### 39 Sustainable development

- (1) This section applies to any person who or body which exercises any function—
- <sup>F153</sup>(a) .....
- (b) under Part 2 [<sup>F154</sup>of this Act] in relation to [<sup>F155</sup>a joint spatial development strategy, local plan, minerals and waste plan or supplementary plan];
- [<sup>F156</sup>(ba) under section 38A to 38C in relation to a neighbourhood development plan.]
- <sup>F157</sup>(c) .....

- (2) The person or body must exercise the function with the objective of contributing to the achievement of sustainable development.

- [<sup>F158</sup>(2A) For the purposes of subsection (2) the person or body must (in particular) have regard to the desirability of achieving good design.]

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(3) For the purposes of subsection (2) the person or body must have regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by—

- (a) the Secretary of State for the purposes of <sup>F159</sup> subsection (1)(b);  
<sup>F160</sup>(b) .....

#### Textual Amendments

- F153** S. 39(1)(a) repealed (1.4.2010) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 148(5)(5), [Sch. 5 para. 18\(2\)\(a\)](#), [7 Pt. 4](#); [S.I. 2009/3318](#), art. 4(gg)(ii)
- F154** Words in s. 39(1)(b) inserted (1.4.2010) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 148(5), [Sch. 5 para. 18\(2\)\(b\)](#); [S.I. 2009/3318](#), art. 4(gg)
- F155** Words in s. 39(1)(b) substituted (25.3.2026 except for the words “joint spatial development strategy”) by [Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 21\(a\)](#) (with s. 247); [S.I. 2026/169](#), [reg. 3\(f\)\(vi\)](#) (with [Sch. 1](#))
- F156** S. 39(1)(ba) inserted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 21\(b\)](#) (with s. 247); [S.I. 2026/169](#), [reg. 3\(f\)\(vi\)](#) (with [Sch. 1](#))
- F157** S. 39(1)(c) omitted (1.4.2016) by virtue of [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), [ss. 2\(6\)\(a\)](#), 58(4)(a); [S.I. 2015/1987](#), art. 5(a) (with art. 6)
- F158** S. 39(2A) inserted (6.4.2009 for E.) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), [ss. 183](#), 241(3), (4) (with s. 226); [S.I. 2009/400](#), art. 5(a)
- F159** Words in s. 39(3) substituted (1.4.2010) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 148(5), [Sch. 5 para. 18\(3\)](#); [S.I. 2009/3318](#), art. 4(gg)
- F160** S. 39(3)(b) omitted (1.4.2016) by virtue of [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), [ss. 2\(6\)\(b\)](#), 58(4)(a); [S.I. 2015/1987](#), art. 5(a) (with art. 6)

#### Commencement Information

- I63** S. 39 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)
- I64** S. 39 in force at 15.10.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/2847](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)

<sup>F161</sup> Assistance with certain parts of development plan etc

#### Textual Amendments

- F161** [S. 39A](#) and cross-heading inserted (3.3.2026 for the purpose of making regulations, 25.3.2026 except for the words “or Part 2 of this Act” in s. 39A(5)(b)) by [Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), [ss. 100](#), 255(3)(b) (with s. 247); [S.I. 2026/169](#), [regs. 2](#), [3\(e\)](#) (with [Sch. 1](#))

### 39A Power to require assistance with certain plan making

- (1) Subsection (2) applies if a plan-making authority notifies a prescribed public body in writing that the authority requires the body, under this section, to assist the authority in relation to the preparation or revision of a relevant plan by the authority.
- (2) The prescribed public body must do everything that the plan-making authority reasonably requires of the body to assist the authority in relation to the preparation or revision of the relevant plan.
- (3) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision as to—
- (a) what a plan-making authority must, may or may not require a prescribed public body to do under subsection (2);

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- (b) the procedure to be followed in doing anything under this section;
  - (c) the determination of the time by or at which anything must be done under this section;
  - (d) the form and content of a notification under subsection (1) or of any other document or information provided under this section.
- (4) A “plan-making authority” is a body which, or other person who, is to prepare or revise (whether acting alone or jointly) a relevant plan.
- (5) Each of the following is a “relevant plan”—
- (a) a local plan, a minerals and waste plan, a supplementary plan or policies map under Part 2;
  - (b) a spatial development strategy under Part 8 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 or Part 2 of this Act;
  - (c) an infrastructure delivery strategy under Part 10A of the Planning Act 2008;
  - (d) a marine plan under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 for the English inshore region, the English offshore region or any part of either of those regions.
- (6) A “prescribed public body” is a body which, or other person who, is prescribed or of a prescribed description and certain of whose functions are of a public nature.
- (7) References in this section to the preparation or revision of a relevant plan include any activities that could reasonably be considered to prepare the way for the preparation or revision of the plan.
- (8) In this section—
- “the English inshore region” and “the English offshore region” have the same meaning as in the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009;
  - “revision”, in relation to a relevant plan, includes any alteration, amendment, replacement or other modification (and related expressions are to be read accordingly).]

## PART 4

### DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

#### *Local development orders*

#### **40 Local development orders**

- (1) In the principal Act after section 61 (supplementary provision about development orders) there are inserted the following sections—

#### *“Local development orders*

##### **61A Local development orders**

- (1) A local planning authority may by order (a local development order) make provision to implement policies—

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- (a) in one or more development plan documents (within the meaning of Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004);
  - (b) in a local development plan (within the meaning of Part 6 of that Act).
- (2) A local development order may grant planning permission—
  - (a) for development specified in the order;
  - (b) for development of any class so specified.
- (3) A local development order may relate to—
  - (a) all land in the area of the relevant authority;
  - (b) any part of that land;
  - (c) a site specified in the order.
- (4) A local development order may make different provision for different descriptions of land.
- (5) But a development order may specify any area or class of development in respect of which a local development order must not be made.
- (6) A local planning authority may revoke a local development order at any time.
- (7) Schedule 4A makes provision in connection with local development orders.

#### **61B Intervention by Secretary of State or National Assembly**

- (1) At any time before a local development order is adopted by a local planning authority the appropriate authority may direct that the order (or any part of it) is submitted to it for its approval.
- (2) If the appropriate authority gives a direction under subsection (1)—
  - (a) the authority must not take any step in connection with the adoption of the order until the appropriate authority gives its decision;
  - (b) the order has no effect unless it (or, if the direction relates to only part of an order, the part) has been approved by the appropriate authority.
- (3) In considering an order or part of an order submitted under subsection (1) the appropriate authority may take account of any matter which it thinks is relevant.
- (4) It is immaterial whether any such matter was taken account of by the local planning authority.
- (5) The appropriate authority—
  - (a) may approve or reject an order or part of an order submitted to it under subsection (1);
  - (b) must give reasons for its decision under paragraph (a).
- (6) If the appropriate authority thinks that a local development order is unsatisfactory—
  - (a) it may at any time before the order is adopted by the local planning authority direct them to modify it in accordance with the direction;
  - (b) if it gives such a direction it must state its reasons for doing so.
- (7) The local planning authority—

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- (a) must comply with the direction;
  - (b) must not adopt the order unless the appropriate authority gives notice that it is satisfied that they have complied with the direction.
- (8) The appropriate authority—
- (a) may at any time by order revoke a local development order if it thinks it is expedient to do so;
  - (b) must, if it revokes a local development order, state its reasons for doing so.
- (9) Subsections (3) to (6) of section 100 apply to an order under subsection (8) above as they apply to an order under subsection (1) of that section and for that purpose references to the Secretary of State must be construed as references to the appropriate authority.
- (10) The appropriate authority is—
- (a) the Secretary of State in relation to England;
  - (b) the National Assembly for Wales in relation to Wales.

### **61C Permission granted by local development order**

- (1) Planning permission granted by a local development order may be granted—
- (a) unconditionally, or
  - (b) subject to such conditions or limitations as are specified in the order.
- (2) If the permission is granted for development of a specified description the order may enable the local planning authority to direct that the permission does not apply in relation to—
- (a) development in a particular area, or
  - (b) any particular development.”
- (2) In each of the following provisions of the principal Act in each place where it occurs after “development order” there is inserted “ or a local development order ”
- (a) section 56(5)(a) (definition of material development);
  - F162 (b) .....
  - F162 (c) .....
  - F162 (d) .....
  - F162 (e) .....
  - F162 (f) .....
  - F162 (g) .....
  - F162 (h) .....
  - F162 (i) .....
  - F162 (j) .....
  - F162 (k) .....
  - (l) section 279(1)(a)(i) (compensation for certain decisions and orders).
- (3) Section 333 of the principal Act (regulations and orders) is amended as follows—
- (a) in subsection (4) after “55(2)(f),” there is inserted “ 61A(5) ”;
  - (b) in subsection (5)(b) after “28,” there is inserted “ 61A(5) (unless it is made by the National Assembly for Wales), ”.

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(4) Schedule 1 further amends the principal Act.

#### Textual Amendments

**F162** S. 40(2)(b)-(k) repealed (15.11.2011 for specified purposes, 6.4.2012 in force in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), ss., 240(5)(j) [Sch. 12 para. 29](#), [Sch. 25 Pt. 18](#); S.I. 2012/628, art. 8(a)(e) (with arts. 9 12 13 16 18-20) (as amended (3.8.2012) by S.I. 2012/2029, arts. 2, 4)

#### Commencement Information

**I65** S. 40 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I66** S. 40 in force at 10.5.2006 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2006/1061](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

**I67** S. 40 in force at 30.4.2012 for W. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2012/1100](#), [art. 2](#)

### *Revision of development orders*

## **41 Effect of revision or revocation of development order on incomplete development**

In the principal Act after section 61C (planning permission granted by local development orders) (inserted by section 40 of this Act) there is inserted the following section—

### **“61D Effect of revision or revocation of development order on incomplete development**

- (1) A development order or local development order may include provision permitting the completion of development if —
  - (a) planning permission is granted by the order in respect of the development, and
  - (b) the planning permission is withdrawn at a time after the development is started but before it is completed.
- (2) Planning permission granted by a development order is withdrawn—
  - (a) if the order is revoked;
  - (b) if the order is amended so that it ceases to grant planning permission in respect of the development or materially changes any condition or limitation to which the grant of permission is subject;
  - (c) by the issue of a direction under powers conferred by the order.
- (3) Planning permission granted by a local development order is withdrawn—
  - (a) if the order is revoked under section 61A(6) or 61B(8);
  - (b) if the order is revised in pursuance of paragraph 2 of Schedule 4A so that it ceases to grant planning permission in respect of the development or materially changes any condition or limitation to which the grant of permission is subject;
  - (c) by the issue of a direction under powers conferred by the order.
- (4) The power under this section to include provision in a development order or a local development order may be exercised differently for different purposes.”

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#### Commencement Information

**I68** S. 41 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I69** S. 41 in force at 10.5.2006 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2006/1061](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

**I70** S. 41 in force at 30.4.2012 for W. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2012/1100](#), [art. 2](#)

### Applications

#### 42 Applications for planning permission and certain consents

- (1) In the principal Act for section 62 (form and content of applications for planning permission) there is substituted the following section—

##### “62 Applications for planning permission

- (1) A development order may make provision as to applications for planning permission made to a local planning authority.
  - (2) Provision referred to in subsection (1) includes provision as to—
    - (a) the form and manner in which the application must be made;
    - (b) particulars of such matters as are to be included in the application;
    - (c) documents or other materials as are to accompany the application.
  - (3) The local planning authority may require that an application for planning permission must include—
    - (a) such particulars as they think necessary;
    - (b) such evidence in support of anything in or relating to the application as they think necessary.
  - (4) But a requirement under subsection (3) must not be inconsistent with provision made under subsection (1).
  - (5) A development order must require that an application for planning permission of such description as is specified in the order must be accompanied by such of the following as is so specified—
    - (a) a statement about the design principles and concepts that have been applied to the development;
    - (b) a statement about how issues relating to access to the development have been dealt with.
  - (6) The form and content of a statement mentioned in subsection (5) is such as is required by the development order.”
- (2) In section 73 of the principal Act (determination of applications to develop land without compliance with conditions previously attached) subsection (3) is omitted.
- (3) <sup>F163</sup>In section 198 of that Act (tree preservation orders) after subsection (7) there is inserted—
- “(8) In relation to an application for consent under a tree preservation order the appropriate authority may by regulations make provision as to—
- (a) the form and manner in which the application must be made;

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- (b) particulars of such matters as are to be included in the application;
  - (c) the documents or other materials as are to accompany the application.
- (9) The appropriate authority is—
  - (a) the Secretary of State in relation to England;
  - (b) the National Assembly for Wales in relation to Wales,and in the case of regulations made by the National Assembly for Wales section 333(3) must be ignored.”]
- (4) In section 220 of that Act (regulations controlling display of advertisements) after subsection (2) there is inserted the following subsection—
  - “(2A) The regulations may also make provision as to—
    - (a) the form and manner in which an application for consent must be made;
    - (b) particulars of such matters as are to be included in the application;
    - (c) any documents or other materials which must accompany the application.”
- (5) In the principal Act before section 328 (settled land and land of universities and colleges) there is inserted the following section—

**“327A Applications: compliance with requirements**

- (1) This section applies to any application in respect of which this Act or any provision made under it imposes a requirement as to—
  - (a) the form or manner in which the application must be made;
  - (b) the form or content of any document or other matter which accompanies the application.
- (2) The local planning authority must not entertain such an application if it fails to comply with the requirement.”
- (6) In section 10(2) of the listed buildings Act (applications for listed buildings consent) the words from “shall be made” to “require and” are omitted.
- (7) In section 10(3) of that Act for paragraph (a) there are substituted the following paragraphs—
  - “(a) the form and manner in which such applications are to be made;
  - (aa) particulars of such matters as are to be included in such applications;
  - (ab) the documents or other materials as are to accompany such applications;”.
- (8) In section 10 of that Act after subsection (3) there are inserted the following subsections—
  - “(4) The regulations must require that an application for listed building consent of such description as is prescribed must be accompanied by such of the following as is prescribed—
    - (a) a statement about the design principles and concepts that have been applied to the works;
    - (b) a statement about how issues relating to access to the building have been dealt with.

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(5) The form and content of a statement mentioned in subsection (4) is such as is prescribed.”

(9) In section 89(1) of that Act (application of certain provisions of the principal Act) after the entry relating to section 323 there is inserted— “ section 327A (compliance with requirements relating to applications), ”.

#### Textual Amendments

**F163** S. 42(3) repealed (6.4.2012 for E.) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), s. 241(3)(4), [Sch. 13](#) (with s. 226); [S.I. 2012/601](#), art. 2(c), [Sch.](#)

#### Commencement Information

**I71** S. 42 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I72** S. 42(1)(5)-(9) in force at 10.8.2006 for E. by [S.I. 2006/1061](#), [art. 3\(a\)](#) (with [art. 4](#)) (which saving in art. 4 is revoked (11.2.2010) by [S.I. 2010/321](#), art. 4)

**I73** S. 42(1)(5)-(9) in force at 30.6.2007 for W. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2007/1369](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#) (with [art. 3](#)) (as amended (11.2.2010) by [S.I. 2010/321](#), art. 4)

### 43 Power to decline to determine applications

(1) For section 70A of the principal Act (power of local planning authority to decline to determine application) there are substituted the following sections—

#### “70A Power to decline to determine subsequent application

(1) A local planning authority may decline to determine a relevant application if—

- (a) any of the conditions in subsections (2) to (4) is satisfied, and
- (b) the authority think there has been no significant change in the relevant considerations since the relevant event.

(2) The condition is that in the period of two years ending with the date on which the application mentioned in subsection (1) is received the Secretary of State has refused a similar application referred to him under section 76A or 77.

(3) The condition is that in that period the Secretary of State has dismissed an appeal—

- (a) against the refusal of a similar application, or
- (b) under section 78(2) in respect of a similar application.

(4) The condition is that—

- (a) in that period the local planning authority have refused more than one similar application, and
- (b) there has been no appeal to the Secretary of State against any such refusal.

(5) A relevant application is—

- (a) an application for planning permission for the development of any land;
- (b) an application for approval in pursuance of section 60(2).

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- (6) The relevant considerations are—
  - (a) the development plan so far as material to the application;
  - (b) any other material considerations.
- (7) The relevant event is—
  - (a) for the purposes of subsections (2) and (4) the refusal of the similar application;
  - (b) for the purposes of subsection (3) the dismissal of the appeal.
- (8) An application for planning permission is similar to another application if (and only if) the local planning authority think that the development and the land to which the applications relate are the same or substantially the same.

#### **70B Power to decline to determine overlapping application**

- (1) A local planning authority may decline to determine an application for planning permission for the development of any land which is made at a time when any of the conditions in subsections (2) to (4) applies in relation to a similar application.
  - (2) The condition is that a similar application is under consideration by the local planning authority and the determination period for that application has not expired.
  - (3) The condition is that a similar application is under consideration by the Secretary of State in pursuance of section 76A or 77 or on an appeal under section 78 and the Secretary of State has not issued his decision.
  - (4) The condition is that a similar application—
    - (a) has been granted by the local planning authority,
    - (b) has been refused by them, or
    - (c) has not been determined by them within the determination period, and the time within which an appeal could be made to the Secretary of State under section 78 has not expired.
  - (5) An application for planning permission is similar to another application if (and only if) the local planning authority think that the development and the land to which the applications relate are the same or substantially the same.
  - (6) The determination period is—
    - (a) the period prescribed by the development order for the determination of the application, or
    - (b) such longer period as the applicant and the authority have agreed for the determination of the application.”
- (2) In section 78(2)(aa) of that Act after “70A” there is inserted “ or 70B ”.
- (3) After section 81 of the listed buildings Act (authorities with functions under the Act) there are inserted the following sections—

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*“Power to decline to determine application*

**81A Power to decline to determine subsequent application**

- (1) A local planning authority may decline to determine an application for a relevant consent if—
  - (a) one or more of the conditions in subsections (2) to (4) is satisfied, and
  - (b) the authority think there has been no significant change in any material considerations since the relevant event.
- (2) The condition is that in the period of two years ending with the date on which the application mentioned in subsection (1) is received the Secretary of State has refused a similar application referred to him under section 12.
- (3) The condition is that in that period the Secretary of State has dismissed an appeal—
  - (a) against the refusal of a similar application, or
  - (b) under section 20(2) in respect of a similar application.
- (4) The condition is that—
  - (a) in that period the local planning authority have refused more than one similar application, and
  - (b) there has been no appeal to the Secretary of State against any such refusal.
- (5) Relevant consent is—
  - (a) listed building consent, or
  - (b) conservation area consent.
- (6) The relevant event is—
  - (a) for the purposes of subsections (2) and (4) the refusal of the similar application;
  - (b) for the purposes of subsection (3) the dismissal of the appeal.
- (7) An application for relevant consent is similar to another application if (and only if) the local planning authority think that the building and works to which the applications relate are the same or substantially the same.
- (8) For the purposes of an application for conservation area consent a reference to a provision of this Act is a reference to that provision as excepted or modified by regulations under section 74.

**81B Power to decline to determine overlapping application**

- (1) A local planning authority may decline to determine an application for a relevant consent which is made at a time when any of the conditions in subsections (2) to (4) applies in relation to a similar application.
- (2) The condition is that a similar application is under consideration by the local planning authority and the determination period for that application has not expired.

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- (3) The condition is that a similar application is under consideration by the Secretary of State in pursuance of section 12 or on an appeal under section 20 and the Secretary of State has not issued his decision.
- (4) The condition is that a similar application—
  - (a) has been granted by the local planning authority,
  - (b) has been refused by them, or
  - (c) has not been determined by them within the determination period,and the time within which an appeal could be made to the Secretary of State under section 20 has not expired.
- (5) Relevant consent is—
  - (a) listed building consent, or
  - (b) conservation area consent.
- (6) An application for relevant consent is similar to another application if (and only if) the local planning authority think that the building and works to which the applications relate are the same or substantially the same.
- (7) The determination period is—
  - (a) the period prescribed for the determination of the application, or
  - (b) such longer period as the applicant and the authority have agreed for the determination of the application.
- (8) For the purposes of an application for conservation area consent a reference to a provision of this Act is a reference to that provision as excepted or modified by regulations under section 74.”
- (4) Section 20(2) of that Act (appeals) is amended as follows—
  - (a) for “neither” there is substituted “ none of the following ”;
  - (b) after paragraph (a) for “nor” there is substituted—
    - “(aa) given notice to the applicant that they have exercised their power under section 81A or 81B to decline to determine the application;”.
- (5) This section has effect only in relation to applications made under the principal Act or the listed buildings Act which are received by the local planning authority after this section comes into force.

#### Commencement Information

- I74** S. 43(1)(3)(4)(b) in force at 24.8.2005 for specified purposes for E. by [S.I. 2005/2081](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)
- I75** S. 43(1) in force at 6.4.2009 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2009/384](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)
- I76** S. 43(2) in force at 6.4.2009 for E. by [S.I. 2009/384](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)
- I77** S. 43(3)(4)(b) in force at 6.4.2009 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2009/384](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)
- I78** S. 43(4)(a)(5) in force at 24.8.2005 for E. by [S.I. 2005/2081](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

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### *Major infrastructure projects*

## **44 Major infrastructure projects**

In the principal Act the following sections are inserted before section 77 (Reference of applications to the Secretary of State)—

### **“76A Major infrastructure projects**

- (1) This section applies to—
  - (a) an application for planning permission;
  - (b) an application for the approval of a local planning authority required under a development order,
 if the Secretary of State thinks that the development to which the application relates is of national or regional importance.
- (2) The Secretary of State may direct that the application must be referred to him instead of being dealt with by the local planning authority.
- (3) If the Secretary of State gives a direction under subsection (2) he may also direct that any application—
  - (a) under or for the purposes of the planning Acts, and
  - (b) which he thinks is connected with the application mentioned in subsection (1),
 must also be referred to him instead of being dealt with by the local planning authority.
- (4) If the Secretary of State gives a direction under this section—
  - (a) the application must be referred to him;
  - (b) he must appoint an inspector to consider the application.
- (5) If the Secretary of State gives a direction under subsection (2) the applicant must prepare an economic impact report which must—
  - (a) be in such form and contain such matter as is prescribed by development order;
  - (b) be submitted to the Secretary of State in accordance with such provision as is so prescribed.
- (6) For the purposes of subsection (5) the Secretary of State may, by development order, prescribe such requirements as to publicity and notice as he thinks appropriate.
- (7) A direction under this section or section 76B may be varied or revoked by a subsequent direction.
- (8) The decision of the Secretary of State on any application referred to him under this section is final.
- (9) Regional relates to a region listed in Schedule 1 to the Regional Development Agencies Act 1998 (c. 45).
- (10) The following provisions of this Act apply (with any necessary modifications) to an application referred to the Secretary of State under this section as they

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apply to an application which falls to be determined by a local planning authority—

- (a) section 70;
- (b) section 72(1) and (5);
- (c) section 73;
- (d) section 73A.

- (11) A development order may apply (with or without modifications) any requirements imposed by the order by virtue of section 65 or 71 to an application referred to the Secretary of State under this section.
- (12) This section does not apply to an application which relates to the development of land in Wales.

### **76B Major infrastructure projects: inspectors**

- (1) This section applies if the Secretary of State appoints an inspector under section 76A(4)(b) (the lead inspector).
- (2) The Secretary of State may direct the lead inspector—
  - (a) to consider such matters relating to the application as are prescribed;
  - (b) to make recommendations to the Secretary of State on those matters.
- (3) After considering any recommendations of the lead inspector the Secretary of State may—
  - (a) appoint such number of additional inspectors as he thinks appropriate;
  - (b) direct that each of the additional inspectors must consider such matters relating to the application as the lead inspector decides.
- (4) An additional inspector must—
  - (a) comply with such directions as to procedural matters as the lead inspector gives;
  - (b) report to the lead inspector on the matters he is appointed to consider.
- (5) A copy of directions given as mentioned in subsection (4)(a) must be given to—
  - (a) the person who made the application;
  - (b) the local planning authority;
  - (c) any other person who requests it.
- (6) If the Secretary of State does not act under subsection (3) he must direct the lead inspector to consider the application on his own.
- (7) In every case the lead inspector must report to the Secretary of State on—
  - (a) his consideration of the application;
  - (b) the consideration of the additional inspectors (if any) of the matters mentioned in subsection (3)(b).
- (8) The function of the lead inspector in pursuance of subsection (2)—
  - (a) may be exercised from time to time;
  - (b) includes making recommendations as to the number of additional inspectors required from time to time.

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- (9) The power of the Secretary of State under subsection (3) to appoint an additional inspector includes power to revoke such an appointment.”

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**I79** S. 44 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I80** S. 44 in force at 24.8.2005 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2005/2081](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#) (with [art. 4\(1\)](#))

PROSPECTIVE

### *Simplified planning zones*

#### **45 Simplified planning zones**

- (1) In section 83 of the principal Act (making simplified planning zone schemes) subsection (1) is omitted.

- (2) Before section 83(2) of that Act there are inserted the following subsections—

“(1A) This section applies if—

- (a) the regional spatial strategy for the region in which the area of a local planning authority in England is situated identifies the need for a simplified planning zone in that area (or any part of it);
- (b) the criteria prescribed by the National Assembly for Wales for the need for a simplified planning zone are satisfied in relation to the area (or any part of the area) of a local planning authority in Wales.

(1B) The local planning authority must consider the question for which part or parts of their area a simplified planning zone scheme is desirable.

(1C) The local planning authority must keep under review the question mentioned in subsection (1B).”

- (3) For section 83(2) of that Act there are substituted the following subsections—

“(2) A local planning authority must make a simplified planning zone scheme for all or any part of their area—

- (a) if as a result of the consideration mentioned in subsection (1B) or the review mentioned in subsection (1C) they decide that it is desirable to do so;
- (b) if they are directed to do so by the Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales (as the case may be).

(2A) A local planning authority may at any time—

- (a) alter a scheme adopted by them;
- (b) with the consent of the Secretary of State alter a scheme made or altered by him under paragraph 12 of Schedule 7 or approved by him under paragraph 11 of that Schedule;

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- (c) with the consent of the National Assembly for Wales alter a scheme made or altered by it under paragraph 12 of Schedule 7 or approved by it under paragraph 11 of that Schedule.
- (2B) A simplified planning zone scheme for an area in England must be in conformity with the regional spatial strategy.”
- (4) In section 83 of that Act after subsection (3) there is inserted the following subsection—
  - “(4) In this section and in Schedule 7—
    - (a) a reference to the regional spatial strategy must be construed in relation to any area in Greater London as a reference to the spatial development strategy;
    - (b) a reference to a region must be construed in relation to such an area as a reference to Greater London.”
- (5) In section 85(1) of that Act (duration of simplified planning zone scheme) for the words from “period” to the end there is substituted “ specified period ”.
- (6) After section 85(1) of that Act there is inserted the following subsection—
  - “(1A) The specified period is the period not exceeding 10 years—
    - (a) beginning with the date when the scheme is adopted or approved, and
    - (b) which is specified in the scheme.”
- (7) In Schedule 7 of that Act in paragraph 2 (notification of proposal to make scheme) for “decide under section 83(2) to make or” there is substituted “ are required under section 83(2) to make or decide under section 83(2A) to ”.
- (8) In Schedule 7 of that Act paragraphs 3 and 4 are omitted.
- (9) In Schedule 7 of that Act in paragraph 12 (default powers of Secretary of State) for sub-paragraph (1) there are substituted the following sub-paragraphs—
  - “(1) This paragraph applies if each of the following conditions is satisfied.
  - (1A) The first condition is that—
    - (a) the regional spatial strategy for the region in which the area of a local planning authority is situated identifies the need for a simplified planning zone in any part of their area, or
    - (b) the criteria prescribed by the National Assembly for Wales for the need for a simplified planning zone are satisfied in relation to the area of a local planning authority in Wales.
  - (1B) The second condition is that the Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales (as the case may be) is satisfied after holding a local inquiry or other hearing that the authority are not taking within a reasonable period the steps required by this Schedule for the adoption of proposals for the making or alteration of a scheme.
  - (1C) The Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales (as the case may be) may make or alter the scheme.”

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## Planning contribution

### **F164 46 Planning contribution**

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#### **Textual Amendments**

**F164** Ss. 46-48 repealed (26.1.2009) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), ss. 225(1)(a), 241(6), [Sch. 13](#) (with s. 226)

### **F164 47 Planning contribution: regulations**

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#### **Textual Amendments**

**F164** Ss. 46-48 repealed (26.1.2009) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), ss. 225(1)(a), 241(6), [Sch. 13](#) (with s. 226)

### **F164 48 Planning contribution: Wales**

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#### **Textual Amendments**

**F164** Ss. 46-48 repealed (26.1.2009) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), ss. 225(1)(a), 241(6), [Sch. 13](#) (with s. 226)

## Miscellaneous

### **49 Development to include certain internal operations**

(1) In the principal Act in section 55 (meaning of development) after subsection (2) there are inserted the following subsections—

“(2A) The Secretary of State may in a development order specify any circumstances or description of circumstances in which subsection (2) does not apply to operations mentioned in paragraph (a) of that subsection which have the effect of increasing the gross floor space of the building by such amount or percentage amount as is so specified.

(2B) The development order may make different provision for different purposes.”

(2) This subsection applies if—

- (a) section 55(2) of the principal Act is disapplied in respect of any operations by virtue of a development order under section 55(2A) of that Act,
- (b) at the date the development order comes into force a certificate under section 192 of the principal Act (certificate of lawfulness of proposed use or development) is in force in respect of the operations, and

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- (c) before that date no such operations have been begun.
- (3) If subsection (2) applies the certificate under section 192 of the principal Act is of no effect.
- (4) A development order made for the purposes of section 55(2A) of the principal Act does not affect any operations begun before it is made.

#### Commencement Information

- I81** S. 49 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)
- I82** S. 49 in force at 10.5.2006 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2006/1061](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)
- I83** S. 49 in force at 22.6.2015 for W. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2015/340](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

## 50 Appeal made: functions of local planning authority

- (1) In the principal Act after section 78 (right to appeal) there is inserted the following section—

### “78A Appeal made: functions of local planning authorities

- (1) This section applies if a person who has made an application mentioned in section 78(1)(a) appeals to the Secretary of State under section 78(2).
- (2) At any time before the end of the additional period the local planning authority may give the notice referred to in section 78(2).
- (3) If the local planning authority give notice as mentioned in subsection (2) that their decision is to refuse the application—
  - (a) the appeal must be treated as an appeal under section 78(1) against the refusal;
  - (b) the Secretary of State must give the person making the appeal an opportunity to revise the grounds of the appeal;
  - (c) the Secretary of State must give such a person an opportunity to change any option the person has chosen relating to the procedure for the appeal.
- (4) If the local planning authority give notice as mentioned in subsection (2) that their decision is to grant the application subject to conditions the Secretary of State must give the person making the appeal the opportunity—
  - (a) to proceed with the appeal as an appeal under section 78(1) against the grant of the application subject to conditions;
  - (b) to revise the grounds of the appeal;
  - (c) to change any option the person has chosen relating to the procedure for the appeal.
- (5) The Secretary of State must not issue his decision on the appeal before the end of the additional period.
- (6) The additional period is the period prescribed by development order for the purposes of this section and which starts on the day on which the person appeals under section 78(2).”

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- (2) In the listed buildings Act after section 20 (right to appeal) there is inserted the following section—

**“20A Appeal made: functions of local planning authorities**

- (1) This section applies if a person who has made an application mentioned in section 20(1)(a) appeals to the Secretary of State under section 20(2).
  - (2) At any time before the end of the additional period the local planning authority may give the notice referred to in section 20(2).
  - (3) If the local planning authority give notice as mentioned in subsection (2) that their decision is to refuse the application—
    - (a) the appeal must be treated as an appeal under section 20(1) against the refusal;
    - (b) the Secretary of State must give the person making the appeal an opportunity to revise the grounds of the appeal;
    - (c) the Secretary of State must give such a person an opportunity to change any option the person has chosen relating to the procedure for the appeal.
  - (4) If the local planning authority give notice as mentioned in subsection (2) that their decision is to grant the application subject to conditions the Secretary of State must give the person making the appeal the opportunity—
    - (a) to proceed with the appeal as an appeal under section 20(1) against the grant of the application subject to conditions;
    - (b) to revise the grounds of the appeal;
    - (c) to change any option the person has chosen relating to the procedure for the appeal.
  - (5) The Secretary of State must not issue his decision on the appeal before the end of the additional period.
  - (6) The additional period is the period prescribed for the purposes of this section and which starts on the day on which the person appeals under section 20(2).”
- (3) This section has effect only in relation to relevant applications which are received by the local planning authority after the commencement of this section.
- (4) The following are relevant applications—
- (a) an application mentioned in section 78(1)(a) of the principal Act;
  - (b) an application mentioned in section 20(1)(a) of the listed buildings Act;
  - (c) an application mentioned in section 20(1)(a) of the listed buildings Act as given effect by section 74(3) of that Act (application of certain provisions to the control of demolition in conservation areas).

**Commencement Information**

**I84** S. 50 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I85** S. 50 in force at 22.6.2015 for W. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2015/340](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)

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## 51 Duration of permission and consent

- (1) Section 91 of the principal Act (limit on duration of planning permission) is amended as follows—

- (a) [<sup>F165</sup>in subsections (1)(a) and (3) for the words “five years” there is substituted “three years ”;]  
(b) after subsection (3) there are inserted the following subsections—

“(3A) Subsection (3B) applies if any proceedings are begun to challenge the validity of a grant of planning permission or of a deemed grant of planning permission.

(3B) The period before the end of which the development to which the planning permission relates is required to be begun in pursuance of subsection (1) or (3) must be taken to be extended by one year.

(3C) Nothing in this section prevents the development being begun from the time the permission is granted or deemed to be granted.”

- (2) [<sup>F166</sup>In section 92 of that Act (outline planning permission)—

- (a) in subsection (2)(b) sub-paragraph (i) is omitted;  
(b) in subsection (2)(b) in sub-paragraph (ii) the words “if later” are omitted;  
(c) in subsection (4) “five years” is omitted.]

- (3) In section 73 of the principal Act (applications to develop land without compliance with existing conditions) after subsection (4) there is inserted the following subsection—

“(5) Planning permission must not be granted under this section to the extent that it has effect to change a condition subject to which a previous planning permission was granted by extending the time within which—

- (a) a development must be started;  
(b) an application for approval of reserved matters (within the meaning of section 92) must be made.”

- (4) Section 18 of the listed buildings Act (limit of duration of listed buildings consent) is amended as follows—

- (a) in subsections (1)(a) and (2) for the words “five years” there is substituted “three years ”;  
(b) after subsection (2) there are inserted the following subsections—

“(2A) Subsection (2B) applies if any proceedings are begun to challenge the validity of a grant of listed building consent or of a deemed grant of listed building consent.

(2B) The period before the end of which the works to which the consent relates are required to be begun in pursuance of subsection (1) or (2) must be taken to be extended by one year.

(2C) Nothing in this section prevents the works being begun from the time the consent is granted.”

- (5) In section 19 of that Act (variation or discharge of conditions) after subsection (4) there is inserted the following subsection—

“(5) But a variation or discharge of conditions under this section must not—

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- (a) vary a condition subject to which a consent was granted by extending the time within which the works must be started;
  - (b) discharge such a condition.”
- (6) This section has effect only in relation to applications made under the principal Act or the listed buildings Act which are received by the local planning authority after the commencement of the section.

#### Textual Amendments

**F165** S. 51(1)(a) omitted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 16.3.2016 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), [ss. 35\(8\)](#), [58\(2\)\(b\)\(4\)\(b\)](#); [S.I. 2016/52](#), [art. 5\(b\)](#) (with [art. 13](#))

**F166** S. 51(2) omitted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 16.3.2016 in so far as not already in force) by virtue of [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), [ss. 36\(7\)](#), [58\(2\)\(b\)\(4\)\(b\)](#); [S.I. 2016/52](#), [art. 5\(b\)](#) (with [art. 13](#))

#### Commencement Information

**I86** S. 51 in force at 24.8.2005 for E. by [S.I. 2005/2081](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#) (with [art. 4\(2\)](#))

**I87** S. 51(1)(b) in force at 22.6.2015 for specified purposes for W. by [S.I. 2015/340](#), [art. 3](#)

## 52 Temporary stop notice

After section 171D of the principal Act (penalties for non-compliance with planning contravention notice) there are inserted the following sections—

### *“Temporary stop notices*

#### **171E Temporary stop notice**

- (1) This section applies if the local planning authority think—
  - (a) that there has been a breach of planning control in relation to any land, and
  - (b) that it is expedient that the activity (or any part of the activity) which amounts to the breach is stopped immediately.
- (2) The authority may issue a temporary stop notice.
- (3) The notice must be in writing and must—
  - (a) specify the activity which the authority think amounts to the breach;
  - (b) prohibit the carrying on of the activity (or of so much of the activity as is specified in the notice);
  - (c) set out the authority’s reasons for issuing the notice.
- (4) A temporary stop notice may be served on any of the following—
  - (a) the person who the authority think is carrying on the activity;
  - (b) a person who the authority think is an occupier of the land;
  - (c) a person who the authority think has an interest in the land.
- (5) The authority must display on the land—
  - (a) a copy of the notice;
  - (b) a statement of the effect of the notice and of section 171G.

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- (6) A temporary stop notice has effect from the time a copy of it is first displayed in pursuance of subsection (5).
- (7) A temporary stop notice ceases to have effect—
  - (a) at the end of the period of 28 days starting on the day the copy notice is so displayed,
  - (b) at the end of such shorter period starting on that day as is specified in the notice, or
  - (c) if it is withdrawn by the local planning authority.

### **171F Temporary stop notice: restrictions**

- (1) A temporary stop notice does not prohibit—
  - (a) the use of a building as a dwelling house;
  - (b) the carrying out of an activity of such description or in such circumstances as is prescribed.
- (2) A temporary stop notice does not prohibit the carrying out of any activity which has been carried out (whether or not continuously) for a period of four years ending with the day on which the copy of the notice is first displayed as mentioned in section 171E(6).
- (3) Subsection (2) does not prevent a temporary stop notice prohibiting—
  - (a) activity consisting of or incidental to building, engineering, mining or other operations, or
  - (b) the deposit of refuse or waste materials.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (2) any period during which the activity is authorised by planning permission must be ignored.
- (5) A second or subsequent temporary stop notice must not be issued in respect of the same activity unless the local planning authority has first taken some other enforcement action in relation to the breach of planning control which is constituted by the activity.
- (6) In subsection (5) enforcement action includes obtaining the grant of an injunction under section 187B.

### **171G Temporary stop notice: offences**

- (1) A person commits an offence if he contravenes a temporary stop notice—
  - (a) which has been served on him, or
  - (b) a copy of which has been displayed in accordance with section 171E(5).
- (2) Contravention of a temporary stop notice includes causing or permitting the contravention of the notice.
- (3) An offence under this section may be charged by reference to a day or a longer period of time.
- (4) A person may be convicted of more than one such offence in relation to the same temporary stop notice by reference to different days or periods of time.

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- (5) A person does not commit an offence under this section if he proves—
  - (a) that the temporary stop notice was not served on him, and
  - (b) that he did not know, and could not reasonably have been expected to know, of its existence.
- (6) A person convicted of an offence under this section is liable—
  - (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding £20,000;
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine.
- (7) In determining the amount of the fine the court must have regard in particular to any financial benefit which has accrued or has appeared to accrue to the person convicted in consequence of the offence.

### **171H Temporary stop notice: compensation**

- (1) This section applies if and only if a temporary stop notice is issued and at least one of the following paragraphs applies—
  - (a) the activity which is specified in the notice is authorised by planning permission or a development order or local development order;
  - (b) a certificate in respect of the activity is issued under section 191 or granted under that section by virtue of section 195;
  - (c) the authority withdraws the notice.
- (2) Subsection (1)(a) does not apply if the planning permission is granted on or after the date on which a copy of the notice is first displayed as mentioned in section 171E(6).
- (3) Subsection (1)(c) does not apply if the notice is withdrawn following the grant of planning permission as mentioned in subsection (2).
- (4) A person who at the time the notice is served has an interest in the land to which the notice relates is entitled to be compensated by the local planning authority in respect of any loss or damage directly attributable to the prohibition effected by the notice.
- (5) Subsections (3) to (7) of section 186 apply to compensation payable under this section as they apply to compensation payable under that section; and for that purpose references in those subsections to a stop notice must be taken to be references to a temporary stop notice.”

#### **Commencement Information**

**188** S. 52 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**189** S. 52 in force at 7.3.2005 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2005/204](#), [art. 2](#)

**190** S. 52 in force at 22.6.2015 for W. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2015/340](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

## **53 Fees and charges**

[<sup>F167</sup>(1) Section 303 (fees for planning applications, etc) of the principal Act is amended as follows.

- (2) The following subsections are substituted for subsections (1) and (2)—

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“(1) The appropriate authority may by regulations make provision for the payment of a charge or fee to a local planning authority in respect of—

- (a) the performance by the local planning authority of any function they have;
- (b) anything done by them which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the performance of any such function.

(2) The regulations may prescribe—

- (a) the person by whom the charge or fee is payable;
- (b) provision as to the calculation of the charge or fee (including the person by whom it is to be calculated);
- (c) circumstances in which no charge or fee is to be paid;
- (d) circumstances in which a charge or fee is to be transferred from one local planning authority to another.

(2A) The appropriate authority is—

- (a) the Secretary of State in relation to England;
- (b) the National Assembly for Wales in relation to Wales,

and in the case of regulations made by the National Assembly for Wales section 333(3) must be ignored.”

(3) In subsection (4) after the first “prescribed” there is inserted “ charge or ”.

(4) After subsection (5) there are inserted the following subsections—

“(5A) If the local planning authority calculate the amount of fees or charges in pursuance of provision made by regulations under subsection (1) the authority must secure that, taking one financial year with another, the income from the fees or charges does not exceed the cost of the performance of the function or doing of the thing (as the case may be).

(5B) A financial year is the period of 12 months beginning with 1 April.”

(5) Subsection (6) is omitted.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F167** S. 53 repealed (6.4.2009 for E.) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), s. 241(3)(4), [Sch. 13](#) (with s. 226); [S.I. 2009/400](#), art. 5(g), [Sch. Pt. 2](#)

#### Commencement Information

**I91** S. 53 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), art. 2

**I92** S. 53 in force at 7.3.2005 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2005/204](#), art. 2

**I93** S. 53 in force at 1.4.2006 for W. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2006/931](#), art. 2

## 54 Duty to respond to consultation

(1) This section applies to a prescribed requirement to consult any person or body (the consultee) which exercises functions for the purposes of any enactment.

(2) A prescribed requirement to consult is a requirement—

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- (a) with which the appropriate authority or a local planning authority must comply before granting any permission, approval or consent under or by virtue of the planning Acts;
  - (b) which is prescribed for the purposes of this subsection.
- (3) At any time before an application is made for any permission, approval or consent mentioned in subsection (2) any person may in relation to a proposed development consult the consultee on any matter in respect of which the appropriate authority is or the local planning authority are required to consult the consultee.
- (4) The consultee must give a substantive response to any consultation mentioned in subsection (2) or by virtue of subsection (3) before the end of—
  - (a) the period prescribed for the purposes of this subsection, or
  - (b) such other period as is agreed in writing between the consultee and the appropriate authority or the local planning authority (as the case may be).
- (5) The appropriate authority may also prescribe—
  - (a) the procedure to be followed for the purposes of this section;
  - (b) the information to be provided to the consultee for the purposes of the consultation;
  - (c) the requirements of a substantive response.
- (6) Anything prescribed for the purposes of subsections (1) to (5) must be prescribed by development order.
- (7) A development order may—
  - (a) require consultees to give the appropriate authority a report as to their compliance with subsection (4);
  - (b) prescribe the form and content of the report;
  - (c) prescribe the times at which the report is to be made.
- (8) The appropriate authority is—
  - (a) the Secretary of State in relation to England;
  - (b) the National Assembly for Wales in relation to Wales.

#### Commencement Information

**I94** S. 54 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I95** S. 54 in force at 24.8.2005 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2005/2081](#), [art. 2\(d\)\(i\)](#) (with [art. 4\(3\)](#))

**I96** S. 54 in force at 22.6.2015 for W. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2015/340](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#) (with [art. 4](#))

## 55 Time in which Secretary of State to take decisions

- (1) Schedule 2 contains provisions about the time in which the Secretary of State must take certain decisions.
- (2) But Schedule 2 does not apply in relation to any decision taken in the exercise of a function in relation to Wales if the function is exercisable in relation to Wales by the National Assembly for Wales by virtue of an order under section 22 of the Government of Wales Act 1998 (c. 38).

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**I97** S. 55 in force at 1.4.2005 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2005/204](#), [art. 3](#)

## PART 5

### CORRECTION OF ERRORS

#### 56 Correction of errors in decisions

- (1) This section applies if the Secretary of State or an inspector issues a decision document which contains a correctable error.
- (2) The Secretary of State or the inspector (as the case may be) may correct the error—
  - (a) if he is requested to do so in writing by any person;
  - (b) if he sends a statement in writing to the applicant which explains the error and states that he is considering making the correction.
- (3) But the Secretary of State or inspector must not correct the error unless—
  - (a) not later than the end of the relevant period he receives a request mentioned in subsection (2)(a) or sends a statement mentioned in subsection (2)(b), [<sup>F168</sup>and]
  - (b) he informs the local planning authority of that fact, <sup>F169</sup>...
  - <sup>F169</sup>(c) .....
- (4) The relevant period—
  - (a) is the period within which an application or appeal may be made to the High Court in respect of the decision recorded in the decision document;
  - (b) does not include any time by which such a period may be extended by the High Court.
- (5) It is immaterial whether any such application or appeal is made.
- <sup>F170</sup>(6) .....
- <sup>F170</sup>(7) .....

## Textual Amendments

- F168** Word in s. 56(3)(a) inserted (1.9.2014) by [The Town and Country Planning \(Non-Material Changes and Correction of Errors\) \(Wales\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/1770\)](#), arts. 1, [3\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- F169** S. 56(3)(c) and word omitted (1.9.2014) by virtue of [The Town and Country Planning \(Non-Material Changes and Correction of Errors\) \(Wales\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/1770\)](#), arts. 1, [3\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- F170** S. 56(6)(7) omitted (1.9.2014) by virtue of [The Town and Country Planning \(Non-Material Changes and Correction of Errors\) \(Wales\) Order 2014 \(S.I. 2014/1770\)](#), arts. 1, [3\(3\)](#)

## Commencement Information

**I98** S. 56 in force at 28.9.2004 by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 3\(a\)](#)

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## 57 Correction notice

- (1) If paragraph (a) or (b) of section 56(2) applies the Secretary of State or the inspector must as soon as practicable after making any correction or deciding not to make any correction issue a notice in writing (a correction notice) which—
  - (a) specifies the correction of the error, or
  - (b) gives notice of his decision not to correct such an error.
- (2) The Secretary of State or the inspector (as the case may be) must give the correction notice to—
  - (a) the applicant;
  - (b) if the applicant is not the owner of the land in respect of which the original decision was made, the owner;
  - (c) the local planning authority for the area in which the land in respect of which the decision was made is situated;
  - (d) if the correction was requested by any other person, that person.
- (3) The Secretary of State may by order specify any other person or description of persons to whom the correction notice must be given.

### Commencement Information

**I99** S. 57 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I100** S. 57 in force at 28.9.2004 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 3\(a\)](#)

## 58 Effect of correction

- (1) If a correction is made in pursuance of section 56—
  - (a) the original decision is taken not to have been made;
  - (b) the decision is taken for all purposes to have been made on the date the correction notice is issued.
- (2) If a correction is not made—
  - (a) the original decision continues to have full force and effect;
  - (b) nothing in this Part affects anything done in pursuance of or in respect of the decision.
- (3) Section 288 of the principal Act (proceedings for questioning the validity of certain decisions) applies to the correction notice as if it were an action on the part of the Secretary of State to which that section applies, if the decision document in respect of which the correction notice is given records a decision mentioned in—
  - (a) paragraph (a) of section 59(4) below, or
  - (b) paragraph (b) of that section, if it is a decision mentioned in section 177 of the principal Act (grant or modification of planning permission on appeal against enforcement notice).
- (4) Section 289 of the principal Act (appeals to the High Court relating to enforcement notices and notices under section 207 of that Act) applies to the correction notice as if it were a decision of the Secretary of State mentioned in—
  - (a) subsection (1) of that section, if the decision document in respect of which the correction notice is given records a decision mentioned in paragraph (b)

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- of section 59(4) below (not being a decision mentioned in section 177 of the principal Act), or
- (b) subsection (2) of that section, if the decision document in respect of which the correction notice is given records a decision mentioned in paragraph (c) of section 59(4) below.
- (5) Section 63 of the listed buildings Act (proceedings for questioning the validity of certain decisions) applies to the correction notice as if it were a decision of the Secretary of State to which that section applies, if the decision document in respect of which the correction notice is given records a decision mentioned in any of paragraphs (d) to (f) of section 59(4) below.
- (6) Section 22 of the hazardous substances Act (proceedings for questioning the validity of certain decisions) applies to the correction notice as if it were a decision of the Secretary of State under section 20 or 21 of that Act, if the decision document in respect of which the correction notice is given records a decision mentioned in paragraph (g) of section 59(4) below.
- (7) If the decision document in respect of which the correction notice is given records a decision mentioned in paragraph (h) of section 59(4) the Secretary of State must by order make provision for questioning the validity of the notice which corresponds to the provisions of the planning Acts mentioned in subsections (3) to (6) above.
- (8) Except to the extent provided for by virtue of this section a correction notice must not be questioned in any legal proceedings.

#### Commencement Information

**I101** S. 58 in force at 28.9.2004 by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 3\(a\)](#)

## 59 Supplementary

- (1) This section applies for the purposes of this Part.
- (2) An inspector is a person appointed under any of the planning Acts to determine appeals instead of the Secretary of State <sup>[F171]</sup> or appointed under section 76D of the principal Act to determine applications instead of the Secretary of State] .
- <sup>[F172]</sup>(2A) An inspector is also a person appointed under Schedule 4D of the principal Act to determine an application instead of the Welsh Ministers.]
- (3) In the case of a decision document issued by an inspector any other inspector may act under this Part.
- (4) A decision document is a document which records any of the following decisions—
- (a) a decision of any description which constitutes action on the part of the Secretary of State under section 284(3) of the principal Act (decisions which are not to be questioned in legal proceedings);
  - (b) a decision in proceedings on an appeal under Part 7 of that Act (enforcement notices);
  - (c) a decision in proceedings on an appeal under section 208 of that Act (appeals against enforcement notices relating to trees);
  - (d) a decision mentioned in section 62(2) of the listed buildings Act (decisions which are not to be questioned in legal proceedings);

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- (e) a decision on an appeal under section 39 of that Act (appeals against listed building enforcement notices);
  - (f) a decision relating to conservation area consent within the meaning of section 74(1) of that Act (consent required for demolition of certain buildings);
  - (g) a decision under section 20 or 21 of the hazardous substances Act (certain applications referred to and appeals determined by the Secretary of State);
  - (h) a decision under any of the planning Acts which is of a description specified by the Secretary of State by order.
- (5) A correctable error is an error—
- (a) which is contained in any part of the decision document which records the decision, but
  - (b) which is not part of any reasons given for the decision.
- (6) The applicant is—
- (a) in the case of a decision made on an application under any of the planning Acts, the person who made the application;
  - (b) in the case of a decision made on an appeal under any of those Acts, the appellant.
- (7) The owner in relation to land is a person who—
- (a) is the estate owner in respect of the fee simple;
  - (b) is entitled to a tenancy granted or extended for a term of years simple of which not less than seven years remain unexpired;
  - (c) is entitled to an interest in any mineral prescribed by a development order, in the case of such applications under the principal Act as are so prescribed.
- (8) Error includes omission.
- (9) For the purposes of the exercise of any function under this Part in relation to Wales references to the Secretary of State must be construed as references to the National Assembly for Wales.

#### Textual Amendments

- F171** Words in s. 59(2) inserted (9.5.2013 for E. for specified purposes, 1.10.2013 for specified purposes, 1.10.2014 in so far as not already in force) by [Growth and Infrastructure Act 2013 \(c. 27\)](#), s. 35(1), [Sch. 1 para. 12](#); [S.I. 2013/1124](#), art. 2; [S.I. 2013/2143](#), art. 2(1)(a); [S.I. 2014/1531](#), art. 2
- F172** S. 59(2A) inserted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 1.3.2016 for specified purposes) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), s. 58(2)(b)(4)(b), [Sch. 3 para. 2](#); [S.I. 2016/52](#), art. 3(d)

#### Commencement Information

- I102** S. 59 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), art. 2
- I103** S. 59 in force at 28.9.2004 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), art. 3(a)

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## PART 6

### WALES

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C41** Pt. 6 applied (21.1.2021) by [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021](#) (asc 1), **ss. 74(4), 175(1)(e)**
- C42** Pt. 6 applied (28.2.2022) by [The South East Wales Corporate Joint Committee Regulations 2021](#) (S.I. 2021/343), **regs. 1(3)(c), 13**
- C43** Pt. 6 applied (30.6.2022) by [The North Wales Corporate Joint Committee Regulations 2021](#) (S.I. 2021/339), **regs. 1(3)(c), 13**
- C44** Pt. 6 applied (30.6.2022) by [The South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee Regulations 2021](#) (S.I. 2021/352), **regs. 1(3)(c), 13**
- C45** Pt. 6 applied (30.6.2022) by [The Mid Wales Corporate Joint Committee Regulations 2021](#) (S.I. 2021/342), **regs. 1(3)(c), 13**

### *[<sup>F173</sup>National Development Framework]*

#### Textual Amendments

- F173** Ss. 60–60C and crossheading substituted for s. 60 and crossheading (W.) (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.1.2016 for the substitution of ss. 60, 60A, 60B so far as not already in force, 4.12.2020 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015](#) (anaw 4), **ss. 3, 58(2)(b)(4)(b)**; S.I. 2015/1987, **art. 2** (with **art. 7**); S.I. 2020/1216, **reg. 2(a)**

### **[<sup>F173</sup>60 National Development Framework for Wales**

- (1) There must be a plan, prepared and published by the Welsh Ministers, to be known as the National Development Framework for Wales.
- (2) The Framework must set out such of the policies of the Welsh Ministers in relation to the development and use of land in Wales as the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate.
- (3) The Framework may specify that development of a particular description, in a particular area or location, is to constitute [<sup>F174</sup>a significant infrastructure project for the purposes of the Infrastructure (Wales) Act 2024].
- (4) The Framework must give reasons for—
  - (a) the policies that it sets out, and
  - (b) any provision that it makes as mentioned in subsection (3).
- (5) The Framework must explain how, in preparing the Framework, the Welsh Ministers have taken into account relevant policies set out in—
  - [<sup>F175</sup>(za) the national natural resources policy published under section 9 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016,]
  - (a) any marine plan adopted and published by them under Part 3 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, and
  - (b) the Wales Transport Strategy published under section 2 of the Transport (Wales) Act 2006.

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- (6) The Framework must specify the period for which it is to have effect.
- (7) A plan ceases to be the National Development Framework for Wales on the expiry of the period specified under subsection (6).]

#### Textual Amendments

**F174** Words in s. 60(3) substituted (W.) (15.12.2025) by [Infrastructure \(Wales\) Act 2024](#) (asc 3), s. 147(2), [Sch. 3 para. 9\(2\)](#) (with s. 84(5)); [S.I. 2025/698](#), art. 3(l)

**F175** S. 60(5)(za) inserted (21.5.2016) by [Environment \(Wales\) Act 2016](#) (anaw 3), s. 88(2)(a), [Sch. 2 para. 8\(2\)](#)

### [<sup>F173</sup> **60A Preparation of Framework: statement of public participation**

- (1) The Welsh Ministers must prepare and publish a statement of public participation setting out their policies relating to the consultation to be carried out in preparing the National Development Framework for Wales.
- (2) In particular, the statement must include provision about—
  - (a) the form that the consultation will take,
  - (b) when the consultation will take place, and
  - (c) the steps that will be taken to involve members of the public in the preparation of the Framework.
- (3) The statement must provide that, as part of the consultation, the Welsh Ministers will—
  - (a) publish a draft of the Framework, and
  - (b) allow a period of 12 weeks beginning with the publication of the draft Framework during which any person may make representations with regard to the draft.
- (4) The Welsh Ministers may revise the statement, and must publish the statement as revised.

### **60B Procedure for preparation and publication of Framework**

- (1) Before publishing the National Development Framework for Wales, the Welsh Ministers must—
  - (a) prepare a draft of the Framework,
  - (b) carry out an appraisal of the sustainability of the policies set out in the draft, and
  - (c) carry out consultation in accordance with the statement of public participation.

[ In preparing the draft Framework under subsection (1)(a), the Welsh Ministers must <sup>F176</sup>(1A) have regard to the most recent sustainable land management report published under section 6 of the [Agriculture \(Wales\) Act 2023](#).]

- (2) The appraisal under subsection (1)(b) must include an assessment of the likely effects of the policies in the draft Framework on the use of the Welsh language.
- (3) If, after complying with subsection (1), the Welsh Ministers wish to proceed with the draft of the Framework (with or without changes), they must lay before the National Assembly for Wales—

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- (a) the draft, and
  - (b) a report which—
    - (i) summarises the representations they received during the consultation carried out under subsection (1)(c), and
    - (ii) explains how they have taken the representations into account.
- (4) The Welsh Ministers must have regard to—
  - (a) any resolution passed by the National Assembly for Wales with regard to the draft Framework during the Assembly consideration period, and
  - (b) any recommendation made by a committee of the National Assembly with regard to the draft during that period.
- (5) After the expiry of the Assembly consideration period, the Welsh Ministers—
  - (a) may publish the National Development Framework for Wales in the terms of the draft laid under subsection (3), or
  - (b) if they propose to make changes to that draft, may—
    - (i) lay before the National Assembly for Wales an amended draft of the Framework, and
    - (ii) publish the National Development Framework for Wales in the terms of the amended draft.
- (6) If any resolution was passed or any recommendation was made as mentioned in subsection (4), the Welsh Ministers must also, not later than the day on which the Framework is published, lay before the National Assembly for Wales a statement explaining how they have had regard to the resolution or recommendation.
- (7) In this section, “the Assembly consideration period” means the period of 60 days beginning with the day on which a draft of the Framework is laid before the National Assembly for Wales under subsection (3), disregarding any time when the National Assembly is dissolved or is in recess for more than four days.

#### Textual Amendments

**F176** [S. 60B\(1A\)](#) inserted (17.10.2023) by [Agriculture \(Wales\) Act 2023 \(asc 4\)](#), s. 56(3)(d), [Sch. 2 para. 5](#)

### 60C Review and revision of Framework

- (1) The Welsh Ministers must keep the National Development Framework for Wales under review.
- (2) The Welsh Ministers may revise the Framework at any time, and must publish the Framework as revised.
- (3) Sections 60A and 60B apply for the purposes of the revision of the Framework, as if references to the Framework (or a draft of the Framework) were references to the Framework as revised (or a draft of the Framework as revised).
- (4) Subsection (5) applies if the Welsh Ministers, having published a draft of a revised Framework in accordance with the statement of public participation, decide not to proceed with the revision of the Framework.
- (5) The Welsh Ministers must—
  - (a) publish notice of their decision and the reasons for it, and

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- (b) if a draft of a revised Framework has been laid before the National Assembly for Wales under section 60B(3), lay a copy of the notice before the National Assembly.
- (6) Subsection (7) applies if—
  - (a) a review period ends, and
  - (b) the Welsh Ministers have not, within that period—
    - (i) published a revised Framework, or
    - (ii) laid a draft revised Framework before the National Assembly for Wales under section 60B(3).
- (7) As soon as reasonably practicable after the end of the review period, the Welsh Ministers must publish and lay before the National Assembly for Wales a statement—
  - (a) setting out their assessment of whether the Framework should be revised and giving reasons for that assessment, and
  - (b) if they consider that the Framework should be revised, setting out a timetable for its revision.
- (8) For the purposes of subsections (6) and (7)—
  - (a) the first review period—
    - (i) begins with the day on which the Framework is first published, and
    - (ii) ends with the fifth anniversary of the day on which the Framework is first published or, if earlier, with the day on which a revised Framework is published;
  - (b) each subsequent review period—
    - (i) begins with the day after the last day of the preceding review period, and
    - (ii) ends with the fifth anniversary of the last day of the preceding review period or, if earlier, with the day on which a revised Framework is published.]

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#### Textual Amendments

**F177** Ss. 60D-60J and cross-heading omitted (21.1.2021) by virtue of [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 1\)](#), s. 175(1)(e), [Sch. 9 para. 3](#)

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<sup>F178</sup>*Strategic planning by corporate joint committees*

#### Textual Amendments

**F178** Ss. 60K-60N and cross-heading inserted (21.1.2021) by [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021](#) (asc 1), s. 175(1)(e), [Sch. 9 para. 4](#)

### **60K Corporate joint committees to which this Part applies**

In this Part, references to a corporate joint committee are to a corporate joint committee to which this Part applies by virtue of regulations under Part 5 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

### **60L Corporate joint committees: area survey**

- (1) A corporate joint committee must keep under review the matters which may be expected to affect the development, or the planning of the development, of its area.
- (2) Subsections (2) to (5) of section 61 apply in relation to a corporate joint committee as they apply in relation to a local planning authority.
- (3) In subsections (2) to (5) of section 61 as they apply by virtue of subsection (2)—
  - (a) references to a local planning authority are to be construed as references to a corporate joint committee;
  - (b) references to a neighbouring area are to be construed as references to a neighbouring area which is the area of another corporate joint committee.

### **60M Corporate joint committee areas: strategic development plans**

- (1) A corporate joint committee must prepare a plan for its area to be known as a strategic development plan.
- (2) The plan must set out—
  - (a) the committee's objectives in relation to the development and use of land in its area;

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- (b) the committee's policies for the implementation of those objectives.
- (3) The plan must be in general conformity with the National Development Framework for Wales.
- (4) The plan must specify the period for which it is to have effect.
- (5) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations make provision about—
  - (a) the period that may be specified under subsection (4);
  - (b) the form and content of the plan.
- (6) In preparing its plan the committee must have regard to—
  - (a) current national policies;
  - (b) the National Development Framework for Wales;
  - (c) any strategic development plan for an area that adjoins the committee's area;
  - (d) the local development plan for each area all or part of which is included in the committee's area;
  - (e) the resources likely to be available for implementing the plan;
  - (f) any other matters prescribed by the Welsh Ministers in regulations.
- (7) The committee must also—
  - (a) carry out an appraisal of the sustainability of the plan;
  - (b) prepare a report of the findings of the appraisal.
- (8) The appraisal must include an assessment of the likely effects of the plan on the use of the Welsh language in the area.
- (9) A plan is a strategic development plan only in so far as it is—
  - (a) adopted by resolution of the corporate joint committee as its strategic development plan, or
  - (b) approved by the Welsh Ministers under section 65 or 71 (as they apply by virtue of section 60N).
- (10) The plan ceases to be a strategic development plan on the expiry of the period specified under subsection (4).

## **60N Strategic development plans: application of provisions of this Part**

- (1) The provisions specified in subsection (3) apply in relation to a strategic development plan as they apply in relation to a local development plan.
- (2) Accordingly, where a provision specified in subsection (3) confers power for the Welsh Ministers to make provision by regulations in respect of a local development plan, that power is also exercisable so as to make provision in respect of a strategic development plan prepared by a corporate joint committee.
- (3) The provisions are sections 63 to 68, 68A(1), 69 to 71, 73 and 75 to 77.
- (4) In those provisions as they apply by virtue of subsection (1)—
  - (a) references to a local planning authority are to be construed as references to a corporate joint committee;
  - (b) references to a local development plan are to be construed as references to a strategic development plan.

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- (5) In section 64(5)(a) as it applies by virtue of this section, the reference to section 62 is to be construed as a reference to section 60M.
- (6) In section 77(2)(a) as it applies by virtue of this section, the reference to section 62(6) is to be construed as a reference to section 60M(7).]

## Survey

### 61 Survey

- (1) The local planning authority must keep under review the matters which may be expected to affect the development of their area or the planning of its development.
- (2) These matters include—
- (a) the principal physical, economic, social and environmental characteristics of the area of the authority [<sup>F179</sup>(including the extent to which the Welsh language is used in the area)] ;
  - (b) the principal purposes for which land is used in the area;
  - (c) the size, composition and distribution of the population of the area;
  - (d) the communications, transport system and traffic of the area;
  - (e) any other considerations which may be expected to affect those matters;
  - (f) such other matters as may be prescribed or as the Assembly in a particular case may direct.
- (3) These matters also include—
- (a) any changes which the authority think may occur in relation to any other matter;
  - (b) the effect such changes are likely to have on the development of the authority's area or on the planning of such development.
- (4) The local planning authority may also keep under review and examine the matters mentioned in subsections (2) and (3) in relation to any neighbouring area to the extent that those matters may be expected to affect the area of the authority.
- (5) In exercising a function under subsection (4) a local planning authority must consult the local planning authority for the neighbouring area in question.
- [<sup>F180</sup>(6) If a neighbouring area is in England, the reference in subsection (5) to the local planning authority for that area is to be construed as a reference to the local planning authority and the minerals and waste planning authority, in each case for the purposes of Part 2, for that area.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F179** Words in s. 61(2)(a) inserted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.1.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 11(2)**, 58(2)(b)(4)(b); S.I. 2015/1987, art. 3(a)

**F180** S. 61(6) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), **Sch. 8 para. 22** (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(vii) (with Sch. 1)

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**I104** S. 61 in force at 5.10.2005 for specified purposes and 15.10.2005 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2005/2722](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

## Plans

### 62 Local development plan

- (1) The local planning authority must prepare a plan for their area to be known as a local development plan.
  - (2) The plan must set out—
    - (a) the authority's objectives in relation to the development and use of land in their area;
    - (b) their general policies for the implementation of those objectives.
  - (3) The plan may also set out specific policies in relation to any part of the area of the authority.
- [<sup>F181</sup>(3A) The plan must be in general conformity with—
- (a) the National Development Framework for Wales, and
  - (b) the strategic development plan for any <sup>F182</sup>... area that includes all or part of the area of the authority.]

[<sup>F183</sup>(3B) The plan must specify the period for which it is to have effect.]

    - (4) Regulations under this section may [<sup>F184</sup>—
      - (a) make provision about the period that may be specified under subsection (3B);
      - (b)] prescribe the form and content of the plan.
    - (5) In preparing a local development plan the authority must have regard to—
      - (a) current national policies;
      - (b) [<sup>F185</sup>the National Development Framework for Wales;
      - (ba) the strategic development plan for any <sup>F186</sup>... area that—
        - (i) includes all or part of the area of the authority, or
        - (ii) adjoins that area;]
        - [<sup>F187</sup>(bb) any area statement published under section 11 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 for an area that includes all or part of the area of the authority;
        - (c) the RSS for any region which adjoins the area of the authority;
        - [<sup>F188</sup>(d) any relevant [<sup>F189</sup>local well-being plan];]
        - (f) the resources likely to be available for implementing the plan;
        - (g) such other matters as the Assembly prescribes.
      - (6) The authority must also—
        - (a) carry out an appraisal of the sustainability of the plan;
        - (b) prepare a report of the findings of the appraisal.

[<sup>F190</sup>(6A) The appraisal must include an assessment of the likely effects of the plan on the use of the Welsh language in the area of the authority.]

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- [<sup>F191</sup>(7) A local well-being plan is relevant if it has been published under section 39 [<sup>F192</sup>, 44(5) or 47(6) or (11)] of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (anaw 2) by—
- (a) in the case of an authority which is a county council or county borough council, the public services board of which that authority is a member;
  - (b) in the case of an authority which is a National Park Authority, the public services board for an area that includes any part of that authority's area.]
- (8) A plan is a local development plan only in so far as it—
- (a) is adopted by resolution of the local planning authority as a local development plan;
  - (b) is approved by the Assembly under section 65 or 71.
- [<sup>F193</sup>(9) A plan ceases to be a local development plan on the expiry of the period specified under subsection (3B).]

#### Textual Amendments

- F181** S. 62(3A) inserted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.12.2020 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 7(1)**, 58(2)(b)(4)(b); S.I. 2020/1216, reg. 2(a)
- F182** Words in s. 62(3A)(b) omitted (21.1.2021) by virtue of [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 1\)](#), s. 175(1)(e), **Sch. 9 para. 5(a)**
- F183** S. 62(3B) inserted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.1.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 12(2)**, 58(2)(b)(4)(b); S.I. 2015/1987, art. 3(b)
- F184** Words in s. 62(4) inserted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.1.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 12(3)**, 58(2)(b)(4)(b); S.I. 2015/1987, art. 3(b)
- F185** S. 62(5)(b)(ba) substituted for s. 62(5)(b) (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.12.2020 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), s. 58(2)(b)(4)(b), **Sch. 2 para. 25**; S.I. 2020/1216, reg. 2(b)
- F186** Words in s. 62(5)(ba) omitted (21.1.2021) by virtue of [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 1\)](#), s. 175(1)(e), **Sch. 9 para. 5(b)**
- F187** S. 62(5)(bb) inserted (21.5.2016) by [Environment \(Wales\) Act 2016 \(anaw 3\)](#), s. 88(2)(a), **Sch. 2 para. 8(3)**
- F188** S. 62(5)(d) substituted for s. 62(5)(d)(e) (1.1.2010) by [Local Government \(Wales\) Measure 2009 \(nawm 2\)](#), s. 53(2), **Sch. 2 para. 5** (with Sch. 3 paras. 3-9); S.I. 2009/3272, art. 2, Sch. 1
- F189** Words in s. 62(5)(d) substituted (1.4.2016) by [Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 2\)](#), s. 56(2), **Sch. 4 para. 9**; S.I. 2016/86, art. 3
- F190** S. 62(6A) inserted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.1.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 11(3)**, 58(2)(b)(4)(b); S.I. 2015/1987, art. 3(a) (with art. 6)
- F191** S. 62(7) substituted (1.4.2016) by [Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 2\)](#), s. 56(2), **Sch. 4 para. 10**; S.I. 2016/86, art. 3
- F192** Words in s. 62(7) substituted (20.3.2021) by [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 1\)](#), s. 175(3)(q), **Sch. 14 para. 4**
- F193** S. 62(9) inserted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.1.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 12(4)**, 58(2)(b)(4)(b); S.I. 2015/1987, art. 3(b)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C46** S. 62(2)(b) modified (1.4.2010) by [The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 \(S.I. 2010/490\)](#), regs. 1(2), **39(1)(b)** (with reg. 125)

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**I105** S. 62(1)-(3)(5)(a)-(f)(6)-(8) in force at 30.4.2005 by [S.I. 2005/1229](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#) (with [art. 4](#), [Sch.](#)) (which transitional provisions in art. 4 are revoked (15.10.2005) by [S.I. 2005/2722](#), art. 4)

**I106** S. 62(4)(5)(g) in force at 1.8.2004 by [S.I. 2004/1813](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

### 63 Preparation requirements

- (1) A local development plan must be prepared in accordance with—
  - (a) the local planning authority's community involvement scheme;
  - (b) the timetable for the preparation and adoption of the authority's local development plan.
- (2) The authority's community involvement scheme is a statement of the authority's policy as to the involvement in the exercise of the authority's functions under this Part of the persons to which subsection (3) applies.
- (3) The persons mentioned in subsection (2)—
  - (a) must include such persons as the Assembly prescribes;
  - (b) may include such other persons as appear to the authority to have an interest in matters relating to development in the area of the authority.
- (4) The authority and the Assembly must attempt to agree the terms of the documents mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1).
- (5) But to the extent that the Assembly and the authority cannot agree the terms the Assembly may direct that the documents must be in the terms specified in the direction.
- (6) The authority must comply with the direction.
- (7) The Assembly may prescribe—
  - (a) the procedure in respect of the preparation of the documents mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1);
  - (b) the form and content of the documents;
  - (c) the time at which any step in the preparation of the documents must be taken;
  - (d) publicity about the documents;
  - (e) making the documents available for inspection by the public;
  - (f) circumstances in which the requirements of the documents need not be complied with.

#### Commencement Information

**I107** S. 63(1)(2)(3)(b)(4)-(6) in force at 30.4.2005 by [S.I. 2005/1229](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#) (with [art. 4](#), [Sch.](#)) (which transitional provisions in art. 4 are revoked (15.10.2005) by [S.I. 2005/2722](#), art. 4)

**I108** S. 63(3)(a)(7) in force at 1.8.2004 by [S.I. 2004/1813](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)

### 64 Independent examination

- (1) The local planning authority must submit their local development plan to the Assembly for independent examination.
- (2) But the authority must not submit a plan unless—

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- (a) they have complied with any relevant requirements contained in regulations under this Part, and
  - (b) they think the plan is ready for independent examination.
- (3) The authority must also send to the Assembly (in addition to the local development plan) such other documents (or copies of documents) and such information as is prescribed.
- (4) The examination must be carried out by a person appointed by the Assembly.
- (5) The purpose of the independent examination is to determine in respect of a local development plan—
  - (a) whether it satisfies the requirements of sections 62 and 63 and of regulations under section 77;
  - (b) whether it is sound.
- (6) Any person who makes representations seeking to change a local development plan must (if he so requests) be given the opportunity to appear before and be heard by the person carrying out the examination.
- (7) The person appointed to carry out the examination must—
  - (a) make recommendations;
  - (b) give reasons for the recommendations.
- (8) The local planning authority must publish the recommendations and the reasons.

#### Commencement Information

**I109** S. 64 in force at 5.10.2005 for specified purposes and 15.10.2005 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2005/2722](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)

## 65 Intervention by Assembly

- (1) If the Assembly thinks that a local development plan is unsatisfactory—
  - (a) it may at any time before the plan is adopted by the local planning authority direct them to modify the plan in accordance with the direction;
  - (b) if it gives such a direction it must state its reasons for doing so.
- (2) The authority—
  - (a) must comply with the direction;
  - (b) must not adopt the plan unless the Assembly gives notice that it is satisfied that they have complied with the direction.
- (3) But subsection (2) does not apply if the Assembly withdraws the direction.
- (4) At any time before a local development plan is adopted by a local planning authority the Assembly may direct that the plan is submitted to it for its approval.
- (5) The following paragraphs apply if the Assembly gives a direction under subsection (4)—
  - (a) the authority must not take any step in connection with the adoption of the plan until the Assembly gives its decision;

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- (b) if the direction is given before the authority have submitted the plan under section 64(1) the Assembly must hold an independent examination and section 64(4) to (7) applies accordingly;
  - (c) if the direction is given after the authority have submitted the plan the person appointed to carry out the examination must make his recommendations to the Assembly;
  - (d) the plan has no effect unless it has been approved by the Assembly.
- (6) The Assembly must publish the recommendations made to it by virtue of subsection (5)(b) or (c) and the reasons of the person making the recommendations.
- (7) In considering a plan submitted under subsection (4) the Assembly may take account of any matter which it thinks is relevant.
- (8) It is immaterial whether any such matter was taken account of by the authority.
- (9) The Assembly—
- (a) may approve, approve subject to specified modifications or reject a plan submitted to it under subsection (4);
  - (b) must give reasons for its decision under paragraph (a).
- (10) In the exercise of any function under this section the Assembly must have regard to the documents mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b) of section 63(1).

#### Commencement Information

**I110** S. 65 in force at 5.10.2005 for specified purposes and 15.10.2005 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2005/2722](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

### [<sup>F194</sup>66] **Withdrawal of local development plan in accordance with direction**

- (1) The Welsh Ministers may, at any time before a local development plan is adopted under section 67, direct the local planning authority to withdraw the plan.
- (2) If the Welsh Ministers give a direction under subsection (1), they must state their reasons for doing so.
- (3) The authority must withdraw the plan in accordance with the direction.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F194** Ss. 66, 66A substituted for s. 66 (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.1.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), [ss. 13, 58\(2\)\(b\)\(4\)\(b\)](#); [S.I. 2015/1987](#), [art. 3\(c\)](#)

### [<sup>F194</sup>66A] **Withdrawal of local development plan in absence of direction**

- (1) This section applies where a local planning authority are not required to withdraw their local development plan under section 66.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of this section, the authority may withdraw the plan at any time before adopting it under section 67.

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- (3) A local planning authority may not withdraw their local development plan when the Welsh Ministers have—
  - (a) directed the authority to submit the plan for approval under section 65(4), or
  - (b) taken any step under section 71 in connection with the plan.
- (4) A local planning authority may withdraw a local development plan that has been submitted for independent examination under section 64 only if—
  - (a) the person carrying out the independent examination recommends that the plan is withdrawn, and
  - (b) the recommendation is not overruled by a direction given by the Welsh Ministers.
- (5) A local planning authority may withdraw a local development plan to which subsection (6) applies only if—
  - (a) the authority have given notice to the Welsh Ministers of their intention to withdraw the plan, and
  - (b) the notice period has expired.
- (6) This subsection applies to a local development plan if the local planning authority—
  - (a) have not yet submitted the plan for independent examination under section 64, but
  - (b) have taken steps in connection with the preparation of the plan that are specified in regulations made by the Welsh Ministers.
- (7) Where a local planning authority have given notice under subsection (5)(a), the Welsh Ministers may, by direction to the authority, do either or both of the following—
  - (a) require the authority to provide further information;
  - (b) extend the notice period.
- (8) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations make provision about the giving of notices and directions under this section (including provision about their form and content and how they are to be given).
- (9) Subject to any direction given under subsection (7)(b) in a particular case, the “notice period” means whatever period, beginning with the giving of notice under subsection (5)(a), is specified in regulations made by the Welsh Ministers].

#### Textual Amendments

**F194** Ss. 66, 66A substituted for s. 66 (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.1.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 13, 58(2)(b)(4)(b)**; [S.I. 2015/1987](#), art. 3(c)

## 67 Adoption of local development plan

- (1) The local planning authority may adopt a local development plan as originally prepared if the person appointed to carry out the independent examination of the plan recommends that the plan as originally prepared is adopted.
- (2) The authority may adopt a local development plan with modifications if the person appointed to carry out the independent examination of the plan recommends the modifications.

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- (3) A plan is adopted for the purposes of this section if it is adopted by resolution of the authority.
- (4) But the authority must not adopt a local development plan if the Assembly directs them not to do so.

#### Commencement Information

**I111** S. 67 in force at 5.10.2005 for specified purposes and 15.10.2005 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2005/2722, art. 2\(e\)](#)

### 68 Revocation of local development plan

The Assembly may at any time revoke a local development plan at the request of the local planning authority.

#### Commencement Information

**I112** S. 68 in force at 5.10.2005 for specified purposes and 15.10.2005 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2005/2722, art. 2\(f\)](#)

### <sup>F195</sup>68A Duty to consider whether to review local development plan

- (1) Following the publication of the National Development Framework for Wales or a revised Framework, a local planning authority must consider whether to carry out a review of their local development plan.
- (2) Following the adoption or approval of a strategic development plan or revised strategic development plan for <sup>F196</sup>all or part of their area, a local planning authority] must consider whether to carry out a review of their local development plan.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F195** S. 68A inserted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.12.2020 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\), ss. 8\(1\), 58\(2\)\(b\)\(4\)\(b\); S.I. 2020/1216, reg. 2\(a\)](#)

**F196** Words in s. 68A(2) substituted (21.1.2021) by [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 1\), s. 175\(1\)\(e\), Sch. 9 para. 6](#)

### 69 Review of local development plan

- (1) A local planning authority must carry out a review of their local development plan <sup>F197</sup>—.
  - (a) if, after consideration under section 68A, they think that the plan should be reviewed, and
  - (b) at such other times as the Welsh Ministers prescribe].
- (2) The authority must report to the Assembly on the findings of their review.
- (3) A review must—
  - (a) be in such form as is prescribed;

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- (b) be published in accordance with such requirements as are prescribed.

#### Textual Amendments

**F197** S. 69(1)(a)(b) substituted for words (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.12.2020 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 8(2)**, **58(2)(b)(4)(b)**; [S.I. 2020/1216](#), **reg. 2(a)**

#### Commencement Information

**I113** S. 69 in force at 5.10.2005 for specified purposes and 15.10.2005 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2005/2722](#), **art. 2(g)**

## 70 Revision of local development plan

- (1) The local planning authority may at any time prepare a revision of a local development plan.
- (2) The authority must prepare a revision of a local development plan—
  - (a) if the Assembly directs them to do so;
  - (b) if, following a review under section 69, they think that the plan should be revised.
- (3) This Part applies to the revision of a local development plan as it applies to the preparation of the plan.

#### Commencement Information

**I114** S. 70 in force at 5.10.2005 for specified purposes and 15.10.2005 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2005/2722](#), **art. 2(h)**

## 71 Assembly's default power

- (1) This section applies if the Assembly thinks that a local planning authority are failing or omitting to do anything it is necessary for them to do in connection with the preparation, revision or adoption of a local development plan.
- (2) The Assembly must hold an independent examination and section 64(4) to (7) applies accordingly.
- (3) The Assembly must publish the recommendations and reasons of the person appointed to hold the examination.
- (4) The Assembly may—
  - (a) prepare or revise (as the case may be) the plan, and
  - (b) approve the plan as a local development plan.
- (5) The Assembly must give reasons for anything it does in pursuance of subsection (4).
- (6) The authority must reimburse the Assembly for any expenditure it incurs in connection with anything—
  - (a) which is done by it under subsection (4), and
  - (b) which the authority failed or omitted to do as mentioned in subsection (1).

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### Commencement Information

**I115** S. 71 in force at 5.10.2005 for specified purposes and 15.10.2005 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2005/2722](#), [art. 2\(i\)](#)

## 72 Joint local development plans

[<sup>F198</sup>(A1) The Welsh Ministers may direct two or more local planning authorities to prepare a joint local development plan.

(A2) But a direction under subsection (A1) may not be given to a National Park authority.]

(1) Two or more local planning authorities may [<sup>F199</sup>, in the absence of a direction to any of them under subsection (A1),] agree to prepare a joint local development plan.

[<sup>F200</sup>(1A) If the Welsh Ministers give a direction under subsection (A1), they must state their reasons for doing so.

(1B) The authorities to which a direction is given must, subject to any withdrawal or variation of the direction, act jointly in exercising their functions under this Part relating to local development plans.]

(2) This Part applies for the purposes of the preparation, revision, adoption, withdrawal and revocation of a joint local development plan as it applies for the purposes of the preparation, revision, adoption, withdrawal and revocation of a local development plan.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2) anything which must be done by or in relation to a local planning authority in connection with a local development plan must be done by or in relation to each of the authorities mentioned in subsection [<sup>F201</sup>(A1) or] (1) in connection with a joint local development plan.

(4) Subsections (5) to (7) apply if [<sup>F202</sup>—

- (a) the Welsh Ministers withdraw a direction under subsection (A1) or vary such a direction so that it ceases to apply to a local planning authority, or
- (b)] a local planning authority withdraw from an agreement mentioned in subsection (1).

(5) Any step taken in relation to the plan must be treated as a step taken by—

- (a) an authority [<sup>F203</sup>to which the direction was given or] which was a party to the agreement for the purposes of any corresponding plan prepared by them;
- (b) two or more other authorities [<sup>F204</sup>to which the direction was given or which] were parties to the agreement for the purposes of any corresponding joint local development plan.

(6) Any independent examination of a local development plan to which the [<sup>F205</sup>direction or] agreement relates must be suspended.

(7) If before the end of the period prescribed for the purposes of this subsection an authority [<sup>F206</sup>to which the direction was given or] which was a party to the agreement requests the Assembly to do so it may direct that—

- (a) the examination is resumed in relation to the corresponding plan;
- (b) any step taken for the purposes of the suspended examination has effect for the purposes of the resumed examination.

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[<sup>F207</sup>(7A) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations—

- (a) specify circumstances in which subsections (5) and (7) are not to apply in relation to an authority;
- (b) make provision as to what is a corresponding plan or corresponding joint local development plan.]

(8) A joint local development plan is a local development plan prepared jointly by two or more local planning authorities.

#### Textual Amendments

- F198** S. 72(A1)(A2) inserted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.1.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 14(2)**, 58(2)(b)(4)(b); S.I. 2015/1987, art. 3(d)
- F199** Words in s. 72(1) inserted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.1.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 14(3)**, 58(2)(b)(4)(b); S.I. 2015/1987, art. 3(d)
- F200** S. 72(1A)(1B) inserted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.1.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 14(4)**, 58(2)(b)(4)(b); S.I. 2015/1987, art. 3(d)
- F201** Words in s. 72(3) inserted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.1.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 14(5)**, 58(2)(b)(4)(b); S.I. 2015/1987, art. 3(d)
- F202** Words in s. 72(4) inserted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.1.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 14(6)**, 58(2)(b)(4)(b); S.I. 2015/1987, art. 3(d)
- F203** Words in s. 72(5)(a) inserted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.1.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 14(7)(a)**, 58(2)(b)(4)(b); S.I. 2015/1987, art. 3(d)
- F204** Words in s. 72(5)(b) substituted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.1.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 14(7)(b)**, 58(2)(b)(4)(b); S.I. 2015/1987, art. 3(d)
- F205** Words in s. 72(6) inserted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.1.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 14(8)**, 58(2)(b)(4)(b); S.I. 2015/1987, art. 3(d)
- F206** Words in s. 72(7) inserted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.1.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 14(9)**, 58(2)(b)(4)(b); S.I. 2015/1987, art. 3(d)
- F207** S. 72(7A) inserted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.1.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 14(10)**, 58(2)(b)(4)(b); S.I. 2015/1987, art. 3(d)

#### Commencement Information

- I116** S. 72 in force at 30.4.2005 by [S.I. 2005/1229](#), **art. 2(c)** (with [art. 4](#), [Sch.](#)) (which transitional provisions in art. 4 are revoked (15.10.2005) by [S.I. 2005/2722](#), art. 4)

#### Miscellaneous

### 73 Exclusion of certain representations

- (1) This section applies to any representation or objection in respect of anything which is done or is proposed to be done in pursuance of—
- (a) an order or scheme under section 10, 14, 16, 18, 106(1) or (3) or 108(1) of the Highways Act 1980 (c. 66);
  - (b) an order or scheme under section 7, 9, 11, 13 or 20 of the Highways Act 1959 (c. 25), section 3 of the Highways (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1961 (c. 63) or section 1 or 10 of the Highways Act 1971 (c. 41) (which provisions were replaced by the provisions mentioned in paragraph (a));
  - (c) an order under section 1 of the New Towns Act 1981 (c. 64).

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- (2) If the Assembly or a local planning authority thinks that a representation made in relation to a local development plan is in substance a representation or objection to which this section applies it or they (as the case may be) may disregard it.

#### Commencement Information

**I117** S. 73 in force at 30.4.2005 by [S.I. 2005/1229](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#) (with [art. 4](#), [Sch.](#)) (which transitional provisions in art. 4 are revoked (15.10.2005) by [S.I. 2005/2722](#), art. 4)

## 74 Urban development corporations

The Assembly may direct that this Part (except [<sup>F208</sup>sections 60 to 60C]) does not apply to the area of an urban development corporation.

#### Textual Amendments

**F208** Words in s. 74 substituted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.12.2020 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015](#) (anaw 4), s. 58(2)(b)(4)(b), [Sch. 2 para. 26](#); [S.I. 2020/1216](#), reg. 2(b)

#### Commencement Information

**I118** S. 74 in force at 5.10.2005 for specified purposes and 15.10.2005 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2005/2722](#), [art. 2\(j\)](#)

## 75 Guidance

In the exercise of any function conferred under or by virtue of this Part the local planning authority must have regard to any guidance issued by the Assembly.

#### Commencement Information

**I119** S. 75 in force at 1.8.2004 by [S.I. 2004/1813](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

## 76 Annual monitoring report

- (1) Every local planning authority must make an annual report to the Assembly.
- (2) The annual report must contain such information as is prescribed as to the extent to which the objectives set out in the local development plan are being achieved.
- (3) The annual report must—
  - (a) be made at such time as is prescribed;
  - (b) be in such form as is prescribed;
  - (c) contain such other matter as is prescribed.

#### Commencement Information

**I120** S. 76 in force at 5.10.2005 for specified purposes and 15.10.2005 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2005/2722](#), [art. 2\(k\)](#)

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**I121** S. 76(2)(3) in force at 1.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/1813](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)

## General

### 77 Regulations

- (1) The Assembly may by regulations make provision in connection with the exercise of functions conferred by this Part on any person.
- (2) The regulations may in particular make provision as to—
  - (a) the procedure to be followed by the local planning authority in carrying out the appraisal under section 62(6);
  - (b) the procedure to be followed in the preparation of local development plans;
  - (c) requirements about the giving of notice and publicity;
  - (d) requirements about inspection by the public of a plan or any other document;
  - (e) the nature and extent of consultation with and participation by the public in anything done under this Part;
  - (f) the making of representations about any matter to be included in a local development plan;
  - (g) consideration of any such representations;
  - (h) the remuneration and allowances payable to the person appointed to carry out an independent examination under section 64;
  - (i) the time at which anything must be done for the purposes of this Part;
  - (j) the manner of publication of any draft, report or other document published under this Part;
  - (k) monitoring the exercise by local planning authorities of their functions under this Part.

#### Commencement Information

**I122** S. 77 in force at 1.8.2004 by [S.I. 2004/1813](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#)

### 78 Interpretation

- (1) Local development plan must be construed in accordance with section 62.
- (2) Local planning authorities are—
  - (a) county councils in Wales;
  - (b) county borough councils.
- (3) [<sup>F209</sup>A National Park authority is the local planning authority for the whole of its area and subsection (2) must be construed subject to that.]  
[<sup>F209</sup>But—
  - (a) a National Park authority is the local planning authority for the whole of its area;
  - (b) a joint planning board is the local planning authority for the whole of its united district (and references to the area of a local planning authority are, in relation to such a board, to be construed as references to its united district).]

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- (4) The Assembly is the National Assembly for Wales.
- (5) RSS must be construed in accordance with Part 1.
- (6) This section applies for the purposes of this Part.

#### Textual Amendments

**F209** S. 78(3) substituted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 16.3.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 15(2)**, 58(2)(b)(4)(b); S.I. 2015/1987, art. 4(a)

#### Commencement Information

**I123** S. 78 in force at 1.8.2004 by [S.I. 2004/1813](#), **art. 2(f)**

## PART 7

### CROWN APPLICATION OF PLANNING ACTS

#### CHAPTER 1

#### ENGLAND AND WALES

#### *Crown application*

### 79 Crown application of planning Acts

- (1) In Part 13 of the principal Act before section 293 (preliminary definitions for Part 13) there is inserted the following section—

#### “292A Application to the Crown

- (1) This Act binds the Crown.
- (2) But subsection (1) is subject to express provision made by this Part.”
- (2) In the listed buildings Act after section 82 there is inserted the following section—

#### “82A Application to the Crown

- (1) This Act (except the provisions specified in subsection (2)) binds the Crown.
- (2) These are the provisions—
  - (a) section 9;
  - (b) section 11(6);
  - (c) section 21(7);
  - (d) section 42(1), (5) and (6);
  - (e) section 43;
  - (f) section 44A;
  - (g) section 54;

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- (h) section 55;
- (i) section 59;
- (j) section 88A.

(3) But subsection (2)(a) does not have effect to prohibit the doing of anything by or on behalf of the Crown which falls within the circumstances described in section 9(3)(a) to (d) and the doing of that thing does not contravene section 7.”

(3) In the hazardous substances Act after section 30 there are inserted the following sections—

### “30A Application to the Crown

- (1) This Act (except the provisions specified in subsection (2)) binds the Crown.
- (2) The provisions are—
  - (a) section 8(6);
  - (b) section 23;
  - (c) section 26AA;
  - (d) section 36A;
  - (e) section 36B(2).”

### 30B Crown application: transitional

- (1) This section applies if at any time during the establishment period a hazardous substance was present on, over or under Crown land.
- (2) The appropriate authority must make a claim in the prescribed form before the end of the transitional period.
- (3) The claim must contain the prescribed information as to—
  - (a) the presence of the substance during the establishment period;
  - (b) how and where the substance was kept and used.
- (4) Unless subsection (5) or (7) applies, the hazardous substances authority is deemed to have granted the hazardous substances consent claimed in pursuance of subsection (2).
- (5) This subsection applies if the hazardous substances authority think that a claim does not comply with subsection (3).
- (6) If subsection (5) applies, the hazardous substances authority must, before the end of the period of two weeks starting with the date they received the claim—
  - (a) notify the claimant that they think the claim is invalid;
  - (b) give their reasons.
- (7) This subsection applies if at no time during the establishment period was the aggregate quantity of the substance equal to or greater than the controlled quantity.
- (8) Hazardous substances consent which is deemed to be granted under this section is subject—

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- (a) to the condition that the maximum aggregate quantity of the substance that may be present for the purposes of this subsection at any one time must not exceed the established quantity;
  - (b) to such other conditions (if any) as are prescribed for the purposes of this section and are applicable in the case of the consent.
- (9) A substance is present for the purposes of subsection (8)(a) if—
- (a) it is on, over or under land to which the claim for consent relates,
  - (b) it is on, over or under other land which is within 500 metres of it and is controlled by the Crown, or
  - (c) it is in or on a structure controlled by the Crown any part of which is within 500 metres of it,
- and in calculating whether the established quantity is exceeded a quantity of a substance which falls within more than one of paragraphs (a) to (c) must be counted only once.
- (10) The establishment period is the period of 12 months ending on the day before the date of commencement of section 79(3) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.
- (11) The transitional period is the period of six months starting on the date of commencement of that section.
- (12) The established quantity in relation to any land is the maximum quantity which was present on, over or under the land at any one time within the establishment period.”
- (4) Schedule 3 amends the planning Acts in relation to the application of those Acts to the Crown.

#### **Commencement Information**

**I124** S. 79 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I125** S. 79 in force at 7.6.2006 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

### *National security*

## **80 Special provision relating to national security**

- (1) In section 321 of the principal Act (planning inquiries to be held in public subject to certain exceptions) after subsection (4) there are inserted the following subsections—
- “(5) If the Secretary of State is considering giving a direction under subsection (3) the Attorney General may appoint a person to represent the interests of any person who will be prevented from hearing or inspecting any evidence at a local inquiry if the direction is given.
- (6) If before the Secretary of State gives a direction under subsection (3) no person is appointed under subsection (5), the Attorney General may at any time appoint a person as mentioned in subsection (5) for the purposes of the inquiry.
- (7) The Lord Chancellor may by rules make provision—

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- (a) as to the procedure to be followed by the Secretary of State before he gives a direction under subsection (3) in a case where a person has been appointed under subsection (5);
    - (b) as to the functions of a person appointed under subsection (5) or (6).
  - (8) Rules made under subsection (7) must be contained in a statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
  - (9) If a person is appointed under subsection (5) or (6) (the appointed representative) the Secretary of State may direct any person who he thinks is interested in the inquiry in relation to a matter mentioned in subsection (4) (the responsible person) to pay the fees and expenses of the appointed representative.
  - (10) If the appointed representative and the responsible person are unable to agree the amount of the fees and expenses, the amount must be determined by the Secretary of State.
  - (11) The Secretary of State must cause the amount agreed between the appointed representative and the responsible person or determined by him to be certified.
  - (12) An amount so certified is recoverable from the responsible person as a civil debt.”
- (2) After section 321 of the principal Act (planning inquiries to be held in public subject to certain exceptions) there is inserted the following section—

**“321A Appointed representative: no inquiry**

- (1) This section applies if—
    - (a) a person is appointed under subsection (5) or (6) of section 321, but
    - (b) no inquiry is held as mentioned in subsection (1) of that section.
  - (2) Subsections (9) to (12) of section 321 apply in respect of the fees and expenses of the person appointed as if the inquiry had been held.
  - (3) For the purposes of subsection (2) the responsible person is the person to whom the Secretary of State thinks he would have given a direction under section 321(9) if an inquiry had been held.
  - (4) This section does not affect section 322A.”
- (3) In Schedule 3 to the listed buildings Act (determination of certain appeals by person appointed by the Secretary of State) after paragraph 6 there is inserted the following paragraph—

- “6A
- (1) If the Secretary of State is considering giving a direction under paragraph 6(6) the Attorney General may appoint a person to represent the interests of any person who will be prevented from hearing or inspecting any evidence at a local inquiry if the direction is given.
  - (2) If before the Secretary of State gives a direction under paragraph 6(6) no person is appointed under sub-paragraph (1), the Attorney General may

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at any time appoint a person as mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) for the purposes of the inquiry.

- (3) The Lord Chancellor may by rules make provision—
  - (a) as to the procedure to be followed by the Secretary of State before he gives a direction under paragraph 6(6) in a case where a person has been appointed under sub-paragraph (1);
  - (b) as to the functions of a person appointed under sub-paragraph (1) or (2).
- (4) If a person is appointed under sub-paragraph (1) or (2) (the appointed representative) the Secretary of State may direct any person who he thinks is interested in the inquiry in relation to a matter mentioned in paragraph 6(7) (the responsible person) to pay the fees and expenses of the appointed representative.
- (5) If the appointed representative and the responsible person are unable to agree the amount of the fees and expenses, the amount must be determined by the Secretary of State.
- (6) The Secretary of State must cause the amount agreed between the appointed representative and the responsible person or determined by him to be certified.
- (7) An amount so certified is recoverable from the responsible person as a civil debt.
- (8) Rules made under sub-paragraph (3) must be contained in a statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (9) Sub-paragraph (10) applies if—
  - (a) a person is appointed under sub-paragraph (1) or (2), but
  - (b) no inquiry is held as mentioned in paragraph 6(1).
- (10) Sub-paragraphs (4) to (7) above apply in respect of the fees and expenses of the person appointed as if the inquiry had been held.
- (11) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (10) the responsible person is the person to whom the Secretary of State thinks he would have given a direction under sub-paragraph (4) if an inquiry had been held.
- (12) Sub-paragraphs (9) to (11) do not affect paragraph 6(8).”

- (4) In the Schedule to the hazardous substances Act (determination of certain appeals by person appointed by the Secretary of State) after paragraph 6 there is inserted the following paragraph—

- “6A
- (1) If the Secretary of State is considering giving a direction under paragraph 6(6) the Attorney General may appoint a person to represent the interests of any person who will be prevented from hearing or inspecting any evidence at a local inquiry if the direction is given.
  - (2) If before the Secretary of State gives a direction under paragraph 6(6) no person is appointed under sub-paragraph (1), the Attorney General may

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at any time appoint a person as mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) for the purposes of the inquiry.

- (3) The Lord Chancellor may by rules make provision—
- (a) as to the procedure to be followed by the Secretary of State before he gives a direction under paragraph 6(6) in a case where a person has been appointed under sub-paragraph (1);
  - (b) as to the functions of a person appointed under sub-paragraph (1) or (2).
- (4) If a person is appointed under sub-paragraph (1) or (2) (the appointed representative) the Secretary of State may direct any person who he thinks is interested in the inquiry in relation to a matter mentioned in paragraph 6(7) (the responsible person) to pay the fees and expenses of the appointed representative.
- (5) If the appointed representative and the responsible person are unable to agree the amount of the fees and expenses, the amount must be determined by the Secretary of State.
- (6) The Secretary of State must cause the amount agreed between the appointed representative and the responsible person or determined by him to be certified.
- (7) An amount so certified is recoverable from the responsible person as a civil debt.
- (8) Rules made under sub-paragraph (3) must be contained in a statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (9) Sub-paragraph (10) applies if—
- (a) a person is appointed under sub-paragraph (1) or (2), but
  - (b) no inquiry is held as mentioned in paragraph 6(1).
- (10) Sub-paragraphs (4) to (7) above apply in respect of the fees and expenses of the person appointed as if the inquiry had been held.
- (11) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (10) the responsible person is the person to whom the Secretary of State thinks he would have given a direction under sub-paragraph (4) if an inquiry had been held.
- (12) Sub-paragraphs (9) to (11) do not affect paragraph 6(8).”

#### Commencement Information

**I126** S. 80 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I127** S. 80 in force at 7.6.2006 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

## 81 Special provision relating to national security: Wales

- (1) After section 321A of the principal Act (inserted by section 80 above) there is inserted the following section—

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**“321B Special provision in relation to planning inquiries: Wales**

- (1) This section applies if the matter in respect of which a local inquiry to which section 321 applies is to be held relates to Wales.
- (2) The references in section 321(5) and (6) to the Attorney General must be read as references to the Counsel General to the National Assembly for Wales.
- (3) The Assembly may by regulations make provision as mentioned in section 321(7) in connection with a local inquiry to which this section applies.
- (4) If the Assembly acts under subsection (3) rules made by the Lord Chancellor under section 321(7) do not have effect in relation to the inquiry.
- (5) The Counsel General to the National Assembly for Wales is the person appointed by the Assembly to be its chief legal adviser (whether or not he is known by that title).
- (6) Section 333(3) does not apply to regulations made under subsection (4).”

<sup>F210</sup>(2) .....

- (3) In the Schedule to the hazardous substances Act, after paragraph 7 there is inserted the following paragraph—

**“Local inquiries: Wales**

- 8     (1) This paragraph applies in relation to a local inquiry held in pursuance of this Schedule if the matter in respect of which the inquiry is to be held relates to Wales.
- (2) The references in paragraph 6A(1) and (2) to the Attorney General must be read as references to the Counsel General to the National Assembly for Wales.
- (3) The Assembly may by regulations make provision as mentioned in paragraph 6A(3) in connection with a local inquiry to which this section applies.
- (4) If the Assembly acts under sub-paragraph (3) rules made by the Lord Chancellor under paragraph 6A(3) do not have effect in relation to the inquiry.
- (5) The Counsel General to the National Assembly for Wales is the person appointed by the Assembly to be its chief legal adviser (whether or not he is known by that title).
- (6) Section 40(3) does not apply to regulations made under this paragraph.”

Textual Amendments

**F210** S. 81(2) omitted (4.11.2024) by virtue of [Historic Environment \(Wales\) Act 2023](#) (asc 3), s. 212(2), [Sch. 13 para. 181](#) (with [Sch. 14 paras. 1-3](#)); S.I. 2024/860, art. 3(d)

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**I128** S. 81 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I129** S. 81 in force at 7.6.2006 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

### *Urgent development and works*

## **82 Urgent Crown development**

- (1) Before section 294 of the principal Act (special enforcement notices in relation to development on Crown land) there is inserted the following section—

### **“293A Urgent Crown development: application**

- (1) This section applies to a development if the appropriate authority certifies—
- that the development is of national importance, and
  - that it is necessary that the development is carried out as a matter of urgency.
- (2) The appropriate authority may, instead of making an application for planning permission to the local planning authority in accordance with Part 3, make an application for planning permission to the Secretary of State under this section.
- (3) If the appropriate authority proposes to make the application to the Secretary of State it must publish in one or more newspapers circulating in the locality of the proposed development a notice—
- describing the proposed development, and
  - stating that the authority proposes to make the application to the Secretary of State.
- (4) For the purposes of an application under this section the appropriate authority must provide to the Secretary of State—
- any matter required to be provided by an applicant for planning permission in pursuance of regulations made under section 71A;
  - a statement of the authority’s grounds for making the application.
- (5) If the appropriate authority makes an application under this section subsections (6) to (9) below apply.
- (6) The Secretary of State may require the authority to provide him with such further information as he thinks necessary to enable him to determine the application.
- (7) As soon as practicable after he is provided with any document or other matter in pursuance of subsection (4) or (6) the Secretary of State must make a copy of the document or other matter available for inspection by the public in the locality of the proposed development.
- (8) The Secretary of State must in accordance with such requirements as are contained in a development order publish notice of the application and of the fact that such documents and other material are available for inspection.
- (9) The Secretary of State must consult—

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- (a) the local planning authority for the area to which the proposed development relates, and
  - (b) such other persons as are specified or described in a development order,
- about the application.
- (10) Subsection (7) does not apply to the extent that the document or other matter is subject to a direction under section 321(3) (matters related to national security).
- (11) Subsections (4) to (7) of section 77 apply to an application under this section as they apply to an application in respect of which a direction under section 77 has effect.”
- (2) In section 284 of the principal Act (validity of certain matters) in subsection (3) at the end there is inserted the following paragraph—
- “(i) any decision on an application for planning permission under section 293A.”

#### Commencement Information

**I130** S. 82 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I131** S. 82 in force at 7.6.2006 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

### 83 Urgent works relating to Crown land

- (1) After section 82A of the listed buildings Act (inserted by section 79(2)) there is inserted the following section—

#### “82B Urgent works relating to Crown land: application

- (1) This section applies to any works proposed to be executed in connection with any building which is on Crown land if the appropriate authority certifies—
- (a) that the works are of national importance, and
  - (b) that it is necessary that the works are carried out as a matter of urgency.
- (2) The appropriate authority may, instead of making an application for consent to the local planning authority in accordance with this Act, make an application for consent to the Secretary of State under this section.
- (3) If the appropriate authority proposes to make the application to the Secretary of State it must publish in one or more newspapers circulating in the locality of the building a notice—
- (a) describing the proposed works, and
  - (b) stating that the authority proposes to make the application to the Secretary of State.
- (4) For the purposes of an application under this section the appropriate authority must provide to the Secretary of State a statement of the authority’s grounds for making the application.

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- (5) If the appropriate authority makes an application under this section subsections (6) to (9) below apply.
  - (6) The Secretary of State may require the authority to provide him with such further information as he thinks necessary to enable him to determine the application.
  - (7) As soon as practicable after he is provided with any document or other matter in pursuance of subsection (4) or (6) the Secretary of State must make a copy of the document or other matter available for inspection by the public in the locality of the proposed development.
  - (8) The Secretary of State must in accordance with such requirements as may be prescribed publish notice of the application and of the fact that such documents and other material are available for inspection.
  - (9) The Secretary of State must consult—
    - (a) the local planning authority for the area to which the proposed development relates, and
    - (b) such other persons as may be prescribed, about the application.
  - (10) Subsection (7) does not apply to the extent that the document or other matter is subject to a direction under paragraph 6(6) of Schedule 3 (matters related to national security).
  - (11) Subsections (4) and (5) of section 12 apply to an application under this section as they apply to an application in respect of which a direction under section 12 has effect.”
- (2) In section 62 of the listed buildings Act (validity of certain matters) in subsection (2) at the end there is inserted the following paragraph—
- “(d) any decision on an application for listed building consent under section 82B.”

#### Commencement Information

**I132** S. 83 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I133** S. 83 in force at 7.6.2006 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

### Enforcement

#### 84 Enforcement in relation to Crown land

- (1) Section 296 of the principal Act (exercise of powers in relation to Crown land) is omitted.
- (2) After section 296 there are inserted the following sections—

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### **“296A Enforcement in relation to the Crown**

- (1) No act or omission done or suffered by or on behalf of the Crown constitutes an offence under this Act.
- (2) A local planning authority must not take any step for the purposes of enforcement in relation to Crown land unless it has the consent of the appropriate authority.
- (3) The appropriate authority may give consent under subsection (2) subject to such conditions as it thinks appropriate.
- (4) A step taken for the purposes of enforcement is anything done in connection with the enforcement of anything required to be done or prohibited by or under this Act.
- (5) A step taken for the purposes of enforcement includes—
  - (a) entering land;
  - (b) bringing proceedings;
  - (c) the making of an application.
- (6) A step taken for the purposes of enforcement does not include—
  - (a) service of a notice;
  - (b) the making of an order (other than by a court).

### **296B References to an interest in land**

- (1) Subsection (2) applies to the extent that an interest in land is a Crown interest or a Duchy interest.
  - (2) Anything which requires or is permitted to be done by or in relation to the owner of the interest in land must be done by or in relation to the appropriate authority.
  - (3) An interest in land includes an interest only as occupier of the land.”
- (3) After section 82C of the listed buildings Act (inserted by Schedule 3) there are inserted the following sections—

### **“82D Enforcement in relation to the Crown**

- (1) No act or omission done or suffered by or on behalf of the Crown constitutes an offence under this Act.
- (2) A local planning authority must not take any step for the purposes of enforcement in relation to Crown land unless it has the consent of the appropriate authority.
- (3) The appropriate authority may give consent under subsection (2) subject to such conditions as it thinks appropriate.
- (4) A step taken for the purposes of enforcement is anything done in connection with the enforcement of anything required to be done or prohibited by or under this Act.

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- (5) A step taken for the purposes of enforcement includes—
  - (a) entering land;
  - (b) bringing proceedings;
  - (c) the making of an application.
- (6) A step taken for the purposes of enforcement does not include—
  - (a) service of a notice;
  - (b) the making of an order (other than by a court).

### **82E References to an interest in land**

- (1) Subsection (2) applies to the extent that an interest in land is a Crown interest or a Duchy interest.
- (2) Anything which requires or is permitted to be done by or in relation to the owner of the interest in land must be done by or in relation to the appropriate authority.
- (3) An interest in land includes an interest only as occupier of the land.”
- (4) After section 30B of the hazardous substances Act (inserted by section 79(3)) there are inserted the following sections—

### **“30C Enforcement in relation to the Crown**

- (1) No act or omission done or suffered by or on behalf of the Crown constitutes an offence under this Act.
- (2) A local planning authority must not take any step for the purposes of enforcement in relation to Crown land unless it has the consent of the appropriate authority.
- (3) The appropriate authority may give consent under subsection (2) subject to such conditions as it thinks appropriate.
- (4) A step taken for the purposes of enforcement is anything done in connection with the enforcement of anything required to be done or prohibited by or under this Act.
- (5) A step taken for the purposes of enforcement includes—
  - (a) entering land;
  - (b) bringing proceedings;
  - (c) the making of an application.
- (6) A step taken for the purposes of enforcement does not include—
  - (a) service of a notice;
  - (b) the making of an order (other than by a court).

### **30D References to an interest in land**

- (1) Subsection (2) applies to the extent that an interest in land is a Crown interest or a Duchy interest.

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- (2) Anything which requires or is permitted to be done by or in relation to the owner of the interest in land must be done by or in relation to the appropriate authority.
- (3) An interest in land includes an interest only as occupier of the land.”

#### Commencement Information

**I134** S. 84 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

### Trees

#### 85 Tree preservation orders: Forestry Commissioners

For section 200 of the principal Act (Orders affecting land where Forestry Commissioners interested) there is substituted the following section—

##### “200 Tree preservation orders: Forestry Commissioners

- (1) A tree preservation order does not have effect in respect of anything done—
  - (a) by or on behalf of the Forestry Commissioners on land placed at their disposal in pursuance of the Forestry Act 1967 or otherwise under their management or supervision;
  - (b) by or on behalf of any other person in accordance with a relevant plan which is for the time being in force.
- (2) A relevant plan is a plan of operations or other working plan approved by the Forestry Commissioners under—
  - (a) a forestry dedication covenant within the meaning of section 5 of the Forestry Act 1967, or
  - (b) conditions of a grant or loan made under section 1 of the Forestry Act 1979.
- (3) A reference to a provision of the Forestry Act 1967 or the Forestry Act 1979 includes a reference to a corresponding provision replaced by that provision or any earlier corresponding provision.”

#### Commencement Information

**I135** S. 85 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

#### 86 Trees in conservation areas: acts of Crown

After section 211(4) of the principal Act (preservation of trees in conservation areas) there are inserted the following subsections—

- “(5) An emanation of the Crown must not, in relation to a tree to which this section applies, do an act mentioned in subsection (1) above unless—
  - (a) the first condition is satisfied, and
  - (b) either the second or third condition is satisfied.

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- (6) The first condition is that the emanation serves notice of an intention to do the act (with sufficient particulars to identify the tree) on the local planning authority in whose area the tree is situated.
- (7) The second condition is that the act is done with the consent of the authority.
- (8) The third condition is that the act is done—
  - (a) after the end of the period of six weeks starting with the date of the notice, and
  - (b) before the end of the period of two years starting with that date.”

#### Commencement Information

**I136** S. 86 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

### Miscellaneous

## 87 Old mining permissions

- (1) Subsection (2) applies if—
  - (a) an old mining permission relates to land which is Crown land, and
  - (b) the permission has not been registered in pursuance of Schedule 2 to the Planning and Compensation Act 1991.
- (2) Section 22 of and Schedule 2 to that Act apply to the old mining permission subject to the following modifications—
  - (a) in section 22(3) for “May 1, 1991” there is substituted “ the date of commencement of section 87(2) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 ”;
  - (b) in paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 2 for “the day on which this Schedule comes into force” there is substituted “ the date of commencement of section 87(2) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 ”.
- (3) Old mining permission must be construed in accordance with section 22 of the Planning and Compensation Act 1991.
- (4) Crown land must be construed in accordance with Part 13 of the principal Act.

#### Commencement Information

**I137** S. 87 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

## 88 Subordinate legislation

- (1) The Secretary of State may by order provide that relevant subordinate legislation applies to the Crown.
- (2) The order may modify such subordinate legislation to the extent that the Secretary of State thinks appropriate for the purposes of its application to the Crown.
- (3) Relevant subordinate legislation is an instrument which—

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- (a) is made under or (wholly or in part) for the purposes of any of the planning Acts,
- (b) is made before the commencement of section 79 of this Act, and
- (c) is specified in the order.

#### Commencement Information

**I138** S. 88 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I139** S. 88 in force at 7.6.2006 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

## 89 Crown application: transitional

Schedule 4 (which makes transitional provisions in consequence of the application to the Crown of the planning Acts) has effect.

#### Commencement Information

**I140** S. 89 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

## CHAPTER 2

### SCOTLAND

#### *Crown application*

## 90 Crown application of Scottish planning Acts

- (1) In Part 12 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, before section 242 (preliminary definitions for Part 12) there is inserted the following section—

#### **“241A Application to the Crown**

- (1) This Act binds the Crown.
  - (2) But subsection (1) is subject to express provision made by this Part.”
- (2) In the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997, after section 73 (application of Act to land and works of planning authorities) there is inserted the following section —

#### **“73A Application to the Crown**

- (1) This Act (except the provisions specified in subsection (2)) binds the Crown.
- (2) These are the provisions—
  - (a) section 8,
  - (b) section 10(3),
  - (c) section 19(7),
  - (d) section 38(1) and (8),

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- (e) section 39,
- (f) section 49,
- (g) section 50,
- (h) section 53,
- (i) section 77.

(3) But subsection (2)(a) does not have effect to prohibit the doing of anything by or on behalf of the Crown which falls within the circumstances described in section 8(3)(a) to (d) and the doing of that thing does not contravene section 6.”

(3) In the Planning (Hazardous Substances) (Scotland) Act 1997, after section 30 (application of Act to planning authorities) there is inserted the following section—

**“30A Application to the Crown**

(1) This Act (except the provisions specified in subsection (2)) binds the Crown.

(2) The provisions are—

- (a) section 6(3),
- (b) section 21,
- (c) section 25,
- (d) section 34,
- (e) section 35(2).”

(4) Schedule 5 amends the Scottish planning Acts in relation to the application of those Acts to the Crown.

**Commencement Information**

**1141** S. 90 in force at 12.6.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), [art. 3\(a\)](#)

*National security*

**91 Special provision for certain circumstances where disclosure of information as to national security may occur: Scotland**

(1) In the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (c. 8), there is inserted after section 265 (local inquiries) the following section—

**“265A Planning inquiries to be held in public subject to certain exceptions**

- (1) This section applies in relation to the holding of inquiries under section 265(1), paragraph 6 of Schedule 4, paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 or paragraph 8 of Schedule 7.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), at any such inquiry oral evidence shall be heard in public and documentary evidence shall be open to public inspection.

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- (3) If the Secretary of State is, or after consultation with the Secretary of State the Scottish Ministers are, satisfied in the case of any such inquiry—
  - (a) that giving evidence of a particular description or, as the case may be, making it available for inspection would be likely to result in the disclosure of information as to any of the matters mentioned in subsection (4), and
  - (b) that the public disclosure of that information would be contrary to the national interest,he or as the case may be they may direct that evidence of the description indicated in the direction shall only be heard or, as the case may be, open to inspection at that inquiry by such persons, or persons of such descriptions, as may be specified in the direction.
- (4) The matters referred to in subsection (3)(a) are—
  - (a) national security, and
  - (b) the measures taken, or to be taken, to ensure the security of any premises or property.
- (5) The Lord Advocate may appoint a person to represent the interests of any person who—
  - (a) if a direction is given under subsection (3), will be prevented from hearing or inspecting any evidence at any such inquiry; or
  - (b) is so prevented by such a direction given before any appointment is made by virtue of paragraph (a).
- (6) By rules—
  - (a) the Secretary of State may make provision as to the procedure to be followed by him before he gives a direction under subsection (3) in a case where a person has been appointed under subsection (5) and as to the functions of a person appointed under subsection (5),
  - (b) the Scottish Ministers may make provision as to the procedure to be followed by them before they give such a direction in such a case and as to such functions.
- (7) If a person (the representative) is appointed—
  - (a) under paragraph (a) of subsection (5) and either no direction in relation to the evidence in question has been given under subsection (3) or any such direction so given has been given by the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State may direct any person who he thinks,
  - (b) under paragraph (a) of subsection (5) and such a direction has been given under subsection (3) by the Scottish Ministers, the Scottish Ministers may direct any person who they think,
  - (c) under paragraph (b) of subsection (5) and the direction referred to in that paragraph was given by the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State may direct any person who he thinks,
  - (d) under paragraph (b) of that subsection and the direction so referred to was given by the Scottish Ministers, the Scottish Ministers may direct any person who they think,

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is interested in the inquiry, or prospective inquiry, in relation to a matter mentioned in subsection (4) (the responsible person) to pay remuneration or allowances to, and to reimburse any expenses incurred by, the representative.

(8) If the representative and the responsible person are unable to agree an amount payable by virtue of—

- (a) paragraph (a) or (c) of subsection (7), the amount must be determined by the Secretary of State,
- (b) paragraph (b) or (d) of that subsection, the amount must be determined by the Scottish Ministers.

(9) The Secretary of State must cause an amount payable by virtue of paragraph (a) or (c) of subsection (7) (whether determined under subsection (8) or agreed between the representative and the responsible person) to be certified.

(10) The Scottish Ministers must cause an amount payable by virtue of paragraph (b) or (d) of subsection (7) (whether so determined or so agreed) to be certified.

(11) An amount certified under subsection (9) or (10) is recoverable from the responsible person as a debt.

(12) Subsections (7) to (11) apply even if the inquiry does not take place.

(13) The power to make rules under—

- (a) paragraph (a) of subsection (6) must be exercised by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament,
- (b) paragraph (b) of that subsection must be exercised by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of the Scottish Parliament.”

(2) In Schedule 3 to the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 (determination of certain appeals by person appointed by the Scottish Ministers), in paragraph 6, after sub-paragraph (6) there is inserted the following sub-paragraph—

“(7) Subsections (2) to (13) of section 265A of the principal Act apply to the holding of an inquiry under this paragraph as they apply to the holding of an inquiry under section 265 of that Act.”

(3) In the Schedule to the Planning (Hazardous Substances) (Scotland) Act 1997 (determination of certain appeals by person appointed by Scottish Ministers), in paragraph 6, after sub-paragraph (6) there is inserted the following sub-paragraph—

“(7) Subsections (2) to (13) of section 265A of the principal Act apply to the holding of an inquiry under this paragraph as they apply to the holding of an inquiry under section 265 of that Act.”

#### Commencement Information

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### *Urgent development and works*

## **92 Urgent Crown development: Scotland**

- (1) In the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (c. 8), before section 243 (control of development on Crown land: special enforcement notices) there is inserted the following section—

### **“242A Urgent Crown development: application**

- (1) This section applies to a development if the appropriate authority certifies—
  - (a) that the development is of national importance, and
  - (b) that it is necessary that the development is carried out as a matter of urgency.
- (2) The appropriate authority may, instead of making an application for planning permission to the planning authority in accordance with Part 3, make an application for planning permission to the Scottish Ministers under this section.
- (3) If the appropriate authority proposes to make the application to the Scottish Ministers, it must publish in one or more newspapers circulating in the locality of the proposed development a notice—
  - (a) describing the proposed development, and
  - (b) stating that the authority proposes to make the application to the Scottish Ministers.
- (4) For the purposes of an application under this section the appropriate authority must provide to the Scottish Ministers—
  - (a) any matter required to be provided by an applicant for planning permission in pursuance of regulations made under section 40,
  - (b) a statement of the authority’s grounds for making the application.
- (5) If the appropriate authority makes an application under this section subsections (6) to (11) below apply.
- (6) The Scottish Ministers may require the authority to provide them with such further information as they think necessary to enable them to determine the application.
- (7) As soon as practicable after they are provided with any document or other matter in pursuance of subsection (4) or (6) the Scottish Ministers must make a copy of the document or other matter available for inspection by the public in the locality of the proposed development.
- (8) The Scottish Ministers must in accordance with such requirements as they may specify in a development order publish notice of the application and of the fact that such documents and other material are available for inspection.
- (9) The Scottish Ministers must consult—
  - (a) the planning authority, and
  - (b) such other persons as may be so specified,
 about the application.

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- (10) Subsection (7) above does not apply to the extent that the document or other matter is subject to any direction given under section 265A(3) of this Act.
- (11) Subsections (4) to (7) of section 46 apply to an application under this section as they apply to an application in respect of which a direction under section 46 has effect.”
- (2) In section 237 of that Act, (validity of certain matters) in subsection (3) at the end there is added the following paragraph—
  - “(i) any decision on an application for planning permission under section 242A.”

#### Commencement Information

- I144** S. 92(1) in force at 20.3.2006 for specified purposes by [S.S.I. 2006/101](#), [art. 2](#)
- I145** S. 92(1) in force at 11.5.2006 in so far as not already in force by [S.S.I. 2006/243](#), [art. 3](#)
- I146** S. 92(2) in force at 11.5.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/243](#), [art. 3](#)

### 93 Urgent works relating to Crown land: Scotland

- (1) In the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 (c. 9), after section 73A (inserted by section 90(2)) there is inserted the following section—

#### “73B Urgent works relating to Crown land: application

- (1) This section applies to any works proposed to be executed in connection with any building which is on Crown land if the appropriate authority certifies—
  - (a) that the works are of national importance, and
  - (b) that it is necessary that the works are carried out as a matter of urgency.
- (2) The appropriate authority may, instead of making an application for consent to the planning authority in accordance with this Act, make an application for consent to the Scottish Ministers under this section.
- (3) If the appropriate authority proposes to make the application to the Scottish Ministers it must publish in one or more newspapers circulating in the locality of the building a notice—
  - (a) describing the proposed works, and
  - (b) stating that the authority proposes to make the application to the Scottish Ministers.
- (4) For the purposes of an application under this section the appropriate authority must provide to the Scottish Ministers a statement of the authority’s grounds for making the application.
- (5) If the appropriate authority makes an application under this section subsections (6) to (11) below apply.
- (6) The Scottish Ministers may require the authority to provide them with such further information as they think necessary to enable them to determine the application.

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- (7) As soon as practicable after they are provided with any document or other matter in pursuance of subsection (4) or (6) the Scottish Ministers must make a copy of the document or other matter available for inspection by the public in the locality of the proposed development.
- (8) The Scottish Ministers must in accordance with such requirements as may be prescribed publish notice of the application and of the fact that such documents and other material are available for inspection.
- (9) Subsection (7) above does not apply to the extent that the document or other matter is subject to any direction given under section 265A(3) of the principal Act.
- (10) The Scottish Ministers must consult—
  - (a) the planning authority, and
  - (b) such other persons as may be prescribed,
 about the application.
- (11) Subsections (4) and (5) of section 11 apply to an application under this section as they apply to an application in respect of which a direction under section 11 has effect.”
- (2) In section 57 of that Act (validity of certain matters), in subsection (2) at the end there is added the following paragraph—
  - “(d) any decision on an application for listed building consent under section 73B.”

#### Commencement Information

**I147** S. 93(1) in force at 20.3.2006 for specified purposes by [S.S.I. 2006/101](#), [art. 2](#)

**I148** S. 93(1) in force at 11.5.2006 in so far as not already in force by [S.S.I. 2006/243](#), [art. 3](#)

**I149** S. 93(2) in force at 11.5.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/243](#), [art. 3](#)

### Enforcement

#### 94 Enforcement in relation to Crown land: Scotland

- (1) In the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (c. 8), section 245 (exercise of powers in relation to Crown land) is omitted.
- (2) After section 245 there is inserted the following section—

#### “245A Enforcement in relation to the Crown

- (1) No act or omission done or suffered by or on behalf of the Crown constitutes an offence under this Act; but the Court of Session may, on the application of a public authority or office-holder responsible for the enforcement of anything required to be done, or prohibited, by or under this Act, declare unlawful any act or omission so done or suffered.
- (2) A planning authority must not take any step for the purposes of enforcement in relation to Crown land unless it has the consent of the appropriate authority.

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- (3) The appropriate authority may give consent under subsection (2) subject to such conditions as it thinks appropriate.
- (4) A step taken for the purposes of enforcement is anything done in connection with the enforcement of anything required to be done or prohibited by or under this Act.
- (5) A step taken for the purposes of enforcement includes—
  - (a) entering land,
  - (b) initiating proceedings,
  - (c) the making of an application.
- (6) A step taken for the purposes of enforcement does not include—
  - (a) service of a notice,
  - (b) the making of an order (other than a court order).”
- (3) In the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (c. 8), after section 245A (inserted by subsection (2) above) there is inserted the following section—

**“245B References to an interest in land**

- (1) Subsection (2) applies to the extent that an interest in land is a Crown interest.
- (2) Anything which requires or is permitted to be done by or in relation to the owner of the interest in land must be done by or in relation to the appropriate authority.
- (3) An interest in land includes an interest only as occupier of the land.”
- (4) In the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 (c. 9) after section 73C (inserted by Schedule 5) there are inserted the following sections—

**“73D Enforcement in relation to the Crown**

- (1) No act or omission done or suffered by or on behalf of the Crown constitutes an offence under this Act; but the Court of Session may on the application of a public authority or office-holder responsible for the enforcement of anything required to be done, or prohibited, by or under this Act, declare unlawful any act or omission so done or suffered.
- (2) A planning authority must not take any step for the purposes of enforcement in relation to Crown land unless it has the consent of the appropriate authority.
- (3) The appropriate authority may give consent under subsection (2) subject to such conditions as it thinks appropriate.
- (4) A step taken for the purposes of enforcement is anything done in connection with the enforcement of anything required to be done or prohibited by or under this Act.
- (5) A step taken for the purposes of enforcement includes—
  - (a) entering land,
  - (b) initiating proceedings,
  - (c) the making of an application.

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- (6) A step taken for the purposes of enforcement does not include—
  - (a) service of a notice,
  - (b) the making of an order (other than a court order).

### **73E Reference to an interest in land**

- (1) Subsection (2) applies to the extent that an interest in land is a Crown interest.
- (2) Anything which requires or is permitted to be done by or in relation to the owner of the interest in land must be done by or in relation to the appropriate authority.
- (3) An interest in land includes an interest only as occupier of the land.”
- (5) In the Planning (Hazardous Substances) (Scotland) Act 1997, after section 30A (inserted by section 90(3)) there are inserted the following sections—

### **“30B Enforcement in relation to the Crown**

- (1) No act or omission done or suffered by or on behalf of the Crown constitutes an offence under this Act; but the Court of Session may, on the application of a public authority or office-holder responsible for the enforcement of anything required to be done, or prohibited, by or under this Act, declare unlawful any act or omission so done or suffered.
- (2) A planning authority must not take any step for the purposes of enforcement in relation to Crown land unless it has the consent of the appropriate authority.
- (3) The appropriate authority may give consent under subsection (2) subject to such conditions as it thinks appropriate.
- (4) A step taken for the purposes of enforcement is anything done in connection with the enforcement of anything required to be done or prohibited by or under this Act.
- (5) A step taken for the purposes of enforcement includes—
  - (a) entering land,
  - (b) initiating proceedings,
  - (c) the making of an application.
- (6) A step taken for the purposes of enforcement does not include—
  - (a) service of a notice,
  - (b) the making of an order (other than a court order).

### **30C Reference to an interest in land**

- (1) Subsection (2) applies to the extent that an interest in land is a Crown interest.
- (2) Anything which requires or is permitted to be done by or in relation to the owner of the interest in land must be done by or in relation to the appropriate authority.
- (3) An interest in land includes an interest only as occupier of the land.”

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**I151** S. 94(4) in force at 11.5.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/243](#), [art. 3](#)

### Trees

## 95 Tree preservation orders: Scotland

For section 162 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (Orders affecting land where Forestry Commissioners interested) there is substituted the following section—

### “162 Tree preservation: Forestry Commissioners

- (1) A tree preservation order does not have effect in respect of anything done—
  - (a) by or on behalf of the Forestry Commissioners on land placed at their disposal in pursuance of the Forestry Act 1967 or otherwise under their management or supervision;
  - (b) by or on behalf of any other person in accordance with a relevant plan which is for the time being in force.
- (2) A relevant plan is a plan of operations or other working plan approved by the Forestry Commissioners under—
  - (a) a forestry dedication agreement within the meaning of section 5 of the Forestry Act 1967, or
  - (b) conditions of a grant or loan made under section 1 of the Forestry Act 1979.
- (3) A reference to a provision of the Forestry Act 1967 or the Forestry Act 1979 includes a reference to a corresponding provision replaced by that provision or any earlier corresponding provision.”

#### Commencement Information

**I152** S. 95 in force at 12.6.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), [art. 3\(b\)](#)

## 96 Trees in conservation areas in Scotland: acts of Crown

In the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (c. 8), after section 172(4) (preservation of trees in conservation areas) there are inserted the following subsections—

- “(5) An emanation of the Crown must not, in relation to a tree to which this section applies, do an act mentioned in subsection (1) above unless—
  - (a) the first condition is satisfied, and
  - (b) either the second or third condition is satisfied.

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- (6) The first condition is that the emanation serves notice of an intention to do the act (with sufficient particulars to identify the tree) on the planning authority in whose area the tree is situated.
- (7) The second condition is that the act is done with the consent of the authority.
- (8) The third condition is that the act is done—
  - (a) after the end of the period of six weeks starting with the date of the notice, and
  - (b) before the end of the period of two years starting with that date.”

#### Commencement Information

**I153** S. 96 in force at 12.6.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), **art. 3(b)**

### Miscellaneous

## 97 Old mining permissions: Scotland

- (1) Subsection (2) applies if—
  - (a) an old mining permission relates to land which is Crown land, and
  - (b) the permission has not been registered in pursuance of Part 2 of Schedule 8 to the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.
- (2) Paragraph 10 of that Schedule and that Part apply to the old mining permission subject to the following modifications—
  - (a) in sub-paragraph (3) of that paragraph, for “16th May 1991” there is substituted “ the date of commencement of section 97(2) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 ”,
  - (b) in paragraph 13(3) of that Part, for “24 January 1992” there is substituted “ the date of commencement of section 97(2) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 ”.
- (3) “Old mining permission” must be construed in accordance with paragraph 10 and Part 2 of that Schedule.
- (4) “Crown land” must be construed in accordance with Part 12 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997.

#### Commencement Information

**I154** S. 97 in force at 12.6.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), **art. 3(b)**

## 98 Subordinate legislation: Scotland

- (1) The Scottish Ministers may by order provide that relevant subordinate legislation applies to the Crown.
- (2) The order may modify such subordinate legislation to the extent that the Scottish Ministers think appropriate for the purposes of its application to the Crown.

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- (3) Relevant subordinate legislation is an instrument which—
- (a) is made under or (wholly or in part) for the purposes of any of the Scottish planning Acts,
  - (b) is made before the commencement of section 90 of this Act, and
  - (c) is specified in the order.
- (4) In subsection (3), “instrument” includes an instrument made under an Act of the Scottish Parliament.

#### Commencement Information

**I155** S. 98 in force at 20.3.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/101](#), [art. 2](#)

## PART 8

### COMPULSORY PURCHASE

#### *Acquisition of land for development*

#### **99 Compulsory acquisition of land for development etc**

- (1) Section 226 of the principal Act (compulsory acquisition of land for development and other planning purposes) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1)—
- (a) the first “which” is omitted;
  - (b) for paragraph (a) there is substituted the following paragraph—
    - “(a) if the authority think that the acquisition will facilitate the carrying out of development, re-development or improvement on or in relation to the land,”;
  - (c) in paragraph (b) at the beginning there is inserted “ which ”.
- (3) After subsection (1) there is inserted the following subsection—
- “(1A) But a local authority must not exercise the power under paragraph (a) of subsection (1) unless they think that the development, re-development or improvement is likely to contribute to the achievement of any one or more of the following objects—
- (a) the promotion or improvement of the economic well-being of their area;
  - (b) the promotion or improvement of the social well-being of their area;
  - (c) the promotion or improvement of the environmental well-being of their area.”
- (4) Subsection (2) is omitted.
- (5) Nothing in this section affects a compulsory purchase order made before the commencement of this section.

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#### Commencement Information

**I156** S. 99 in force at 31.10.2004 by [S.I. 2004/2593](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

### *Authorisation of compulsory acquisition*

#### **100 Procedure for authorisation by authority other than a Minister**

- (1) The Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (c. 67) (the “1981 Act”) is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 6 (service of documents), in subsection (4)—
  - (a) after “lessee” in each place there is inserted “, tenant”;
  - (b) after “ “lessee” there is inserted “, “tenant” .
- (3) In section 7 (interpretation), after subsection (2) there is added—
 

“(3) But an instrument containing regulations made for the purposes of section 13A or paragraph 4A of Schedule 1 is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.”
- (4) In section 11 (notices in newspapers), after subsection (2) there is added—
 

“(3) In addition, the acquiring authority shall affix a notice in the prescribed form to a conspicuous object or objects on or near the land comprised in the order.

(4) The notice under subsection (3) must—

  - (a) be addressed to persons occupying or having an interest in the land, and
  - (b) set out each of the matters mentioned in subsection (2) (but reading the reference there to first publication of the notice as a reference to the day when the notice under subsection (3) is first affixed).”
  - (5) In section 12 (notices to owners, lessees and occupiers)—
    - (a) in subsection (1), for the words from “owner” to “order” (where it first appears) there is substituted “ qualifying person ”;
    - (b) for subsection (2) there is substituted—
 

“(2) A person is a qualifying person, in relation to land comprised in an order, if—

      - (a) he is an owner, lessee, tenant (whatever the tenancy period) or occupier of the land, or
      - (b) he falls within subsection (2A).

(2A) A person falls within this subsection if he is—

      - (a) a person to whom the acquiring authority would, if proceeding under section 5(1) of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965, be required to give a notice to treat, or
      - (b) a person the acquiring authority thinks is likely to be entitled to make a relevant claim if the order is confirmed and the compulsory purchase takes place, so far as he is known to the acquiring authority after making diligent inquiry.

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(2B) A relevant claim is a claim for compensation under section 10 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 (compensation for injurious affection).”

(6) For section 13 (confirmation of compulsory purchase order) there are substituted the following sections—

**“13 Confirmation of order: no objections**

- (1) The confirming authority may confirm a compulsory purchase order with or without modifications if it is satisfied—
  - (a) that the notice requirements have been complied with, and
  - (b) that one of the conditions in subsection (2) is satisfied.
- (2) The conditions are—
  - (a) no relevant objection is made;
  - (b) every relevant objection made is either withdrawn or disregarded.
- (3) The confirming authority may require every person who makes a relevant objection to state the grounds of the objection in writing.
- (4) If the confirming authority is satisfied that an objection relates exclusively to matters which can be dealt with by the tribunal by whom the compensation is to be assessed it may disregard the objection.
- (5) The notice requirements are the requirements under sections 11 and 12 to publish, affix and serve notices in connection with the compulsory purchase order.
- (6) A relevant objection is an objection by a person who is a qualifying person for the purposes of section 12(2), but if such a person qualifies only by virtue of section 12(2A)(b) and the confirming authority thinks that he is not likely to be entitled to make a relevant claim his objection is not a relevant objection.
- (7) Disregarded means disregarded under subsection (4) or under any other power to disregard a relevant objection contained in the enactment providing for the compulsory purchase.

**13A Confirmation of order: remaining objections**

- (1) This section applies to the confirmation of a compulsory purchase order if a relevant objection is made which is neither—
  - (a) withdrawn, nor
  - (b) disregarded,(a remaining objection).
- (2) The confirming authority may proceed under the written representations procedure—
  - (a) if the order is not subject to special parliamentary procedure,
  - (b) in the case of an order to which section 16 applies, if a certificate has been given under subsection (2) of that section, and
  - (c) if every person who has made a remaining objection consents in the prescribed manner.

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- (3) If subsection (2) does not apply or if the confirming authority decides not to proceed under that subsection, it must either—
  - (a) cause a public local inquiry to be held, or
  - (b) give every person who has made a remaining objection an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by a person appointed by the confirming authority for the purpose.
- (4) If a person who has made a remaining objection takes the opportunity to appear before a person appointed under subsection (3)(b) the confirming authority must give the acquiring authority and any other person it thinks appropriate the opportunity to be heard at the same time.
- (5) The confirming authority may confirm the order with or without modifications if it has considered the objection and either —
  - (a) it has followed the written representations procedure, or
  - (b) in a case which falls within subsection (3), if an inquiry was held or a person was appointed under subsection (3)(b), it has considered the report of the person who held the inquiry or who was so appointed.
- (6) The written representations procedure is such procedure as is prescribed for the purposes of this section including provision affording an opportunity to—
  - (a) every person who has made a remaining objection,
  - (b) the acquiring authority, and
  - (c) any other person the confirming authority thinks appropriate,
 to make written representations as to whether the order should be confirmed.
- (7) Relevant objection and disregarded must be construed in accordance with section 13.

### **13B Written representations procedure: supplementary**

- (1) This section applies where the confirming authority decides under section 13A to follow the written representations procedure.
- (2) The confirming authority may make orders as to the costs of the parties to the written representations procedure, and as to which party must pay the costs.
- (3) An order under subsection (2) may be made a rule of the High Court on the application of any party named in the order.
- (4) The costs incurred by the confirming authority in connection with the written representations procedure must be paid by the acquiring authority, if the confirming authority so directs.
- (5) The confirming authority may certify the amount of its costs, and any amount so certified and directed to be paid by the acquiring authority is recoverable summarily by the confirming authority as a civil debt.
- (6) Section 42(2) of the Housing and Planning Act 1986 (recovery of Minister's costs in connection with inquiries) applies to the written representations procedure as if the procedure is an inquiry specified in section 42(1) of that Act.

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- (7) Regulations under section 13A(6) may make provision as to the giving of reasons for decisions taken in cases where the written representations procedure is followed.

### **13C Confirmation in stages**

- (1) The confirming authority may confirm an order (with or without modifications) so far as it relates to part of the land comprised in the order (the “relevant part”) if each of the conditions in subsection (2) is met.
- (2) The conditions are—
- (a) the confirming authority is satisfied that the order ought to be confirmed so far as it relates to the relevant part but has not for the time being determined whether the order ought to be confirmed so far as it relates to the remaining part;
  - (b) the confirming authority is satisfied that the notice requirements have been complied with.
- (3) If there is a remaining objection in respect of the order, the confirming authority may only act under subsection (1) after complying with section 13A(2) or (3) (as the case may be).
- (4) But it may act under subsection (1) without complying with those provisions if it is satisfied that all remaining objections relate solely to the remaining part of the land.
- (5) If the confirming authority acts under subsection (1)—
- (a) it must give a direction postponing consideration of the order, so far as it relates to the remaining part, until such time as may be specified by or under the direction;
  - (b) the order so far as it relates to each part of the land must be treated as a separate order.
- (6) The notices to be published, affixed and served under section 15 must include a statement as to the effect of the direction given under subsection (5)(a).
- (7) Notice requirements must be construed in accordance with section 13.
- (8) Remaining objection must be construed in accordance with section 13A.”
- (7) For section 15 there is substituted—

### **“15 Notices after confirmation of order**

- (1) After the order has been confirmed, the acquiring authority must—
- (a) serve a confirmation notice and a copy of the order as confirmed on each person on whom a notice was required to be served under section 12, and
  - (b) affix a confirmation notice to a conspicuous object or objects on or near the land comprised in the order.
- (2) The notice under subsection (1)(b) must—
- (a) be addressed to persons occupying or having an interest in the land;

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- (b) so far as practicable, be kept in place by the acquiring authority until the expiry of a period of six weeks beginning with the date when the order becomes operative.
- (3) The acquiring authority must also publish a confirmation notice in one or more local newspapers circulating in the locality in which the land comprised in the order is situated.
- (4) A confirmation notice is a notice—
  - (a) describing the land;
  - (b) stating that the order has been confirmed;
  - (c) (except in the case of a notice under subsection (1)(a)) naming a place where a copy of the order as confirmed and of the map referred to there may be inspected at all reasonable hours;
  - (d) that a person aggrieved by the order may apply to the High Court as mentioned in section 23.
- (5) A confirmation notice must be in the prescribed form.”
- (8) The amendments made by this section do not apply to orders of which notice under section 11 of the 1981 Act has been published before commencement of this section.

#### Commencement Information

**1157** S. 100 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**1158** S. 100 in force at 31.10.2004 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2593](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

### 101 Procedure for authorisation by a Minister

- (1) Schedule 1 to the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (c. 67) (the “1981 Act”) is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph 2 (notices in newspapers), after sub-paragraph (2) there is added—
  - “(3) In addition, the Minister shall affix a notice in the prescribed form to a conspicuous object or objects on or near the land comprised in the draft order.
  - (4) The notice under sub-paragraph (3) must—
    - (a) be addressed to persons occupying or having an interest in the land, and
    - (b) set out each of the matters mentioned in sub-paragraph (2) (but reading the reference there to first publication of the notice as a reference to the day when the notice under sub-paragraph (3) is first affixed).”
- (3) In paragraph 3 (notices to owners, lessees and occupiers)—
  - (a) in sub-paragraph (1), for the words from “owner” to “order” (where it first appears) there is substituted “qualifying person”;
  - (b) for sub-paragraph (2) there is substituted—
    - “(2) A person is a qualifying person, in relation to land comprised in a draft order, if—

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- (a) he is an owner, lessee, tenant (whatever the tenancy period) or occupier of any such land, or
- (b) he falls within sub-paragraph (2A).

(2A) A person falls within this sub-paragraph if he is—

- (a) a person to whom the Minister would, if proceeding under section 5(1) of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965, be required to give a notice to treat, or
- (b) a person the Minister thinks is likely to be entitled to make a relevant claim if the order is made and the compulsory purchase takes place, so far as he is known to the Minister after making diligent inquiry.

(2B) A relevant claim is a claim for compensation under section 10 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 (compensation for injurious affection).”

(4) For paragraph 4 there are substituted the following paragraphs—

“4

- (1) The Minister may make a compulsory purchase order with or without modifications if he is satisfied—
  - (a) that the notice requirements have been complied with, and
  - (b) that one of the conditions in sub-paragraph (2) is satisfied.
- (2) The conditions are—
  - (a) no relevant objection is made;
  - (b) every relevant objection made is either withdrawn or disregarded.
- (3) The appropriate authority may require every person who makes a relevant objection to state the grounds of the objection in writing.
- (4) If the appropriate authority is satisfied that an objection relates exclusively to matters which can be dealt with by the tribunal by whom the compensation is to be assessed it may disregard the objection.
- (5) The notice requirements are the requirements under paragraphs 2 and 3 to publish, affix and serve notices in connection with the compulsory purchase order.
- (6) A relevant objection is an objection by a person who is a qualifying person for the purposes of paragraph 3(2), but if such a person qualifies only by virtue of paragraph 3(2A)(b) and the Minister thinks that he is not likely to be entitled to make a relevant claim his objection is not a relevant objection.
- (7) Disregarded means disregarded under sub-paragraph (4) or under any other power to disregard a relevant objection contained in the enactment providing for the compulsory purchase.
- (8) The appropriate authority is—
  - (a) in the case of an order proposed to be made in the exercise of highway land acquisition powers, the Minister and the planning Minister acting jointly,
  - (b) in any other case, the Minister.

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- (9) Highway land acquisition powers must be construed in accordance with the Highways Act 1980.
  - (10) The planning Minister is the Secretary of State for the time being having general responsibility in planning matters.
- 4A
- (1) This paragraph applies to the making of a compulsory purchase order if a relevant objection is made which is neither—
    - (a) withdrawn, nor
    - (b) disregarded,
 (a remaining objection).
  - (2) The appropriate authority may proceed under the written representations procedure—
    - (a) if the order is not subject to special parliamentary procedure;
    - (b) in the case of an order to which section 16 applies, if a certificate has been given under subsection (2) of that section, and
    - (c) if every person who has made a remaining objection consents in the prescribed manner.
  - (3) If sub-paragraph (2) does not apply or if the appropriate authority decides not to proceed under that sub-paragraph, it must either—
    - (a) cause a public local inquiry to be held, or
    - (b) give every person who has made a remaining objection an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by a person appointed by the appropriate authority for the purpose.
  - (4) If a person who has made a remaining objection takes the opportunity to appear before a person appointed under sub-paragraph (3)(b) the appropriate authority must give any other person it thinks appropriate the opportunity to be heard at the same time.
  - (5) The Minister may make the order with or without modifications if—
    - (a) the appropriate authority has considered the objection, and
    - (b) one of the conditions in sub-paragraph (6) is satisfied.
  - (6) The conditions are—
    - (a) the appropriate authority has followed the written representations procedure;
    - (b) in a case which falls within sub-paragraph (3), if an inquiry was held or a person was appointed under sub-paragraph (3)(b), the appropriate authority has considered the report of the person who held the inquiry or who was so appointed.
  - (7) The written representations procedure is such procedure as is prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph including provision affording an opportunity to—
    - (a) every person who has made a remaining objection, and
    - (b) any other person the appropriate authority thinks appropriate,
 to make written representations as to whether the order should be made.

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- (8) Regulations under sub-paragraph (7) may make provision as to the giving of reasons for decisions taken in cases where the written representations procedure is followed.
- (9) Expressions used in this paragraph and in paragraph 4 must be construed in accordance with paragraph 4.

4B

- (1) The Minister may make an order (with or without modifications) so far as it relates to part of the land comprised in the draft order (the “relevant part”) if each of the conditions in sub-paragraph (2) is met.
- (2) The conditions are—
  - (a) the Minister or, if there is a remaining objection in respect of the order, the appropriate authority is satisfied that the order ought to be made so far as it relates to the relevant part but has not for the time being determined whether the order ought to be made so far as it relates to the remaining part;
  - (b) the Minister is satisfied that the notice requirements have been complied with.
- (3) If there is a remaining objection in respect of the order, the Minister may only act under sub-paragraph (1) after the appropriate authority has complied with paragraph 4A(2) or (3) (as the case may be).
- (4) But he may act under sub-paragraph (1) without the appropriate authority having complied with those provisions if he is satisfied that all remaining objections relate solely to the remaining part of the land.
- (5) If the Minister acts under sub-paragraph (1)—
  - (a) he must give a direction postponing consideration of the order, so far as it relates to the remaining part, until such time as may be specified by or under the direction;
  - (b) the order so far as it relates to each part of the land must be treated as a separate order.
- (6) The notices to be published, affixed and served under paragraph 6 must include a statement as to the effect of the direction given under sub-paragraph (5)(a).
- (7) Expressions used in this paragraph and in paragraph 4 or 4A must be construed in accordance with paragraph 4 or 4A (as the case may be).”

(5) For paragraph 6 there is substituted—

“6

- (1) After the order has been made, the Minister must—
  - (a) serve a making notice, and a copy of the order as made, on each person on whom a notice was required to be served under paragraph 3, and
  - (b) affix a making notice to a conspicuous object or objects on or near the land comprised in the order.
- (2) The notice under sub-paragraph (1)(b) must—
  - (a) be addressed to persons occupying or having an interest in the land;

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- (b) so far as practicable, be kept in place by the acquiring authority until the expiry of a period of six weeks beginning with the date when the order becomes operative.
- (3) The Minister must also publish a making notice in one or more local newspapers circulating in the locality in which the land comprised in the order is situated.
- (4) A making notice is a notice—
  - (a) describing the land;
  - (b) stating that the order has been made;
  - (c) (except in the case of a notice under sub-paragraph (1)(a)) naming a place where a copy of the order as made and of the map referred to there may be inspected at all reasonable hours;
  - (d) that a person aggrieved by the order may apply to the High Court as mentioned in section 23.
- (5) A making notice must be in the prescribed form.”
- (6) The amendments made by this section do not apply to orders of which notice under paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the 1981 Act has been published before commencement of this section.

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**I160** S. 101 in force at 31.10.2004 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2593](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

## 102 Confirmation by acquiring authority

- (1) The Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (c. 67) (the “1981 Act”) is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 14 there is inserted—

### “14A Confirmation by acquiring authority

- (1) The power to confirm an order may be exercised by the acquiring authority (instead of the confirming authority) if—
  - (a) the confirming authority has notified the acquiring authority to that effect, and
  - (b) the notice has not been revoked.
- (2) But this section does not apply to an order in respect of land—
  - (a) falling within section 16(1) or paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 3, or
  - (b) forming part of a common, open space or fuel or field garden allotment for the purposes of section 19.
- (3) The confirming authority may give notice under subsection (1) if it is satisfied—
  - (a) that the notice requirements have been complied with,
  - (b) that no objection has been made in relation to the proposed confirmation or that all objections have been withdrawn, and

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- (c) that the order is capable of being confirmed without modification.
- (4) An objection is an objection made by any person (whether or not a person mentioned in section 12(2)), including an objection which is disregarded.
- (5) The power to confirm an order under subsection (1) does not include any power—
  - (a) to confirm the order with modifications, or
  - (b) to confirm only a part of the order.
- (6) The acquiring authority must notify the confirming authority as soon as reasonably practicable after it has determined whether or not to confirm the order.
- (7) The confirming authority may revoke a notice given by it under subsection (1).
- (8) But a notice may not be revoked if the determination has already been made and notified by the acquiring authority under subsection (6).
- (9) An order confirmed by the acquiring authority under subsection (1) is to have the same effect as if it were confirmed by the confirming authority.
- (10) Notices under this section must be in writing.
- (11) Notice requirements and disregarded must be construed in accordance with section 13.”
- (3) The amendments made by this section do not apply to orders of which notice has been published under section 11 of the 1981 Act before commencement of this section.

#### Commencement Information

**1161** S. 102 in force at 31.10.2004 by [S.I. 2004/2593](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

#### *Valuation date*

### **103      Assessment of compensation: valuation date**

- (1) The Land Compensation Act 1961 (c. 33) is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 5 there is inserted—

#### **“5A Relevant valuation date**

- (1) If the value of land is to be assessed in accordance with rule (2) in section 5, the valuation must be made as at the relevant valuation date.
- (2) No adjustment is to be made to the valuation in respect of anything which happens after the relevant valuation date.
- (3) If the land is the subject of a notice to treat, the relevant valuation date is the earlier of—
  - (a) the date when the acquiring authority enters on and takes possession of the land, and

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- (b) the date when the assessment is made.
- (4) If the land is the subject of a general vesting declaration, the relevant valuation date is the earlier of—
  - (a) the vesting date, and
  - (b) the date when the assessment is made,
 and “general vesting declaration” and “vesting date” have the meanings given in section 2 of the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981.
- (5) If the acquiring authority enters on and takes possession of part of the land—
  - (a) specified in a notice of entry, or
  - (b) in respect of which a payment into court has been made,
 the authority is deemed, for the purposes of subsection (3)(a), to have entered on and taken possession of the whole of that land on that date.
- (6) Subsection (5) also applies for the purposes of calculating interest under the following enactments—
  - (a) section 11(1) of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965;
  - (b) paragraph 3 of Schedule 3 to that Act;
  - (c) section 85 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845;
  - (d) section 52A of the Land Compensation Act 1973,
 and references there to the date or time of entry are to be construed accordingly.
- (7) An assessment by the Lands Tribunal is treated as being made on the date certified by the Tribunal as—
  - (a) the last hearing date before it makes its determination, or
  - (b) in a case to be determined without an oral hearing, the last date for making written submissions before it makes its determination.
- (8) Nothing in this section affects—
  - (a) any express provision in any other enactment which requires the valuation of land subject to compulsory acquisition to be made at a particular date;
  - (b) the valuation of land for purposes other than the compulsory acquisition of that land (even if the valuation is to be made in accordance with the rules in section 5).
- (9) In this section—
  - (a) a notice of entry is a notice under section 11(1) of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965;
  - (b) a payment into court is a payment into court under Schedule 3 to that Act or under section 85 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845.”

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### *Advance payments*

## **104 Compensation: advance payments to mortgagees**

- (1) The Land Compensation Act 1973 is amended as follows.
  - (2) In section 52 (right to advance payment of compensation)—
    - (a) after subsection (1) there are inserted the following subsections—

“(1A) If the acquiring authority have taken possession of part of the land—
      - (a) specified in a notice of entry, or
      - (b) in respect of which a payment into court has been made,the compensation mentioned in subsection (1) is the compensation payable for the compulsory acquisition of the interest in the whole of the land.

(1B) Notice of entry and payment into court must be construed in accordance with section 5A of the Land Compensation Act 1961.”
  - (b) for subsection (6) there is substituted the following subsection—

“(6) If the land is subject to a mortgage sections 52ZA and 52ZB apply.”
- (3) After section 52 of that Act there are inserted the following sections—

### **“52ZA Advance payments: land subject to mortgage**

- (1) This section applies if—
  - (a) an acquiring authority take possession of land,
  - (b) a request is made in accordance with section 52(2) for an advance payment, and
  - (c) the land is subject to a mortgage the principal of which does not exceed 90% of the relevant amount.
- (2) The advance payment made to the claimant must be reduced by the amount the acquiring authority think will be required by them to secure the release of the interest of the mortgagee (or all the mortgagees if there is more than one).
- (3) The acquiring authority must pay to the mortgagee the amount the acquiring authority think will be required by them to secure the release of the mortgagee’s interest, if—
  - (a) the claimant so requests, and
  - (b) the mortgagee consents to the making of the payment.
- (4) If there is more than one mortgagee—
  - (a) subsection (3) applies to each mortgagee individually, but
  - (b) payment must not be made to a mortgagee before the interest of each mortgagee whose interest has priority to his interest is released.
- (5) The amount of the advance payment made to the claimant under section 52 and the amount of the payments made to mortgagees under this section must not in aggregate exceed 90% of the relevant amount.
- (6) Subsection (7) applies if—
  - (a) the acquiring authority estimated the compensation,

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- (b) it appears to the acquiring authority that their estimate was too low and they revise the estimate, and
  - (c) a request is made by the claimant in accordance with section 52(2).
- (7) The provisions of subsections (2) to (5) must be re-applied on the basis of the revised estimate.

### **52ZB Advance payments: land subject to mortgage exceeding 90% threshold**

- (1) This section applies if—
  - (a) an acquiring authority take possession of land,
  - (b) a request is made in accordance with section 52(2) for an advance payment, and
  - (c) the land is subject to a mortgage the principal of which exceeds 90% of the relevant amount.
- (2) No advance payment is to be made to the claimant.
- (3) But the acquiring authority must pay to the mortgagee the amount found under subsection (4), if—
  - (a) the claimant so requests, and
  - (b) the mortgagee consents to the making of the payment.
- (4) The amount is whichever is the lesser of—
  - (a) 90% of the value of the land;
  - (b) the principal of the mortgagee's mortgage.
- (5) The value of the land is the value—
  - (a) agreed by the claimant and the acquiring authority, or (failing such agreement)
  - (b) estimated by the acquiring authority.
- (6) For the purposes of subsection (5) the value of the land is to be calculated in accordance with rule 2 of section 5 of the Land Compensation Act 1961 (market value), whether or not compensation is or is likely to be assessed in due course in accordance with rule 5 of that section (equivalent reinstatement).
- (7) If there is more than one mortgagee, payment must not be made to a mortgagee until the interest of each mortgagee whose interest has priority to his interest is released.
- (8) But the total payments under subsection (3) must not in any event exceed 90% of the value of the land.
- (9) Subsection (10) applies if—
  - (a) the acquiring authority estimated the compensation,
  - (b) it appears to the acquiring authority that their estimate was too low and they revise the estimate,
  - (c) the condition in section 52ZA(1)(b) would have been satisfied if the revised estimate had been used instead of their estimate, and
  - (d) a request is made by the claimant in accordance with section 52(2).

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- (10) The provisions of section 52ZA(2) to (5) must be applied on the basis of the revised estimate.
- (11) If—
- (a) the acquiring authority estimated the value of the land,
  - (b) it appears to the acquiring authority that their estimate was too low and they revise the estimate, and
  - (c) a request is made by the claimant in writing,
- any balance found to be due to a mortgagee on the basis of the revised estimate is payable in accordance with this section.

### **52ZC Land subject to mortgage: supplementary**

- (1) This section applies for the purposes of sections 52ZA and 52ZB.
- (2) The claimant must provide the acquiring authority with such information as they may require to enable them to give effect to those sections.
- (3) A request under section 52ZA(3) or 52ZB(3) must be made in writing and must be accompanied by the written consent of the mortgagee.
- (4) Subsections (4) and (8) to (9) of section 52 apply to a payment which may be or is made under section 52ZA or 52ZB as they apply to a payment which may be or is made under section 52.
- (5) The relevant amount is the amount of the compensation agreed or estimated as mentioned in section 52(3).
- (6) If the land is subject to more than one mortgage, the reference in sections 52ZA(1)(c) and 52ZB(1)(c) to the principal is to the aggregate of the principals of all of the mortgagees.
- (7) A payment made to a mortgagee under section 52ZA or 52ZB—
- (a) must be applied by the mortgagee in or towards the discharge of the principal, interest and costs and any other money due under the mortgage;
  - (b) must be taken to be a payment on account of compensation and treated for the purposes of section 52(10) as if it were an advance payment made under section 52;
  - (c) must be taken, with effect from the date of the payment, to reduce by the amount of the payment the amount in respect of which interest accrues for the purposes of section 11(1) of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965, any bond under Schedule 3 to that Act or section 85 of the Lands Clauses Compensation Act 1845;
  - (d) must be taken into account for the purposes of determining any payments (or payments into court) which may be made for the purposes of sections 14 to 16 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965.
- (8) If the amount, or aggregate amount, of any payments under—
- (a) sections 52 and 52ZA, or
  - (b) section 52ZB,

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on the basis of the acquiring authority's estimate of the compensation exceed the compensation as finally determined or agreed, the excess must be repaid by the claimant.

(9) No payment must be made to a mortgagee—

- (a) if any of the circumstances mentioned in subsection (10) applies, or
- (b) if the compulsory acquisition is only of a right over land.

(10) The circumstances are—

- (a) payment has been made under section 14(2) of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965;
- (b) a notice under section 14(3) of that Act has been given;
- (c) there is an agreement under section 15(1) or 16(1) of that Act or the matter has been referred to the Lands Tribunal under that section.

(11) The claimant in relation to settled land for the purposes of the Settled Land Act 1925 is the persons entitled to give a discharge for capital money.”

(4) In section 52A (right to interest where advance payment made) for subsection (2) there is substituted—

“(2) If the authority make a payment under section 52(1) to any person on account of the compensation—

- (a) they must at the same time make a payment to that person of accrued interest, for the period beginning with the date of entry, on the amount of the compensation agreed or estimated under section 52(3) (the total amount), and
- (b) the difference between the paid amount and the total amount is an unpaid balance for the purposes of this section.

(2A) The paid amount is—

- (a) the amount of the payment under section 52(1), or
- (b) if the land is subject to a mortgage, the aggregate of that amount and the amount of any payment made under section 52ZA(3).”

#### Commencement Information

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### Information

#### 105 Power to require information

(1) The Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (c. 67) is amended as follows.

(2) After section 5 (local inquiries) there is inserted—

#### “5A Power to require information

(1) This section applies to information about land in relation to which an acquiring authority is entitled to exercise a power of compulsory purchase.

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- (2) The acquiring authority may serve a notice on a person mentioned in subsection (4) requiring him to give to the authority in writing the following information—
  - (a) the name and address of any person he believes to be an owner, lessee, tenant (whatever the tenancy period) or occupier of the land;
  - (b) the name and address of any person he believes to have an interest in the land.
- (3) The power in subsection (2) is exercisable for the purpose of enabling the acquiring authority to acquire the land.
- (4) The persons are—
  - (a) the occupier of the land;
  - (b) any person who has an interest in the land either as freeholder, mortgagee or lessee;
  - (c) any person who directly or indirectly receives rent for the land;
  - (d) any person who, in pursuance of an agreement between himself and a person interested in the land, is authorised to manage the land or to arrange for the letting of it.
- (5) The notice must specify the period within which the information must be given to the acquiring authority (being a period of not less than 14 days beginning with the day on which the notice is served).
- (6) The notice must also specify or describe—
  - (a) the land,
  - (b) the compulsory purchase power, and
  - (c) the enactment which confers the power.
- (7) The notice must be in writing.
- (8) Section 6(4) does not apply to notices to be served under this section.

### **5B Offences relating to information**

- (1) A person commits an offence if he fails without reasonable excuse to comply with a notice served on him under section 5A.
- (2) A person commits an offence if, in response to a notice served on him under section 5A—
  - (a) he gives information which is false in a material particular, and
  - (b) when he does so, he knows or ought reasonably to know that the information is false.
- (3) If an offence under this section committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of—
  - (a) a director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate, or
  - (b) a person purporting to act in any such capacity,he, as well as the body corporate, is guilty of that offence and liable to be proceeded against accordingly.

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- (4) The reference in subsection (3) to a director must be construed in accordance with section 331(2) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
- (5) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.”

#### Commencement Information

**I164** S. 105 in force at 31.10.2004 by [S.I. 2004/2593](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

### *Loss payments*

## **106 Basic loss payment**

- (1) After section 33 of the Land Compensation Act 1973 (c. 26) (home loss payments for certain caravan dwellers) there is inserted the following section—

### *“Other loss payments*

#### **33A Basic loss payment**

- (1) This section applies to a person—
  - (a) if he has a qualifying interest in land,
  - (b) if the interest is acquired compulsorily, and
  - (c) to the extent that he is not entitled to a home loss payment in respect of any part of the interest.
- (2) A person to whom this section applies is entitled to payment of whichever is the lower of the following amounts—
  - (a) 7.5% of the value of his interest;
  - (b) £75,000.
- (3) A payment under this section must be made by the acquiring authority.
- (4) An interest in land is a qualifying interest if it is a freehold interest or an interest as tenant and (in either case) it subsists for a period of not less than one year ending with whichever is the earliest of—
  - (a) the date on which the acquiring authority takes possession of the land under section 11 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 (entry to take possession of land);
  - (b) the date on which the acquiring authority enters the land if it proceeds under Schedule 3 to that Act;
  - (c) the vesting date (within the meaning of the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981) if a declaration is made under section 4 of that Act (general vesting declaration);
  - (d) the date on which compensation is agreed between the person and the acquiring authority;
  - (e) the date on which the amount of compensation is determined by the Lands Tribunal.

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- (5) The compulsory acquisition of an interest in land includes acquisition of the interest in consequence of the service of—
  - (a) a purchase notice under section 137 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (right to require purchase of certain interests);
  - (b) a notice under section 150 of that Act (purchase of blighted land).
- (6) The value of an interest is its value for the purpose of deciding the amount of compensation payable in respect of the acquisition; but this is subject to subsections (7) and (8).
- (7) If an interest consists partly of a dwelling in respect of which the person is entitled to a home loss payment the value of the interest is the value of the whole interest less the value of so much of the interest as is represented by the dwelling.
- (8) If rule (5) of section 5 of the Land Compensation Act 1961 (equivalent reinstatement) applies for the purpose of assessing the amount of compensation the value of the interest is nil.”
- (2) Section 33A of the Land Compensation Act 1973 (c. 26) (as inserted by subsection (1) above) does not apply in relation to a pre-commencement acquisition of an interest in land.
- (3) A pre-commencement acquisition of an interest in land is any of the following—
  - (a) acquisition by means of a compulsory purchase order if the order is made or made in draft before the commencement of this section;
  - (b) acquisition by means of an order made under section 1 or 3 of the Transport and Works Act 1992 (c. 42) (orders relating to certain transport works) if the application for the order was made to the Secretary of State before the commencement of this section;
  - (c) acquisition by means of an order under section 1 or 3 of that Act if the order is made in pursuance of section 7 of that Act (orders made without application) and the order is made in draft before the commencement of this section;
  - (d) acquisition by means of a power contained in an enactment (including a private or local Act) to acquire compulsorily specified land or a specified interest in land if the Bill providing for the power is introduced into Parliament before the commencement of this section.

#### Commencement Information

**1165** S. 106 in force at 31.10.2004 by [S.I. 2004/2593](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

## 107 Occupier's loss payment

- (1) After section 33A of the Land Compensation Act 1973 (inserted by section 106 of this Act) there are inserted the following sections—

### “33B Occupier's loss payment: agricultural land

- (1) This section applies to a person if—
  - (a) he has a qualifying interest in land for the purposes of section 33A,

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- (b) the land is agricultural land,
  - (c) the interest is acquired compulsorily, and
  - (d) he occupied the land for the period specified in section 33A(4).
- (2) A person to whom this section applies is entitled to a payment of whichever is the greatest of the following amounts—
- (a) 2.5% of the value of his interest;
  - (b) the land amount;
  - (c) the buildings amount.
- (3) But the maximum amount which may be paid to a person under this section in respect of an interest in land is £25,000.
- (4) A payment under this section must be made by the acquiring authority.
- (5) The value of an interest is its value for the purpose of deciding the amount of compensation payable in respect of the acquisition; but this is subject to subsections (6) and (7).
- (6) If an interest consists partly of a dwelling in respect of which the person is entitled to a home loss payment the value of the interest is the value of the whole interest less the value of so much of the interest as is represented by the dwelling.
- (7) If rule (5) of section 5 of the Land Compensation Act 1961 (equivalent reinstatement) applies for the purpose of assessing the amount of compensation the value of the interest is nil.
- (8) The land amount is the greater of £300 and the amount found in accordance with the following Table—

| <i>Area of the land</i>    | <i>Amount per hectare</i>                                                                                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Not exceeding 100 hectares | £100 per hectare or part of a hectare                                                                                   |
| Exceeding 100 hectares     | (a) £100 per hectare for the first 100 hectares;<br>(b) £50 per hectare for the next 300 hectares or part of a hectare. |

- (9) The buildings amount is £25 per square metre (or part of a square metre) of the gross floor space of any buildings on the land.
- (10) The gross floor space must be measured externally.

### **33C Occupier's loss payment: other land**

- (1) This section applies to a person if—
- (a) he has a qualifying interest in land for the purposes of section 33A,
  - (b) the land is not agricultural land,
  - (c) the interest is acquired compulsorily, and
  - (d) he occupied the land for the period specified in section 33A(4).
- (2) A person to whom this section applies is entitled to a payment of whichever is the greatest of the following amounts—

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- (a) 2.5% of the value of his interest;
  - (b) the land amount;
  - (c) the buildings amount.
- (3) But the maximum amount which may be paid to a person under this section in respect of an interest in land is £25,000.
- (4) A payment under this section must be made by the acquiring authority.
- (5) The value of an interest is its value for the purpose of deciding the amount of compensation payable in respect of the acquisition; but this is subject to subsections (6) and (7).
- (6) If an interest consists partly of a dwelling in respect of which the person is entitled to a home loss payment the value of the interest is the value of the whole interest less the value of so much of the interest as is represented by the dwelling.
- (7) If rule (5) of section 5 of the Land Compensation Act 1961 (equivalent reinstatement) applies for the purpose of assessing the amount of compensation the value of the interest is nil.
- (8) The land amount is the greater of—
  - (a) £2,500;
  - (b) £2.50 per square metre (or part of a square metre) of the area of the land.
- (9) But if only part of land in which a person has an interest is acquired, for the figure specified in subsection (8)(a) there is substituted £300.
- (10) The buildings amount is £25 per square metre (or part of a square metre) of the gross floor space of any buildings on the land.
- (11) The gross floor space must be measured externally.”
- (2) Sections 33B and 33C of the Land Compensation Act 1973 (c. 26) (as inserted by subsection (1) above) do not apply in relation to a pre-commencement acquisition of an interest in land.
- (3) A pre-commencement acquisition of an interest in land is any of the following—
  - (a) acquisition by means of a compulsory purchase order if the order is made or made in draft before the commencement of this section;
  - (b) acquisition by means of an order made under section 1 or 3 of the Transport and Works Act 1992 (c. 42) (orders relating to certain transport works) if the application for the order was made to the Secretary of State before the commencement of this section;
  - (c) acquisition by means of an order under section 1 or 3 of that Act if the order is made in pursuance of section 7 of that Act (orders made without application) and the order is made in draft before the commencement of this section;
  - (d) acquisition by means of a power contained in an enactment (including a private or local Act) to acquire compulsorily specified land or a specified interest in land if the Bill providing for the power is introduced into Parliament before the commencement of this section.

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**I166** S. 107 in force at 31.10.2004 by [S.I. 2004/2593](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

### 108 Loss payments: exclusions

- (1) After section 33C of the Land Compensation Act 1973 (inserted by section 107 of this Act) there is inserted the following section—

#### “33D Loss payments: exclusions

- (1) This section applies to a person if—
  - (a) he is a person to whom section 33A, 33B or 33C applies,
  - (b) a notice falling within subsection (4) has been served on him in relation to the land mentioned in that section,
  - (c) at the relevant time the notice has effect or is operative, and
  - (d) he has failed to comply with any requirement of the notice.
- (2) This section also applies to a person if—
  - (a) he is a person to whom section 33A, 33B or 33C applies,
  - (b) a copy of an order falling within subsection (5) has been served on him in relation to the land mentioned in that section, and
  - (c) the order has not been quashed on appeal.
- (3) No payment may be made under section 33A, 33B or 33C to a person to whom this section applies.
- (4) These are the notices—
  - (a) notice under section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (power to require proper maintenance of land);
  - (b) notice under section 189 of the Housing Act 1985 (requirement to repair dwelling etc. unfit for human habitation);
  - (c) notice under section 190 of that Act (requirement to repair dwelling etc. in state of disrepair);
  - (d) notice under section 48 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (repairs notice prior to compulsory notice of acquisition of listed building).
- (5) These are the orders—
  - (a) an order under section 264 of the Housing Act 1985 (closure of dwelling etc. unfit for human habitation);
  - (b) an order under section 265 of that Act (demolition of dwelling etc. unfit for human habitation).
- (6) The relevant time is the time at which the compulsory purchase order in relation to the person’s interest in the land—
  - (a) is confirmed, in the case of an order falling within section 2(2) of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (procedure for authorisation);
  - (b) is made, in the case of an order falling within section 2(3) of that Act.
- (7) The Secretary of State may by regulations amend subsections (4) and (5).”

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- (2) Section 33D of the Land Compensation Act 1973 (c. 26) (as inserted by subsection (1) above) does not apply in relation to a notice or order specified in subsection (4) or (5) of that section if the notice or copy of the order was served on a person to whom that section applies before the commencement of this section.

#### Commencement Information

**I167** S. 108 in force at 31.10.2004 by [S.I. 2004/2593](#), **art. 2(a)**

## 109 Loss payments: supplementary

After section 33D of the Land Compensation Act 1973 (inserted by section 108 of this Act) there are inserted the following sections—

### “33E Claims

- (1) This section applies for the purposes of sections 33A to 33C.
- (2) A claim for payment must be made in writing to the acquiring authority.
- (3) The claim must give such particulars as the authority may reasonably require for the purpose of deciding—
  - (a) whether a payment is to be made;
  - (b) the amount of any such payment.
- (4) For the purposes of the Limitation Act 1980 a person’s right of action to recover a payment must be taken to have accrued—
  - (a) in the case of a claim under section 33A on the last day of the period specified in subsection (4) of that section;
  - (b) in the case of a claim under section 33B or 33C on the date of his displacement from the land.

### 33F Insolvency

- (1) This section applies if a person is entitled to a payment under section 33A, 33B or 33C but before a claim is made under section 33E insolvency proceedings are started in relation to the person.
- (2) Any of the following may make a claim instead of the person mentioned in subsection (1)—
  - (a) a receiver, trustee in bankruptcy or the official receiver in the case of an individual;
  - (b) an administrator, administrative receiver, liquidator or provisional liquidator or the official receiver in the case of a company or a partnership.
- (3) Insolvency proceedings are—
  - (a) proceedings in bankruptcy;
  - (b) proceedings under the Insolvency Act 1986 for the winding up of a company or an unregistered company (including voluntary winding up of a company under Part 4 of that Act);

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- (c) proceedings for the winding up of a partnership.

### **33G Death**

- (1) This section applies if a person is entitled to a payment under section 33A, 33B or 33C but before a claim is made under section 33E the person dies (the deceased).
- (2) A claim may be made by a person who—
  - (a) occupied the land for a period of not less than one year ending with the date on which the deceased is displaced from the land, and
  - (b) is entitled to benefit on the death of the deceased by virtue of a ground mentioned in subsection (3).
- (3) The grounds are—
  - (a) a testamentary disposition;
  - (b) the law of intestate succession;
  - (c) the right of survivorship between joint tenants.

### **33H Agricultural land: dual entitlement**

- (1) This section applies if a person is entitled in respect of the same interest in agricultural land to a payment both—
  - (a) under section 33B of this Act, and
  - (b) by virtue of section 12(1) of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1968 (additional payments in consequence of compulsory acquisition of agricultural holding).
- (2) Payment may be made in respect of only one entitlement.
- (3) If the person makes a claim under both provisions he must be paid in respect of the entitlement which produces the greater amount.

### **33I Payment**

- (1) Any dispute as to the amount of a payment to be made under section 33A, 33B or 33C must be determined by the Lands Tribunal.
- (2) The acquiring authority must make any payment required by section 33A not later than whichever is the latest of the following dates—
  - (a) the last day of the period specified in section 33A(4);
  - (b) the last day of the period of three months beginning with the day the claim is made;
  - (c) the day on which the amount of the payment is determined.
- (3) The authority must make any payment required by section 33B or 33C not later than whichever is the latest of the following dates—
  - (a) the date the person is displaced from the land;
  - (b) the last day of the period of three months beginning with the day the claim is made;
  - (c) the day on which the amount of the payment is determined.

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- (4) If paragraph (c) of subsection (2) or (3) applies the authority may at any time make a payment in advance to the person entitled to a payment (the claimant).
- (5) If when the value of the interest is agreed or determined the amount of a payment made under subsection (4) differs from the payment required by section 33A, 33B or 33C—
  - (a) the amount by which the advance payment exceeds the payment required must be repaid by the claimant to the authority;
  - (b) the amount by which the payment required exceeds the advance payment must be paid by the authority to the claimant.
- (6) The acquiring authority must pay interest on the amount required to be paid at the rate prescribed by regulations under section 32 of the Land Compensation Act 1961.
- (7) Interest accrues from the date specified in paragraph (a) of subsection (2) or (3) (as the case may be).
- (8) The authority may, at the request of the person entitled to the payment, make a payment on account of the interest mentioned in subsection (6).

### **33J Acquisition by agreement**

- (1) This section applies if—
  - (a) an interest in land which is a qualifying interest for the purpose of section 33A is acquired by agreement by an authority which has power to acquire the interest compulsorily, and
  - (b) the interest is acquired from a person who would be entitled to a payment under section 33A, 33B or 33C if the interest is acquired compulsorily.
- (2) The authority may make a payment to the person of an amount equal to the amount they would be required to pay if the interest is acquired compulsorily.

### **33K Regulations**

- (1) This section applies for the purposes of sections 33A to 33I.
- (2) The Secretary of State may by regulations substitute for any amount or percentage figure specified in these sections such other amount or percentage figure (as the case may be) as he thinks fit.
- (3) Except as provided in the following provisions of this section, a power to make regulations must be exercised by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.
- (4) This subsection applies to regulations under subsection (2) which substitute—
  - (a) a percentage figure, or
  - (b) an amount, in a case where the change in value condition is not satisfied.
- (5) A statutory instrument containing regulations to which subsection (4) applies must not be made unless a draft of the regulations has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

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- (6) The change in value condition is satisfied if the Secretary of State thinks that in the case of the substitution of an amount it is expedient to make the substitution in consequence of changes in the value of money or land.
- (7) Regulations under subsection (2) may make different provision for different purposes.”

#### Commencement Information

**I168** S. 109 in force at 31.10.2004 by [S.I. 2004/2593](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

### *Corresponding amendments of other enactments*

#### **110 Corresponding amendments of other enactments**

- (1) This section applies to any enactment passed or made before or in the same session as the passing of this Act (other than an enactment amended by this Part) which makes provision—
- in connection with the compulsory acquisition of an interest in land,
  - creating a power which permits the interference with or affectation of any right in relation to land, or
  - for the payment of any sum in connection with the acquisition, interference or affectation.
- (2) The Secretary of State may by order amend an enactment to which this section applies for the purpose of making provision which—
- corresponds to provision made by this Part, or
  - applies any such provision or corresponding provision.

#### Commencement Information

**I169** S. 110 in force at 31.10.2004 by [S.I. 2004/2593](#), [art. 2\(a\)](#)

## **PART 9**

### **MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL**

#### *Crown*

#### **111 Crown**

- (1) This Act (except Part 8) binds the Crown.
- (2) The amendment of an enactment by or by virtue of Part 8 applies to the Crown to the extent that the enactment amended so applies.

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**I170** S. 111(1) in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 3](#)

**I171** S. 111(2) in force at 31.10.2004 by [S.I. 2004/2593](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)

## Parliament

### 112 Parliament

The planning Acts and this Act have effect despite any rule of law relating to Parliament or the law and practice of Parliament.

## Commencement Information

**I172** S. 112 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)

## Miscellaneous

### 113 Validity of strategies, plans and documents

(1) This section applies to—

- (a) a revision of [<sup>F211</sup>the regional strategy];
- (b) [<sup>F212</sup>the National Development Framework for Wales;
- (ba) a strategic development plan;]
- [<sup>F213</sup>(bb) a local plan;
- (bc) a minerals and waste plan;
- (bd) a supplementary plan;]
- <sup>F214</sup>(c) .....
- (d) a local development plan;
- (e) a revision of a document mentioned in paragraph (b), [<sup>F215</sup>(ba)], [<sup>F216</sup>(bb), (bc), (bd)] or (d);
- (f) [<sup>F217</sup>a] spatial development strategy;
- (g) an alteration or replacement of [<sup>F218</sup>a] spatial development strategy,

and anything falling within paragraphs (a) to (g) is referred to in this section as a relevant document.

(2) A relevant document must not be questioned in any legal proceedings except in so far as is provided by the following provisions of this section.

(3) A person aggrieved by a relevant document may make an application to the High Court on the ground that—

- (a) the document is not within the appropriate power;
- (b) a procedural requirement has not been complied with.

[<sup>F219</sup>(3A) An application may not be made under subsection (3) without the leave of the High Court.

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(3B) An application for leave for the purposes of subsection (3A) must be made before the end of the period of six weeks beginning with the day after the relevant date.]

<sup>F220</sup>(4) .....

(5) The High Court may make an interim order suspending the operation of the relevant document—

- (a) wholly or in part;
- (b) generally or as it affects the property of the applicant.

[<sup>F221</sup>(5A) An interim order has effect—

- (a) if made on an application for leave, until the final determination of—
  - (i) the question of whether leave should be granted, or
  - (ii) where leave is granted, the proceedings on any application under this section made with such leave;
- (b) in any other case, until the proceedings are finally determined.]

(6) Subsection (7) applies if the High Court is satisfied—

- (a) that a relevant document is to any extent outside the appropriate power;
- (b) that the interests of the applicant have been substantially prejudiced by a failure to comply with a procedural requirement.

[<sup>F222</sup>(7) The High Court may—

- (a) quash the relevant document;
- (b) remit the relevant document to a person or body with a function relating to its preparation, publication, adoption or approval.

(7A) If the High Court remits the relevant document under subsection (7)(b) it may give directions as to the action to be taken in relation to the document.

(7B) Directions under subsection (7A) may in particular—

- (a) require the relevant document to be treated (generally or for specified purposes) as not having been approved or adopted;
- (b) require specified steps in the process that has resulted in the approval or adoption of the relevant document to be treated (generally or for specified purposes) as having been taken or as not having been taken;
- (c) require action to be taken by a person or body with a function relating to the preparation, publication, adoption or approval of the document (whether or not the person or body to which the document is remitted);
- (d) require action to be taken by one person or body to depend on what action has been taken by another person or body.

(7C) The High Court's powers under subsections (7) and (7A) are exercisable in relation to the relevant document—

- (a) wholly or in part;
- (b) generally or as it affects the property of the applicant.]

<sup>F223</sup>(8) .....

(9) The appropriate power is—

- [<sup>F224</sup>(a) Part 5 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 in the case of a revision of the regional strategy;]

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- (b) [F225]sections 60 to 60C above in the case of the National Development Framework for Wales or a revised Framework;
  - (ba) in the case of a strategic development plan or any revision of it—
    - (i) section [F226]60M] above, and
    - (ii) sections 63 to 68, 68A(1), 69 to 71 and 73 to 78 above, as they apply in relation to strategic development plans (see section [F227]60N] );]
  - (c) Part 2 of this Act in the case of a [F228]local plan, minerals and waste plan or supplementary plan] or any revision of it;
  - (d) sections 62 to 78 above in the case of a local development plan or any revision of it;
  - (e) sections 334 to 343 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29) in the case of the spatial development strategy [F229]for London] or any alteration or replacement of it.
  - [F230](f) in the case of a spatial development strategy adopted by a combined authority established under section 103 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009, or any alteration or replacement of it, whichever provisions of (or applied by) an order under that Act give the combined authority powers in relation to such a strategy;]
- (10) A procedural requirement is a requirement under the appropriate power or contained in regulations or an order made under that power which relates to the adoption, publication or approval of a relevant document.
- (11) References to the relevant date must be construed as follows—
- [F231](a) for the purposes of a revision of the regional strategy, the date when the revision is published by the Secretary of State under Part 5 of Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009;]
  - (b) [F232]for the purposes of the National Development Framework for Wales (or a revised Framework), the date when it is published by the Welsh Ministers;
  - (ba) for the purposes of a strategic development plan (or a revision of it), the date when it is adopted by the [F233]corporate joint committee] or approved by the Welsh Ministers (as the case may be);]
  - (c) for the purposes of a [F234]local plan, minerals and waste plan or supplementary plan] (or a revision of it), the date when it is adopted [F235]or approved (as the case may be) under Part 2;]
  - (d) for the purposes of a local development plan (or a revision of it), the date when it is adopted by a local planning authority in Wales or approved by the National Assembly for Wales (as the case may be);
  - (e) for the purposes of [F236]a] spatial development strategy (or an alteration or replacement of it), the date when [F237]it becomes operative].
- [F238](12) In this section references to a revision of the regional strategy include a revised strategy under section 79 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.]
- [F239](13) In this section, “spatial development strategy”, “spatial development strategy for London” and “joint spatial development strategy” must be construed in accordance with section 15LH.]

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## Textual Amendments

- F211** Words in s. 113(1)(a) substituted (1.4.2010) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 148(5), **Sch. 5 para. 19(2)**; S.I. 2009/3318, art. 4(gg)
- F212** S. 113(1)(b)(ba) substituted for s. 113(1)(b) (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.12.2020 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), s. 58(2)(b)(4)(b), **Sch. 2 para. 27(2)(a)**; S.I. 2020/1216, reg. 2(b)
- F213** S. 113(1)(bb)-(bd) inserted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), **Sch. 8 para. 23(2)(a)** (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(viii) (with Sch. 1)
- F214** S. 113(1)(c) omitted (25.3.2026) by virtue of [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), **Sch. 8 para. 23(2)(b)** (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(viii) (with Sch. 1)
- F215** Word in s. 113(1)(e) inserted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.12.2020 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), s. 58(2)(b)(4)(b), **Sch. 2 para. 27(2)(b)**; S.I. 2020/1216, reg. 2(b)
- F216** Words in s. 113(1)(e) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), **Sch. 8 para. 23(2)(c)** (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(viii) (with Sch. 1)
- F217** Word in s. 113(1)(f) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), **Sch. 8 para. 23(2)(d)** (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(viii) (with Sch. 1)
- F218** Word in s. 113(1)(g) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), **Sch. 8 para. 23(2)(e)** (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(viii) (with Sch. 1)
- F219** S. 113(3A)(3B) inserted (26.10.2015) by [Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 \(c. 2\)](#), s. 95(1), **Sch. 16 para. 8(2)**; S.I. 2015/1778, art. 3(b)(ii) (with art. 4(c))
- F220** S. 113(4) omitted (26.10.2015) by virtue of [Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 \(c. 2\)](#), s. 95(1), **Sch. 16 para. 8(3)**; S.I. 2015/1778, art. 3(b)(ii) (with art. 4(c))
- F221** S. 113(5A) inserted (26.10.2015) by [Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 \(c. 2\)](#), s. 95(1), **Sch. 16 para. 8(4)**; S.I. 2015/1778, art. 3(b)(ii) (with art. 4(c))
- F222** S. 113(7)-(7C) substituted for s. 113(7) (6.4.2009 for E.) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), **ss. 185**, 241(3), (4) (with s. 226); S.I. 2009/400, art. 5(a)
- F223** S. 113(8) omitted (26.10.2015) by virtue of [Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 \(c. 2\)](#), s. 95(1), **Sch. 16 para. 8(5)**; S.I. 2015/1778, art. 3(b)(ii) (with art. 4(c))
- F224** S. 113(9)(a) substituted (1.4.2010) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 148(5), **Sch. 5 para. 19(3)**; S.I. 2009/3318, art. 4(gg)
- F225** S. 113(9)(b)(ba) substituted for s. 113(9)(b) (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.12.2020 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), s. 58(2)(b)(4)(b), **Sch. 2 para. 27(3)**; S.I. 2020/1216, reg. 2(b)
- F226** Word in s. 113(9)(ba)(i) substituted (21.1.2021) by [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 1\)](#), s. 175(1)(e), **Sch. 9 para. 7(a)(i)**
- F227** Word in s. 113(9)(ba)(ii) substituted (21.1.2021) by [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 1\)](#), s. 175(1)(e), **Sch. 9 para. 7(a)(ii)**
- F228** Words in s. 113(9)(c) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), **Sch. 8 para. 23(3)(a)** (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(viii) (with Sch. 1)
- F229** Words in s. 113(9)(e) inserted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), **Sch. 8 para. 23(3)(b)** (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(viii) (with Sch. 1)
- F230** S. 113(9)(f)(g) inserted (25.3.2026 except for the insertion of s. 113(9)(g)) by [Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), **Sch. 8 para. 23(3)(c)** (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, **reg. 3(f)(viii)** (with Sch. 1)
- F231** S. 113(11)(a) substituted (1.4.2010) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 148(5), **Sch. 5 para. 19(4)**; S.I. 2009/3318, art. 4(gg)
- F232** S. 113(11)(b)(ba) substituted for s. 113(11)(b) (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.12.2020 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), s. 58(2)(b)(4)(b), **Sch. 2 para. 27(4)**; S.I. 2020/1216, reg. 2(b)

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- F233** Words in s. 113(11)(ba) substituted (21.1.2021) by [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021](#) (asc 1), s. 175(1)(e), **Sch. 9 para. 7(b)**
- F234** Words in s. 113(11)(c) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023](#) (c. 55), s. 255(3)(b), **Sch. 8 para. 23(4)(a)(i)** (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(viii) (with Sch. 1)
- F235** Words in s. 113(11)(c) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023](#) (c. 55), s. 255(3)(b), **Sch. 8 para. 23(4)(a)(ii)** (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(viii) (with Sch. 1)
- F236** Word in s. 113(11)(e) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023](#) (c. 55), s. 255(3)(b), **Sch. 8 para. 23(4)(b)(i)** (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(viii) (with Sch. 1)
- F237** Words in s. 113(11)(e) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023](#) (c. 55), s. 255(3)(b), **Sch. 8 para. 23(4)(b)(ii)** (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(viii) (with Sch. 1)
- F238** S. 113(12) inserted (1.4.2010) by [Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009](#) (c. 20), s. 148(5), **Sch. 5 para. 19(5)**; S.I. 2009/3318, art. 4(gg)
- F239** S. 113(13) inserted (25.3.2026 except for the words “and “joint spatial development strategy””) by [Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023](#) (c. 55), s. 255(3)(b), **Sch. 8 para. 23(5)** (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, **reg. 3(f)(viii)** (with Sch. 1)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C47** S. 113 applied in part (with modifications) (23.12.2016) by [The Greater Manchester Combined Authority \(Functions and Amendment\) Order 2016](#) (S.I. 2016/1267), arts. 1(2), 4(5), **Sch. 1 Pt. 2**
- C48** S. 113 applied (with modifications) (8.5.2018) by [The West of England Combined Authority Order 2017](#) (S.I. 2017/126), arts. 1(5), 11(5), **Sch. 2 Pt. 2**
- C49** S. 113 applied (with modifications) (7.5.2024) by [The North East Mayoral Combined Authority \(Establishment and Functions\) Order 2024](#) (S.I. 2024/402), arts. 1(3), 38(5), **Sch. 5 Pt. 2** (with art. 9)

#### Commencement Information

- I173** S. 113 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 2(e)**
- I174** S. 113 in force at 15.10.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/2847](#), **art. 2(c)**

## 114 Examinations

An examination of any document or plan for the purposes of Part 2 or Part 6 of this Act is a statutory inquiry within the meaning of the Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1992 (c. 53).

#### Commencement Information

- I175** S. 114 in force at 28.9.2004 for specified purposes for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 2(f)**
- I176** S. 114 in force at 15.10.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/2847](#), **art. 2(d)**

## 115 Grants for advice and assistance

In the principal Act after section 304 (grants for research and education) there is inserted the following section—

### “304A Grants for advice and assistance

- (1) The appropriate authority may make grants for the purpose of assisting any person to provide advice and assistance in connection with any matter which is related to—
- (a) the planning Acts;

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- (b) the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004;
  - (c) the enactments mentioned in subsection (2).
- (2) The enactments are enactments which relate to planning contained in the following Acts—
- (a) the Planning and Compensation Act 1991;
  - (b) the Transport and Works Act 1992;
  - (c) the Environment Act 1995.
- (3) The appropriate authority may make a grant subject to such terms and conditions as it thinks appropriate.
- (4) Person includes a body whether or not incorporated.
- (5) The appropriate authority is—
- (a) the Secretary of State in relation to England;
  - (b) the National Assembly for Wales in relation to Wales.”

## 116 Isles of Scilly

- (1) This Act applies to the Isles of Scilly subject to such exceptions, adaptations and modifications as the Secretary of State may by order direct.
- (2) An order may in particular provide for—
- (a) the Council of the Isles of Scilly to enter into arrangements in pursuance of section 4;
  - (b) the exercise by the Council of the Isles of Scilly of any function exercisable by a local planning authority [<sup>F240</sup>or minerals and waste planning authority] under Part 2 [<sup>F241</sup>or 3].
- (3) But an order must not be made under this section unless the Secretary of State has consulted the Council of the Isles of Scilly.

### Textual Amendments

**F240** Words in s. 116(2)(b) inserted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 24](#) (with s. 247); [S.I. 2026/169](#), reg. 3(f)(ix) (with [Sch. 1](#))

**F241** Words in s. 116(2)(b) inserted (15.11.2011 for specified purposes, 6.4.2012 for specified purposes, 3.8.2012 for specified purposes, 6.4.2013 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), ss., 240(5)(j), [Sch. 12 para. 30](#); [S.I. 2012/628](#), art. 8(a) (with arts. 9, 12, 13, 16, 18-20) (as amended (3.8.2012) by [S.I. 2012/2029](#), arts. 2, 4); [S.I. 2012/2029](#), arts. 2, 3(a) (with art. 5) (as amended (6.4.2013) by [S.I. 2013/797](#), art. 4); [S.I. 2013/797](#), arts. 1(2), 2

### Commencement Information

**I177** S. 116 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), art. 2

**I178** S. 116 in force at 24.8.2005 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2005/2081](#), art. 3

## 117 Interpretation

- (1) Expressions used in this Act and in the principal Act have the same meaning in this Act as in that Act.

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- (2) Expressions used in this Act and in the listed buildings Act have the same meaning in this Act as in that Act.
- (3) Expressions used in this Act and in the hazardous substances Act have the same meaning in this Act as in that Act.
- (4) The planning Acts are—
  - (a) the principal Act;
  - (b) the listed buildings Act;
  - (c) the hazardous substances Act;
  - (d) the Planning (Consequential Provisions) Act 1990 (c. 11).
- (5) The principal Act is the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (c. 8).
- (6) The listed buildings Act is the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (c. 9).
- (7) The hazardous substances Act is the Planning (Hazardous Substances) Act 1990 (c. 10).
- (8) The Scottish planning Acts are—
  - (a) the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (c. 8);
  - (b) the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 (c. 9);
  - (c) the Planning (Hazardous Substances) (Scotland) Act 1997 (c. 10); and
  - (d) the Planning (Consequential Provisions) (Scotland) Act 1997 (c. 11).

#### Commencement Information

**1179** S. 117(1)-(7) in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097, art. 2](#)

**1180** S. 117(1)-(7) in force at 28.9.2004 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202, art. 3\(b\)](#)

**1181** S. 117(8) in force at 12.6.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/268, art. 3\(c\)](#)

### General

#### 118 Amendments

- (1) Schedule 6 contains amendments of the planning Acts.
- (2) Schedule 7 contains amendments of other enactments.
- (3) A reference in Schedule 1 to the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999 to an enactment amended by this Act must be taken to be a reference to the enactment as so amended.
- (4) But subsection (3) does not affect such an enactment to the extent that the amendment makes express provision in connection with the exercise of a function in relation to Wales.

#### Commencement Information

**1182** S. 118 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097, art. 2](#)

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- I183** S. 118(1)(3)(4) in force at 28.9.2004 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 3(c)**  
**I184** S. 118(2) in force at 28.9.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 3(c)**  
**I185** S. 118(2) in force at 12.6.2006 for specified purposes for S. by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), **art. 3(d)**

## 119 Transitionals

- (1) Schedule 8 contains transitional provisions relating to Parts 1 and 2.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may by order make such transitional provision for Scotland, corresponding to the provisions of Schedule 4 and to section 30B of the hazardous substances Act (inserted by section 79(3)), as they consider necessary or expedient.

### Commencement Information

- I186** S. 119(1) in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), **art. 2**  
**I187** S. 119(1) in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 2(g)**  
**I188** S. 119(2) in force at 20.3.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/101](#), **art. 2**

## 120 Repeals

Schedule 9 contains repeals.

### Commencement Information

- I189** S. 120 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), **art. 2**  
**I190** S. 120 in force at 28.9.2004 for specified purposes for E.W. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 3(d)**  
**I191** S. 120 in force at 12.6.2006 for specified purposes for S. by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), **art. 3(e)**

## 121 Commencement

- (1) The preceding provisions of this Act (except section 115 and the provisions specified in subsections (4), (5) and (6)) come into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by order appoint.
- (2) But the Secretary of State must not make an order which relates to any of the following provisions unless he first consults the National Assembly for Wales—
  - (a) Part 3;
  - (b) Part 4, except sections 44 and 55;
  - (c) Part 5;
  - (d) in Part 7, Chapter 1;
  - (e) Part 8;
  - (f) in this Part sections 113, 114, 117, 118 and 120;
  - (g) Schedules 3, 4, 6, 7 and 9.
- (3) And the Secretary of State must not make an order which relates to section 91 unless he first consults and has the agreement of the Scottish Ministers.

[<sup>F242</sup>(3A) Subsections (1) and (2) are subject to subsection (3B).

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- (3B) Section 43 (power to decline to determine applications) (so far as not in force on the day on which paragraph 7 of Schedule 7 of the Planning Act 2008 comes into force) comes into force on such day as may be appointed by order made by—
- (a) the Secretary of State in relation to England;
  - (b) the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.]
- (4) The following provisions come into force on such day as the Scottish Ministers may by order appoint—
- (a) sections 90 and 92 to 98;
  - (b) Schedule 5;
  - (c) section 117(8);
  - (d) in so far as relating to the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, section 118(2) and Schedule 7;
  - (e) section 119(2); and
  - (f) in so far as relating to that Act, to the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 or to the Planning (Hazardous Substances) (Scotland) Act 1997, section 120 and Schedule 9.
- (5) Part 6 comes into force in accordance with provision made by the National Assembly for Wales by order.
- (6) In Schedule 7, paragraph 10(7) comes into force at the end of the period of two months starting on the day this Act is passed.

#### Textual Amendments

**F242** S. 121(3A)(3B) inserted (26.1.2009) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), s. 241(6), [Sch. 7 para. 7](#) (with s. 226)

## 122 Regulations and orders

- (1) A power to prescribe is (unless express provision is made to the contrary) a power to prescribe by regulations exercisable—
- [<sup>F243</sup>(zb) regulations made under section 39A(3);]
- (a) by the Secretary of State in relation to England;
  - (b) by the [<sup>F244</sup>Welsh Ministers] in relation to Wales.
- (2) References in this section to subordinate legislation are to any order or regulations under this Act.
- (3) Subordinate legislation—
- (a) may make different provision for different purposes;
  - (b) may include such supplementary, incidental, consequential, saving or transitional provisions (including provision amending, repealing or revoking enactments) as the person making the subordinate legislation thinks necessary or expedient.
- (4) A power to make subordinate legislation must be exercised by statutory instrument.
- (5) A statutory instrument is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament unless it contains—

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- (a) [<sup>F245</sup>regulations made by the Secretary of State under section 46;]
  - (b) an order under section 98, 116(1) or 119(2);
  - (c) an order under section 110(2);
  - (d) an order under section 121(1) to which subsection (8) applies;
  - (e) an order under section 121(4);
  - (f) provision amending or repealing an enactment contained in an Act;
  - (g) subordinate legislation made by the [<sup>F246</sup>Welsh Ministers] .
- (6) A statutory instrument mentioned in subsection (5) [<sup>F247</sup>(za), (zb),][<sup>F248</sup>(a), ](c) or (f) must not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.
- [<sup>F249</sup>(6A) Subsection (6) does not apply in relation to a statutory instrument containing subordinate legislation made by the Welsh Ministers.
- (6B) The Welsh Ministers must not make a statutory instrument containing subordinate legislation which includes provision amending or repealing an enactment contained in primary legislation unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by resolution of the National Assembly for Wales.
- (6C) A statutory instrument containing subordinate legislation made by the Welsh Ministers to which subsection (6B) does not apply is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of the National Assembly for Wales.]
- (7) A statutory instrument containing an order under section 98 or 119(2) is subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of the Scottish Parliament.
- (8) This subsection applies to an order which does not contain provision amending or repealing an enactment contained in an Act.
- (9) A statutory instrument containing an order under section 121(4), if it includes provision amending or repealing an enactment contained in an Act, must not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by resolution of the Scottish Parliament.
- (10) In subsection (3), “enactment” includes an enactment comprised in, or in an instrument made under, an Act of the Scottish Parliament and in subsections (8) and (9), “Act” includes such an Act and “enactment” includes an enactment comprised in such an Act.
- [<sup>F250</sup>(11) In subsection (6B), “primary legislation” means—
- (a) an Act of Parliament;
  - (b) an Act or Measure of the National Assembly for Wales.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F243** S. 122(5)(za)(zb) inserted (25.3.2026 except for the insertion of s. 122(5)(za)) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 25\(a\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f) (x) (with [Sch. 1](#))
- F244** Words in s. 122(1)(b) substituted (6.9.2015) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), s. 58(2)(a), [Sch. 7 para. 1\(2\)](#)
- F245** S. 122(5)(a) repealed (6.4.2010 for E.W.) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), s. 241(8), [Sch. 13](#) (with s. 226); S.I. 2010/566, art. 3(d), [Sch.](#)

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- F246** Words in s. 122(5)(g) substituted (6.9.2015) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), s. 58(2)(a), [Sch. 7 para. 1\(3\)](#)
- F247** Words in s. 122(6) inserted (25.3.2026 except for the word “(za),”) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 25\(b\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(x) (with Sch. 1)
- F248** Word in s. 122(6) repealed (6.4.2010 for E.W.) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), s. 241(8), [Sch. 13](#) (with s. 226); S.I. 2010/566, art. 3(d), Sch.
- F249** S. 122(6A)-(6C) inserted (6.9.2015) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), s. 58(2)(a), [Sch. 7 para. 1\(4\)](#)
- F250** S. 122(11) inserted (6.9.2015) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), s. 58(2)(a), [Sch. 7 para. 1\(5\)](#)

## 123 Finance

- (1) There is to be paid out of money provided by Parliament—
- (a) any expenses of the Secretary of State in making grants in connection with the provision of advice and assistance in relation to the planning Acts;
  - (b) any increase attributable to this Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment.
- (2) There is to be paid into the Consolidated Fund any increase attributable to this Act in the sums so payable under any other enactment.

## 124 Extent

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, this Act extends to England and Wales only.
- (2) Sections 111(1), 118(2), 120 to 122, this section and section 125 extend also to Scotland.
- (3) Sections 90 to 98, 117(8) and 119(2) extend to Scotland only.
- (4) The extent of any amendment, repeal or revocation made by this Act is the same as that of the enactment amended, repealed or revoked.

## 125 Short Title

This Act may be cited as the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

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## SCHEDULES

### [<sup>F251</sup>SCHEDULE A1

### Section 27A

#### DEFAULT POWERS EXERCISABLE BY MAYOR OF LONDON [<sup>F252</sup>, COMBINED AUTHORITY [<sup>F253</sup>, COMBINED COUNTY AUTHORITY] OR COUNTY COUNCIL]

##### Textual Amendments

- F251** Sch. A1 inserted (1.10.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 216(3), **Sch. 11**; S.I. 2016/733, reg. 4(1)(e)
- F252** Words in Sch. A1 heading substituted (16.1.2018) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 46(1), **Sch. 2 para. 3**; S.I. 2018/38, reg. 2(c)
- F253** Words in **Sch. A1** heading inserted (26.12.2023) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(2)(c), **Sch. 4 para. 156(2)** (with s. 247)

#### *Default powers exercisable by Mayor of London*

- [<sup>F254</sup> (1) This paragraph applies if the Secretary of State thinks that a London borough council, in their capacity as a local planning authority, are failing to do anything it is necessary or expedient for them to do in connection with the preparation, adoption or revision of a local plan.
- (2) If the local plan has not come into effect, the Secretary of State may invite the Mayor of London to take over preparation of the local plan from the London borough council, in which case the Mayor may do so.
- (3) If the local plan has come into effect, the Secretary of State may invite the Mayor of London to revise the local plan, in which case the Mayor may do so.]

##### Textual Amendments

- F254** Sch. A1 para. 1 substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), **Sch. 8 para. 26(2)** (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)

- 2 (1) This paragraph applies where a [<sup>F255</sup>local plan] is prepared or revised by the Mayor of London under paragraph 1.

[ If the Mayor of London is to prepare the local plan, the Mayor must publish a <sup>F256</sup>(1A) document setting out—

- (a) the Mayor's timetable for preparing the plan, and
- (b) if the Mayor intend to depart from anything specified in a local plan timetable in relation to the plan, details of how the Mayor intends to depart from it.]

(2) The Mayor of London must hold an independent examination.

(3) The Mayor of London—

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- (a) must publish the recommendations and reasons of the person appointed to hold the examination, and
- (b) may also give directions to the council in relation to publication of those recommendations and reasons.

[<sup>F257</sup>(4) The Mayor of London may then—

- (a) where the Mayor has prepared a local plan, approve the local plan, approve the local plan subject to specified modifications or direct the council to consider adopting the local plan by resolution of the council, or
- (b) where the Mayor is to revise a local plan, make the revision or make the revision subject to specified modifications.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F255** Words in Sch. A1 para. 2(1) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(3\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F256** Sch. A1 para. 2(1A) inserted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(3\)\(b\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F257** Sch. A1 para. 2(4) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(3\)\(c\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)

3 [<sup>F258</sup>(1) Subsections (4) to (12) of section 15D, and section 15DA, apply to an examination held under paragraph 2(2)—

- (a) reading references to the local planning authority as references to the Mayor of London, and
- (b) in the case of an independent examination of a proposed revision, reading references to a local plan as references to the revision.]

(2) The Mayor of London must give reasons for anything he does in pursuance of paragraph 1 or 2(4).

(3) The council must reimburse the Mayor of London—

- (a) for any expenditure that the Mayor incurs in connection with anything which is done by him under paragraph 1 and which the council failed <sup>F259</sup>... to do as mentioned in that paragraph;
- (b) for any expenditure that the Mayor incurs in connection with anything which is done by him under paragraph 2(2).

[ In the case of a [<sup>F261</sup>joint local plan], the Mayor may apportion liability for the <sup>F260</sup>(4) expenditure on such basis as the Mayor thinks just between the councils for whom [<sup>F262</sup>the plan] has been prepared.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F258** Sch. A1 para. 3(1) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(4\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F259** Words in Sch. A1 para. 3(3)(a) omitted (25.3.2026) by virtue of [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(4\)\(b\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F260** Sch. A1 para. 3(4) inserted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 16.1.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 c. 20](#), s. 9(10), s. 46(3); S.I. 2018/38, reg. 2(b)
- F261** Words in Sch. A1 para. 3(4) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(4\)\(c\)\(i\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)

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**F262** Words in Sch. A1 para. 3(4) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(4\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)

### *Default powers exercisable by combined authority*

#### 4 In this Schedule—

“combined authority” means a combined authority established under section 103 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009;

“constituent planning authority”, in relation to a combined authority, means—

- (a) a county council, metropolitan district council or non-metropolitan district council which is the local planning authority for an area within the area of the combined authority, or
- (b) a joint committee established under [<sup>F263</sup>section 15J] whose area is within, or the same as, the area of the combined authority.

#### **Textual Amendments**

**F263** Words in Sch. A1 para. 4 substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(5\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)

- [<sup>F264</sup>5 (1) This paragraph applies if the Secretary of State thinks that a constituent planning authority are failing to do anything it is necessary or expedient for them to do in connection with the preparation, adoption or revision of a local plan.
- (2) If the local plan has not come into effect, the Secretary of State may invite the combined authority to take over preparation of the local plan from the constituent planning authority, in which case the combined authority may do so.
- (3) If the local plan has come into effect, the Secretary of State may invite the combined authority to revise the local plan, in which case the combined authority may do so.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

**F264** Sch. A1 para. 5 substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(6\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)

- 6 (1) This paragraph applies where a [<sup>F265</sup>local plan] is prepared or revised by a combined authority under paragraph 5.

[ If the combined authority are to prepare the local plan, the combined authority must <sup>F266</sup>(1A) publish a document setting out—

- (a) their timetable for preparing the plan, and
- (b) if they intend to depart from anything specified in a local plan timetable in relation to the plan, details of how they intend to depart from it.]

(2) The combined authority must hold an independent examination.

(3) The combined authority—

- (a) must publish the recommendations and reasons of the person appointed to hold the examination, and

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- (b) may also give directions to the constituent planning authority in relation to publication of those recommendations and reasons.

[<sup>F267</sup>(4) The combined authority may then—

- (a) where the combined authority have prepared a local plan, approve the local plan, approve the local plan subject to specified modifications or direct the constituent planning authority to consider adopting the local plan by resolution of the authority, or
- (b) where the combined authority are to revise a local plan, make the revision or make the revision subject to specified modifications.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F265** Words in Sch. A1 para. 6(1) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(7\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F266** Sch. A1 para. 6(1A) inserted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(7\)\(b\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F267** Sch. A1 para. 6(4) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(7\)\(c\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)

7 [<sup>F268</sup>(1) Subsections (4) to (12) of section 15D, and section 15DA, apply to an examination held under paragraph 6(2)—

- (a) reading references to the local planning authority as references to the combined authority, and
- (b) in the case of an independent examination of a proposed revision, reading references to a local plan as references to the revision.]

(2) The combined authority must give reasons for anything they do in pursuance of paragraph 5 or 6(4).

(3) The constituent planning authority must reimburse the combined authority—

- (a) for any expenditure that the combined authority incur in connection with anything which is done by them under paragraph 5 and which the constituent planning authority failed <sup>F269</sup>... to do as mentioned in that paragraph;
- (b) for any expenditure that the combined authority incur in connection with anything which is done by them under paragraph 6(2).

[ In the case of a [<sup>F271</sup>joint local plan], the combined authority may apportion liability <sup>F270</sup>(4) for the expenditure on such basis as the authority considers just between the authorities for whom [<sup>F272</sup>the plan] has been prepared.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F268** Sch. A1 para. 7(1) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(8\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F269** Words in Sch. A1 para. 7(3)(a) omitted (25.3.2026) by virtue of [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(8\)\(b\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F270** [Sch. A1 para. 7\(4\)](#) inserted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 16.1.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), ss. 9(11), 46(3); S.I. 2018/38, reg. 2(b)
- F271** Words in Sch. A1 para. 7(4) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(8\)\(c\)\(i\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)

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**F272** Words in Sch. A1 para. 7(4) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(8\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)

### *[<sup>F273</sup>Default powers exercisable by combined county authority*

#### Textual Amendments

**F273** Sch. A1 paras. 7ZA-7ZD and cross-heading inserted (26.12.2023) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(2)(c), [Sch. 4 para. 156\(3\)](#) (with s. 247)

**7ZA** In this Schedule—

“combined county authority” means a combined county authority established under section 9(1) of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023;

“constituent planning authority” in relation to a combined county authority, means—

- (a) a county council, metropolitan district council or non-metropolitan district council which is the local planning authority for an area within the area of the combined county authority, or
- (b) a joint committee established under section [<sup>F274</sup>15J] whose area is within, or the same as, the area of the combined county authority.

#### Textual Amendments

**F274** Word in Sch. A1 para. 7ZA substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(9\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)

[<sup>F275</sup>~~7ZB~~] This paragraph applies if the Secretary of State thinks that a constituent planning authority are failing to do anything it is necessary or expedient for them to do in connection with the preparation, adoption or revision of a local plan.

- (2) If the local plan has not come into effect, the Secretary of State may invite the combined county authority to take over preparation of the local plan from the constituent planning authority, in which case the combined county authority may do so.
- (3) If the local plan has come into effect, the Secretary of State may invite the combined county authority to revise the local plan, in which case the combined county authority may do so.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F275** Sch. A1 para. 7ZB substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(10\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)

**7ZC** (1) This paragraph applies where a [<sup>F276</sup>local plan] is prepared or revised by a combined county authority under paragraph 7ZB.

[ If the combined county authority are to prepare the local plan, the combined county  
<sup>F277</sup>(1A) authority must publish a document setting out—

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- (a) their timetable for preparing the plan, and
  - (b) if they intend to depart from anything specified in a local plan timetable in relation to the plan, details of how they intend to depart from it.]
- (2) The combined county authority must hold an independent examination.
- (3) The combined county authority—
- (a) must publish the recommendations and reasons of the person appointed to hold the examination, and
  - (b) may also give directions to the constituent planning authority in relation to publication of those recommendations and reasons.
- [<sup>F278</sup>(4) The combined county authority may then—
- (a) where the combined county authority have prepared a local plan, approve the local plan subject to specified modifications or direct the constituent planning authority to consider adopting the local plan by resolution of the authority, or
  - (b) where the combined county authority are to revise a local plan, make the revision or make the revision subject to specified modifications.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F276** Words in Sch. A1 para. 7ZC(1) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\), s. 255\(3\)\(b\), Sch. 8 para. 26\(11\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F277** Sch. A1 para. 7ZC(1A) inserted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\), s. 255\(3\)\(b\), Sch. 8 para. 26\(11\)\(b\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F278** Sch. A1 para. 7ZC(4) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\), s. 255\(3\)\(b\), Sch. 8 para. 26\(11\)\(c\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)

- <sup>B279</sup>7ZP(1) Subsections (4) to (12) of section 15D, and section 15DA, apply to an examination held under paragraph 7ZC(2)—
- (a) reading references to the local planning authority as references to the combined county authority, and
  - (b) in the case of an independent examination of a proposed revision, reading references to a local plan as references to the revision.]
- (2) The combined county authority must give reasons for anything they do in pursuance of paragraph 7ZB or 7ZC(4).
- (3) The constituent planning authority must reimburse the combined county authority—
- (a) for any expenditure that the combined county authority incur in connection with anything which is done by them under paragraph 7ZB and which the constituent planning authority failed <sup>F280</sup>... to do as mentioned in that paragraph;
  - (b) for any expenditure that the combined county authority incur in connection with anything which is done by them under paragraph 7ZC(2).
- (4) In the case of a [<sup>F281</sup>joint local plan], the combined county authority may apportion liability for the expenditure on such basis as the authority considers just between the authorities for whom [<sup>F282</sup>the plan] has been prepared.]

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#### Textual Amendments

- F279** Sch. A1 para. 7ZD(1) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(12\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F280** Words in Sch. A1 para. 7ZD(3)(a) omitted (25.3.2026) by virtue of [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(12\)\(b\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F281** Words in Sch. A1 para. 7ZD(4) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(12\)\(c\)\(i\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F282** Words in Sch. A1 para. 7ZD(4) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(12\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)

### *<sup>F283</sup>Default powers exercisable by county council*

#### Textual Amendments

- F283** Sch. A1 paras. 7A-7D inserted (16.1.2018) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 46(1), [Sch. 2 para. 4](#); S.I. 2018/38, reg. 2(c)

7A In this Schedule—

“upper-tier county council” means a county council for an area for which there is also a district council;

“lower-tier planning authority”, in relation to an upper-tier county council, means a district council which is the local planning authority for an area within the area of the upper-tier county council.

<sup>F284</sup>7B(1) This paragraph applies if the Secretary of State thinks that a lower tier planning authority are failing to do anything it is necessary or expedient for them to do in connection with the preparation, adoption or revision of a local plan.

(2) If the local plan has not come into effect, the Secretary of State may invite the upper-tier county council to take over preparation of the local plan from the lower-tier planning authority, in which case the upper-tier county council may do so.

(3) If the local plan has come into effect, the Secretary of State may invite the upper-tier county council to revise the local plan, in which case the upper-tier county council may do so.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F284** Sch. A1 para. 7B substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(13\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)

7C (1) This paragraph applies where a [<sup>F285</sup>local plan] is prepared or revised by an upper-tier county council under paragraph 7B.

[ If the upper-tier county council are to prepare the local plan, the upper-tier county <sup>F286</sup>(1A) council must publish a document setting out—

- (a) their timetable for preparing the plan, and
- (b) if they intend to depart from anything specified in a local plan timetable in relation to the plan, details of how they intend to depart from it.]

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- (2) The upper-tier county council must hold an independent examination.
- (3) The upper-tier county council—
  - (a) must publish the recommendations and reasons of the person appointed to hold the examination, and
  - (b) may also give directions to the lower-tier planning authority in relation to publication of those recommendations and reasons.
- [<sup>F287</sup>(4) The upper-tier county council may then—
  - (a) where the upper-tier county council have prepared a local plan, approve the local plan, approve the local plan subject to specified modifications or direct the lower-tier planning authority to consider adopting the local plan by resolution of the authority, or
  - (b) where the upper-tier county council are to revise a local plan, make the revision or make the revision subject to specified modifications.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F285** Words in Sch. A1 para. 7C(1) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\), s. 255\(3\)\(b\), Sch. 8 para. 26\(14\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F286** Sch. A1 para. 7C(1A) inserted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\), s. 255\(3\)\(b\), Sch. 8 para. 26\(14\)\(b\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F287** Sch. A1 para. 7C(4) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\), s. 255\(3\)\(b\), Sch. 8 para. 26\(14\)\(c\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)

- 7D<sup>F288</sup>(1) Subsections (4) to (12) of section 15D, and section 15DA, apply to an examination held under paragraph 7C(2)—
- (a) reading references to the local planning authority as references to the upper-tier county council, and
  - (b) in the case of an independent examination of a proposed revision, reading references to a local plan as references to the revision.]
- (2) The upper-tier county council must give reasons for anything they do in pursuance of paragraph 7B or 7C(4).
  - (3) The lower-tier planning authority must reimburse the upper-tier county council—
    - (a) for any expenditure that the upper-tier county council incur in connection with anything which is done by them under paragraph 7B and which the lower-tier planning authority failed <sup>F289</sup>... to do as mentioned in that paragraph;
    - (b) for any expenditure that the upper-tier county council incur in connection with anything which is done by them under paragraph 7C(2).
  - (4) In the case of a [<sup>F290</sup>joint local plan], the upper-tier council may apportion liability for the expenditure on such basis as the council considers just between the authorities for whom [<sup>F291</sup>the plan] has been prepared.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F288** Sch. A1 para. 7D(1) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\), s. 255\(3\)\(b\), Sch. 8 para. 26\(15\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)

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- F289** Words in Sch. A1 para. 7D(3)(a) omitted (25.3.2026) by virtue of [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), **Sch. 8 para. 26(15)(b)** (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F290** Words in Sch. A1 para. 7D(4) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), **Sch. 8 para. 26(15)(c)(i)** (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F291** Words in Sch. A1 para. 7D(4) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), **Sch. 8 para. 26(15)(c)(ii)** (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)

### *Intervention by Secretary of State*

- 8 (1) This paragraph applies to a [<sup>F292</sup>local plan] that has been prepared or [<sup>F293</sup>a revision of a local plan]—
- (a) under paragraph 1 by the Mayor of London, <sup>F294</sup>...
  - (b) under paragraph 5 by a combined authority [<sup>F295</sup>,  
<sup>F296</sup>(ba) under paragraph 7ZB by a combined county authority,] or
  - (c) under paragraph 7B by an upper-tier county council.]
- (2) If the Secretary of State thinks that a [<sup>F297</sup>local plan] to which this paragraph applies is unsatisfactory—
- (a) he may at any time before the [<sup>F298</sup>plan] is adopted under [<sup>F299</sup>section 15EA], or approved under paragraph 2(4)(a) [<sup>F300</sup>, 6(4)(a) [<sup>F301</sup>, 7ZC(4)(a)] or 7C(4)(a)], direct the Mayor of London [<sup>F302</sup>, the combined authority [<sup>F303</sup>, the combined county authority] or the upper-tier county council] to modify the [<sup>F298</sup>plan] in accordance with the direction;
  - (b) if he gives such a direction he must state his reasons for doing so.
- (3) Where a direction is given under sub-paragraph (2)—
- (a) the Mayor of London [<sup>F304</sup>, the combined authority [<sup>F305</sup>, the combined county authority] or the upper-tier county council] must comply with the direction;
  - (b) the [<sup>F306</sup>plan] must not be adopted or approved unless the Secretary of State gives notice that the direction has been complied with.
- (4) Sub-paragraph (3) does not apply if or to the extent that the direction under sub-paragraph (2) is withdrawn by the Secretary of State.
- (5) At any time before a [<sup>F307</sup>local plan] to which this paragraph applies is adopted under [<sup>F308</sup>section 15EA], or approved under paragraph 2(4)(a) [<sup>F309</sup>, 6(4)(a) [<sup>F310</sup>, 7ZC(4)(a)] or 7C(4)(a)], the Secretary of State may direct that [<sup>F311</sup>the plan] (or any part of it) is submitted to him for his approval.
- (6) In relation to a [<sup>F312</sup>plan] or part of a [<sup>F312</sup>plan] submitted to him under sub-paragraph (5) the Secretary of State—
- (a) may approve the [<sup>F312</sup>plan] or part;
  - (b) may approve it subject to specified modifications;
  - (c) may reject it.

The Secretary of State must give reasons for his decision under this sub-paragraph.

- (7) The Secretary of State may at any time—

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- (a) after a <sup>F313</sup>local plan] to which this paragraph applies has been submitted for independent examination, but
- (b) before it is adopted under <sup>F314</sup>section 15EA] or approved under paragraph 2(4)(a) <sup>F315</sup>, 6(4)(a) <sup>F316</sup>, 7ZC(4)(a)] or 7C(4)(a)],

direct the Mayor of London <sup>F317</sup>, the combined authority <sup>F318</sup>, the combined county authority] or the upper-tier county council] to withdraw the <sup>F319</sup>plan].

[ Sub-paragraphs (2) to (7) and paragraph 9 apply in relation to a revision to a local <sup>F320</sup>(7A) plan to which this paragraph applies as they apply in relation to a local plan to which this paragraph applies—

- (a) reading references to the plan being adopted or approved as references to the revision being made, and
- (b) reading references to paragraph 2(4)(a), 6(4)(a), 7ZC(4)(a) or 7C(4)(a) as references to paragraph 2(4)(b), 6(4)(b), 7ZC(4)(b) or 7C(4)(b).]

#### Textual Amendments

- F292** Words in Sch. A1 para. 8(1) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(16\)\(a\)\(i\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F293** Words in Sch. A1 para. 8(1) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(16\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F294** Word in Sch. A1 para. 8(1)(a) omitted (16.1.2018) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 46(1), [Sch. 2 para. 5\(2\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2018/38, [reg. 2\(c\)](#)
- F295** Sch. A1 para. 8(1)(c) and word inserted (16.1.2018) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 46(1), [Sch. 2 para. 5\(2\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2018/38, [reg. 2\(c\)](#)
- F296** Sch. A1 para. 8(1)(ba) inserted (26.12.2023) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(2)(c), [Sch. 4 para. 156\(4\)\(a\)](#) (with s. 247)
- F297** Words in Sch. A1 para. 8(2) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(16\)\(b\)\(i\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F298** Word in Sch. A1 para. 8(2)(a) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(16\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F299** Words in Sch. A1 para. 8(2)(a) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(16\)\(b\)\(iii\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F300** Words in Sch. A1 para. 8(2)(a) substituted (16.1.2018) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 46(1), [Sch. 2 para. 5\(3\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2018/38, [reg. 2\(c\)](#)
- F301** Words in Sch. A1 para. 8(2)(a) inserted (26.12.2023) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(2)(c), [Sch. 4 para. 156\(4\)\(b\)\(i\)](#) (with s. 247)
- F302** Words in Sch. A1 para. 8(2)(a) substituted (16.1.2018) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 46(1), [Sch. 2 para. 5\(3\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2018/38, [reg. 2\(c\)](#)
- F303** Words in Sch. A1 para. 8(2)(a) inserted (26.12.2023) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(2)(c), [Sch. 4 para. 156\(4\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#) (with s. 247)
- F304** Words in Sch. A1 para. 8(3)(a) substituted (16.1.2018) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 46(1), [Sch. 2 para. 5\(4\)](#); S.I. 2018/38, [reg. 2\(c\)](#)
- F305** Words in Sch. A1 para. 8(3)(a) inserted (26.12.2023) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(2)(c), [Sch. 4 para. 156\(4\)\(c\)](#) (with s. 247)
- F306** Word in Sch. A1 para. 8(3)(b) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(16\)\(c\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F307** Words in Sch. A1 para. 8(5) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(16\)\(d\)\(i\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F308** Words in Sch. A1 para. 8(5) substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(16\)\(d\)\(ii\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)

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- F309** Words in Sch. A1 para. 8(5) substituted (16.1.2018) by Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 (c. 20), s. 46(1), **Sch. 2 para. 5(5)**; S.I. 2018/38, **reg. 2(c)**
- F310** Words in Sch. A1 para. 8(5) inserted (26.12.2023) by Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (c. 55), s. 255(2)(c), **Sch. 4 para. 156(4)(d)** (with s. 247)
- F311** Words in Sch. A1 para. 8(5) substituted (25.3.2026) by Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (c. 55), s. 255(3)(b), **Sch. 8 para. 26(16)(d)(iii)** (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F312** Word in Sch. A1 para. 8(6) substituted (25.3.2026) by Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (c. 55), s. 255(3)(b), **Sch. 8 para. 26(16)(e)** (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F313** Words in Sch. A1 para. 8(7)(a) substituted (25.3.2026) by Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (c. 55), s. 255(3)(b), **Sch. 8 para. 26(16)(f)(i)** (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F314** Words in Sch. A1 para. 8(7)(b) substituted (25.3.2026) by Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (c. 55), s. 255(3)(b), **Sch. 8 para. 26(16)(f)(ii)** (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F315** Words in Sch. A1 para. 8(7)(b) substituted (16.1.2018) by Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 (c. 20), s. 46(1), **Sch. 2 para. 5(6)(a)**; S.I. 2018/38, **reg. 2(c)**
- F316** Word in Sch. A1 para. 8(7)(b) inserted (26.12.2023) by Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (c. 55), s. 255(2)(c), **Sch. 4 para. 156(4)(e)(i)** (with s. 247)
- F317** Words in Sch. A1 para. 8(7) substituted (16.1.2018) by Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 (c. 20), s. 46(1), **Sch. 2 para. 5(6)(b)**; S.I. 2018/38, **reg. 2(c)**
- F318** Words in Sch. A1 para. 8(7) inserted (26.12.2023) by Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (c. 55), s. 255(2)(c), **Sch. 4 para. 156(4)(e)(ii)** (with s. 247)
- F319** Word in Sch. A1 para. 8(7) substituted (25.3.2026) by Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (c. 55), s. 255(3)(b), **Sch. 8 para. 26(16)(f)(iii)** (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F320** Sch. A1 para. 8(7A) inserted (25.3.2026) by Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (c. 55), s. 255(3)(b), **Sch. 8 para. 26(16)(g)** (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)

- 9 (1) This paragraph applies if the Secretary of State gives a direction under paragraph 8(5).
- (2) No steps are to be taken in connection with the adoption or approval of the [<sup>F321</sup>plan] until the Secretary of State gives his decision, or withdraws the direction.
- (3) If the direction is given, and not withdrawn, before the [<sup>F321</sup>plan] has been submitted for independent examination, the Secretary of State must hold an independent examination.
- (4) If the direction—
- (a) is given after the [<sup>F321</sup>plan] has been submitted for independent examination but before the person appointed to carry out the examination has made his recommendations, and
  - (b) is not withdrawn before those recommendations are made,
- the person must make his recommendations to the Secretary of State.
- (5) The [<sup>F321</sup>plan] has no effect unless the [<sup>F321</sup>plan] or (as the case may be) the relevant part of it has been approved by the Secretary of State, or the direction is withdrawn.
- The “relevant part” is the part of the [<sup>F321</sup>plan] that—
- (a) is covered by a direction under paragraph 8(5) which refers to only part of the [<sup>F321</sup>plan], or
  - (b) continues to be covered by a direction under paragraph 8(5) following the partial withdrawal of the direction.
- (6) The Secretary of State must publish the recommendations made to him by virtue of sub-paragraph (3) or (4) and the reasons of the person making the recommendations.

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(7) In considering a [<sup>F321</sup>plan] or part of a [<sup>F321</sup>plan] submitted under paragraph 8(5) the Secretary of State may take account of any matter which he thinks is relevant.

(8) It is immaterial whether any such matter was taken account of by the Mayor of London [<sup>F322</sup>, the combined authority [<sup>F323</sup>, the combined county authority] or the upper-tier county council].

#### Textual Amendments

**F321** Word in Sch. A1 para. 9 substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(17\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)

**F322** Words in [Sch. A1 para. 9\(8\)](#) substituted (16.1.2018) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 46(1), [Sch. 2 para. 6](#); S.I. 2018/38, [reg. 2\(c\)](#)

**F323** Words in Sch. A1 para. 9(8) inserted (26.12.2023) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(2)(c), [Sch. 4 para. 156\(5\)](#) (with s. 247)

[<sup>F324</sup>10 Subsections (4) to (12) of section 15D, and section 15DA, apply to an examination of a local plan held under paragraph 9(3)—

- (a) reading references to the local planning authority as references to Secretary of State, and
- (b) in the case of an independent examination of a proposed revision, reading references to a local plan as references to the revision.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F324** Sch. A1 para. 10 substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(18\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)

11 In the exercise of any function under paragraph 8 or 9 the Secretary of State must have regard to the [<sup>F325</sup>local plan timetable].

#### Textual Amendments

**F325** Words in Sch. A1 para. 11 substituted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(3)(b), [Sch. 8 para. 26\(19\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)

12 The Mayor of London [<sup>F326</sup>, the combined authority [<sup>F327</sup>, the combined county authority] or the upper-tier county council] must reimburse the Secretary of State for any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State under paragraph 8 or 9 that is specified in a notice given by him to the Mayor [<sup>F328</sup>, the authority or the council].

#### Textual Amendments

**F326** Words in Sch. A1 para. 12 substituted (16.1.2018) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 46(1), Sch. 2 para. 7(a); S.I. 2018/38, reg. 2(c)

**F327** Words in [Sch. A1 para. 12](#) inserted (26.12.2023) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 255(2)(c), [Sch. 4 para. 156\(6\)](#) (with s. 247)

**F328** Words in Sch. A1 para. 12 substituted (16.1.2018) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 46(1), Sch. 2 para. 7(b); S.I. 2018/38, reg. 2(c)

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*Temporary direction pending possible use of intervention powers]*

- 13 (1) If the Secretary of State is considering whether to give a direction to the Mayor of London [<sup>F329</sup>, a combined authority [<sup>F330</sup>, a combined county authority] or an upper-tier county council] under paragraph 8 in relation to a [<sup>F331</sup>local plan], he may direct the Mayor [<sup>F332</sup>, the authority or the council] not to take any step [<sup>F333</sup>, or not to take a step specified in the direction,] in connection with the [<sup>F334</sup>plan]—
- (a) until the time (if any) specified in the direction, or
  - (b) until the direction is withdrawn.
- (2) A [<sup>F335</sup>plan] to which a direction under this paragraph relates has no effect while the direction is in force.
- (3) A direction given under this paragraph in relation to a [<sup>F336</sup>plan] ceases to have effect if a direction is given under paragraph 8 in relation to that [<sup>F336</sup>plan].

**Textual Amendments**

- F329** Words in Sch. A1 para. 13(1) substituted (16.1.2018) by Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 (c. 20), s. 46(1), Sch. 2 para. 8(a); S.I. 2018/38, reg. 2(c)
- F330** Words in Sch. A1 para. 13(1) inserted (26.12.2023) by Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (c. 55), s. 255(2)(c), Sch. 4 para. 156(7) (with s. 247)
- F331** Words in Sch. A1 para. 13(1) substituted (25.3.2026) by Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (c. 55), s. 255(3)(b), Sch. 8 para. 26(20)(a)(i) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F332** Words in Sch. A1 para. 13(1) substituted (16.1.2018) by Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 (c. 20), s. 46(1), Sch. 2 para. 8(b); S.I. 2018/38, reg. 2(c)
- F333** Words in Sch. A1 para. 13(1) inserted (25.3.2026) by Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (c. 55), s. 255(3)(b), Sch. 8 para. 26(20)(a)(ii) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F334** Word in Sch. A1 para. 13(1) substituted (25.3.2026) by Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (c. 55), s. 255(3)(b), Sch. 8 para. 26(20)(a)(iii) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F335** Word in Sch. A1 para. 13(2) substituted (25.3.2026) by Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (c. 55), s. 255(3)(b), Sch. 8 para. 26(20)(b) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)
- F336** Word in Sch. A1 para. 13(3) substituted (25.3.2026) by Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (c. 55), s. 255(3)(b), Sch. 8 para. 26(20)(c) (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(f)(xi) (with Sch. 1)

[<sup>F337</sup>SCHEDULE A2

Section 38A(11A)

MODIFICATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLANS

**Textual Amendments**

- F337** Sch. A2 inserted (27.4.2017 for specified purposes; 31.1.2018 in so far as not already in force) by Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 (c. 20), s. 46(3), Sch. 1; S.I. 2018/38, reg. 3(b)

*Proposals for modification of neighbourhood development plan*

- 1 (1) This Schedule applies if a neighbourhood development plan has effect for a neighbourhood area within the area of a local planning authority.

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- (2) A qualifying body is entitled to submit a proposal to the local planning authority for the modification of the neighbourhood development plan.
  - (3) The proposal must be accompanied by—
    - (a) a draft of the neighbourhood development plan as proposed to be modified (the “draft plan”), and
    - (b) a statement which contains a summary of the proposals and sets out the reasons why the plan should be modified as proposed.
  - (4) The proposal must—
    - (a) be made in the prescribed form, and
    - (b) be accompanied by other documents and information of a prescribed description.
  - (5) The qualifying body must send to prescribed persons a copy of—
    - (a) the proposal,
    - (b) the draft plan, and
    - (c) such of the other documents and information accompanying the proposal as may be prescribed.
  - (6) The Secretary of State may publish a document setting standards for—
    - (a) the preparation of a draft of a neighbourhood development plan as proposed to be modified and other documents accompanying the proposal,
    - (b) the coverage in any document accompanying the proposal of a matter falling to be dealt with in it, and
    - (c) all or any of the collection, sources, verification, processing and presentation of information accompanying the proposal.
  - (7) The documents and information accompanying the proposal (including the draft plan) must comply with those standards.
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  - (1) A qualifying body may withdraw a proposal at any time before the local planning authority act in relation to the proposal under paragraph 14.
  - (2) If—
    - (a) a proposal by a qualifying body is made by an organisation or body designated as a neighbourhood forum, and
    - (b) the designation is withdrawn at any time before the proposal is submitted for independent examination under paragraph 9,the proposal is to be treated as withdrawn by the qualifying body at that time.
  - (3) If the withdrawal of the designation occurs after the proposal is submitted for independent examination under that paragraph, the withdrawal is not to affect the validity of the proposal.

*Advice and assistance in connection with proposals*

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  - (1) A local planning authority must give such advice or assistance to a qualifying body as, in all the circumstance, they consider appropriate for the purpose of, or in connection with, facilitating the making of a proposal for the modification of a neighbourhood development plan for a neighbourhood area within their area.
  - (2) Nothing in this paragraph is to be read as requiring the giving of financial assistance.

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*Requirements to be complied with before proposals made or considered*

- 4 (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision as to requirements that must be complied with before proposals for the modification of a neighbourhood development plan may be submitted to a local planning authority or fall to be considered by a local planning authority.
- (2) The regulations may in particular make provision—
- (a) as to the giving of notice and publicity,
  - (b) as to the information and documents that are to be made available to the public,
  - (c) as to the making of reasonable charges for anything provided as a result of the regulations,
  - (d) as to consultation with and participation by the public,
  - (e) as to the making and consideration of representations (including the time by which they must be made),
  - (f) requiring prescribed steps to be taken before a proposal of a prescribed description falls to be considered by a local planning authority, and
  - (g) conferring powers or imposing duties on local planning authorities, the Secretary of State or other public authorities.
- (3) The power to make regulations under this paragraph must be exercised to secure that—
- (a) prescribed requirements as to consultation with and participation by the public must be complied with before a proposal for the modification of a neighbourhood development plan may be submitted to a local planning authority, and
  - (b) a statement containing the following information in relation to that consultation and participation must accompany the proposal submitted to the authority—
    - (i) details of those consulted,
    - (ii) a summary of the main issues raised, and
    - (iii) any other information of a prescribed description.

*Consideration of proposals by authority*

- 5 (1) A local planning authority may decline to consider a proposal submitted to them if they consider that it is a repeat proposal.
- (2) A proposal (“the proposal in question”) is a “repeat” proposal for the purposes of this paragraph if it meets conditions A and B.
- (3) Condition A is that—
- (a) in the period of two years ending with the date on which the proposal in question is received, the authority received a proposal under this Schedule (“the earlier proposal”),
  - (b) the authority did not make a neighbourhood development plan in response to the earlier proposal as a result of paragraph 8(4) or 14(4) or (8), and
  - (c) the earlier proposal was the same as or similar to the proposal in question.

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- (4) Condition B is that the local planning authority consider that there has been no significant change in circumstances since the earlier proposal was dealt with as mentioned in sub-paragraph (3)(b).
- 6 If a local planning authority decline to consider a proposal under paragraph 5 they must notify the qualifying body of that fact and of their reasons for declining to consider it.
- 7 (1) This paragraph applies if—
- (a) a proposal has been made to a local planning authority,
  - (b) the authority have not exercised their powers under paragraph 5 to decline to consider it, and
  - (c) the authority consider that the modifications contained in the draft plan to which it relates are so significant or substantial as to change the nature of the neighbourhood development plan which the draft plan would replace.
- (2) The local planning authority must instead consider the proposal under paragraph 6 of Schedule 4B to the principal Act (as applied by sections 38A(3) and 38C(5) of this Act).
- (3) That Schedule is to apply in relation to the proposal as if the proposal had been submitted to the local planning authority under that Schedule.
- 8 (1) This paragraph applies if—
- (a) a proposal has been made to a local planning authority,
  - (b) the authority have not exercised their power under paragraph 5 to decline to consider it, and
  - (c) paragraph 7 does not apply.
- (2) The authority must consider—
- (a) whether the qualifying body is authorised for the purposes of a neighbourhood development plan to act in relation to the neighbourhood area concerned as a result of section 61F of the principal Act (as applied by section 38C(2)(a) of this Act),
  - (b) whether the proposal by the body complies with provision made by or under that section,
  - (c) whether the proposal and the documents and information accompanying it (including the draft plan) comply with provision made by or under paragraph 1, and
  - (d) whether the body has complied with the requirements of regulations made under paragraph 4 imposed on it in relation to the proposal.
- (3) The authority must also consider whether the draft plan complies with the provision made by or under sections 38A and 38B.
- (4) The authority must—
- (a) notify the qualifying body as to whether or not they are satisfied that the matters mentioned in sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) have been met or complied with, and
  - (b) in any case where they are not so satisfied, refuse the proposal and notify the body of their reasons for refusing it.

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### *Requirement to appoint examiner*

- 9 (1) This paragraph applies if—
- (a) a local planning authority have considered the matters mentioned in paragraph 8(2) and (3), and
  - (b) they are satisfied that the matters mentioned there have been met or complied with.
- (2) The local planning authority must submit for independent examination—
- (a) the draft plan, and
  - (b) such other documents as may be prescribed.
- (3) The authority must make such arrangements as they consider appropriate in connection with the holding of the examination.
- (4) The authority may appoint a person to carry out the examination, but only if the qualifying body consents to the appointment.
- (5) If—
- (a) it appears to the Secretary of State that no person may be appointed under sub-paragraph (4), and
  - (b) the Secretary of State considers that it is expedient for an appointment to be made under this sub-paragraph,
- the Secretary of State may appoint a person to carry out the examination.
- (6) The person appointed must be someone who, in the opinion of the person making the appointment—
- (a) is independent of the qualifying body and the authority,
  - (b) does not have an interest in any land that may be affected by the draft plan, and
  - (c) has appropriate qualifications and experience.
- (7) The Secretary of State or another local planning authority may enter into arrangements with the authority for the provision of the services of any of their employees as examiners.
- (8) Those arrangements may include—
- (a) provision requiring payments to be made by the authority to the Secretary of State or other local planning authority, and
  - (b) other provision in relation to those payments and other financial matters.

### *What examiner must consider*

- 10 (1) The examiner must first determine whether the modifications contained in the draft plan are so significant or substantial as to change the nature of the neighbourhood development plan which the draft plan would replace.
- (2) The following provisions of this paragraph apply if the examiner determines that the modifications would have that effect.
- (3) The examiner must—
- (a) notify the qualifying body and the local planning authority of the determination, and
  - (b) give reasons for the determination.

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- (4) The qualifying body must decide whether it wishes to proceed with the proposal or withdraw it, and must notify the examiner and the local planning authority of that decision.
  - (5) If the qualifying body notifies the examiner that it wishes to proceed with the proposal, the examiner must consider the draft plan and the documents submitted with it under paragraph 8 of Schedule 4B to the principal Act (as applied by sections 38A(3) and 38C(5) of this Act).
  - (6) In that event that Schedule is to apply in relation to the draft plan and the documents submitted with it as if they had been submitted to the examiner under that Schedule.
- 11 (1) If paragraph 10(2) does not apply, the examiner must consider the following—
- (a) whether the draft plan meets the basic conditions (see sub-paragraph (2));
  - (b) whether the draft plan complies with the provision made by or under sections 38A and 38B;
  - (c) such other matters as may be prescribed.
- (2) A draft plan meets the basic conditions if—
- (a) having regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State, it is appropriate to make the plan,
  - (b) the making of the plan contributes to the achievement of sustainable development,
  - <sup>F338</sup>(ca) [ the making of the plan would not result in the development plan for the area of the authority proposing that less housing is provided by means of development taking place in that area than if the draft plan were not to be made,]
  - (d) the making of the plan does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, [<sup>F339</sup>[<sup>F340</sup>assimilated] obligations],
  - <sup>F341</sup>(da) [ any requirements imposed in relation to the plan by or under Part 6 of the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (environmental outcomes reports) have been complied with,]
  - (e) prescribed conditions are met in relation to the plan and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the plan.
- (3) The examiner is not to consider any matter that does not fall within sub-paragraph (1) (apart from considering whether the draft plan is compatible with the Convention rights).

#### Textual Amendments

- F338** Sch. A2 para. 11(2)(ca) substituted for Sch. A2 para. 11(2)(c) (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), **ss. 99(3)(a), 255(3)(b)** (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(d) (with Sch. 1)
- F339** Words in Sch. A2 para. 11(2)(d) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Environmental Assessments and Miscellaneous Planning \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018](#) (S.I. 2018/1232), regs. 1(2), **3(3)(a)**; 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F340** Word in Sch. A2 para. 11(2)(d) substituted (1.1.2024) by [The Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 \(Consequential Amendment\) Regulations 2023](#) (S.I. 2023/1424), reg. 1(2), **Sch. para. 53(2)(b)**
- F341** Sch. A2 para. 11(2)(da) inserted (25.3.2026) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), **ss. 99(3)(b), 255(3)(b)** (with s. 247); S.I. 2026/169, reg. 3(d) (with Sch. 1)

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### *Procedure for examination*

- 12 (1) The general rule is that the examination of the issues by the examiner under paragraph 10 or 11 is to take the form of the consideration of written representations.
- (2) But the examiner must cause a hearing to be held for the purpose of receiving oral representations about a particular issue at the hearing—
- (a) in any case where the examiner considers that there are exceptional reasons for doing so, or
  - (b) in such other cases as may be prescribed.
- (3) The following persons are entitled to make oral representations about the issue at the hearing—
- (a) the qualifying body,
  - (b) the local planning authority, and
  - (c) such other persons as may be prescribed.
- (4) The hearing must be in public.
- (5) It is for the examiner to decide how the hearing is to be conducted, including—
- (a) whether a person making oral representations may be questioned by another person and, if so, the matters to which the questioning may relate, and
  - (b) the amount of time for the making of a person's oral representations or for any questioning by another person.
- (6) In making decisions about the questioning of a person's oral representations by another, the examiner must apply the principle that the questioning should be done by the examiner except where the examiner considers that questioning by another is necessary to ensure—
- (a) adequate examination of a particular issue, or
  - (b) a person has a fair chance to put a case.
- (7) Sub-paragraph (5) is subject to regulations under paragraph 15.

### *Recommendation by examiner*

- 13 (1) After considering a draft plan under paragraph 11, the examiner must make a report on the draft plan containing recommendations in accordance with this paragraph (and no other recommendations).
- (2) The report must recommend either—
- (a) that the local planning authority should make the draft plan,
  - (b) that the local planning authority should make the draft plan with the modifications specified in the report, or
  - (c) that the local planning authority should not make the draft plan.
- (3) The only modifications that may be recommended are—
- (a) modifications that the examiner considers need to be made to secure that the draft plan meets the basic conditions mentioned in paragraph 11(2),
  - (b) modifications that the examiner considers need to be made to secure that the draft plan is compatible with the Convention rights,

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- (c) modifications that the examiner considers need to be made to secure that the draft plan complies with the provision made by or under sections 38A and 38B, and
  - (d) modifications for the purpose of correcting errors.
- (4) The report may not recommend that a plan (with or without modifications) should be made if the examiner considers that the plan does not—
  - (a) meet the basic conditions mentioned in paragraph 11(2), or
  - (b) comply with the provision made by or under sections 38A and 38B.
- (5) The report must—
  - (a) give reasons for each of its recommendations, and
  - (b) contain a summary of its main findings.
- (6) The examiner must send a copy of the report to the qualifying body and the local planning authority.
- (7) The local planning authority must then arrange for the publication of the report in such manner as may be prescribed.

*Functions of authority: modifications proposed by qualifying body*

- 14 (1) This paragraph applies if an examiner has made a report under paragraph 13.
- (2) If the report recommends that the local planning authority should make the draft plan, the authority must do so (subject as follows).
  - (3) But if the examiner's report recommends that the authority should make the draft plan with the modifications specified in the report, the authority must make the draft plan with those modifications (subject as follows).
  - (4) Sub-paragraph (2) or (3) does not apply if the authority consider that to make the draft plan or (as the case may be) to do so with those modifications would breach, or would otherwise be incompatible with, any [<sup>F342</sup>[<sup>F343</sup>assimilated] obligation] or any of the Convention rights.
  - (5) If the authority do not make the draft plan on that ground, they must give reasons to the qualifying body for doing so.
  - (6) Where sub-paragraph (2) or (3) applies, the authority may make the draft plan with modifications or (as the case may be) modifications other than those specified in the report if—
    - (a) the authority considers the modifications need to be made to secure that the draft plan is compatible with [<sup>F344</sup>[<sup>F345</sup>assimilated] obligations] and the Convention rights, or
    - (b) the modifications are for the purpose of correcting errors.
  - (7) The authority must make the draft plan or (as the case may be) the draft plan with modifications permitted by this paragraph as soon as reasonably practicable and, in any event, by such date as may be prescribed.
  - (8) If the examiner's report recommends that the local planning authority should not make the draft plan, the authority must not make the draft plan.

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- F343** Word in Sch. A2 para. 14(4) substituted (1.1.2024) by [The Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 \(Consequential Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1424\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. para. 53(2)(b)**
- F344** Words in Sch. A2 para. 14(6)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Environmental Assessments and Miscellaneous Planning \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1232\)](#), regs. 1(2), **3(3)(a)**; 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F345** Word in Sch. A2 para. 14(6)(a) substituted (1.1.2024) by [The Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Act 2023 \(Consequential Amendment\) Regulations 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1424\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. para. 53(2)(b)**

### *Regulations about examinations*

- 15 (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision in connection with examinations under paragraph 9.
- (2) The regulations may in particular make provision as to—
- (a) the giving of notice and publicity in connection with an examination,
  - (b) the information and documents relating to an examination that are to be made available to the public,
  - (c) the making of reasonable charges for anything provided as a result of the regulations,
  - (d) the making of written or oral representations in relation to draft plans (including the time by which written representations must be made),
  - (e) the written representations which are to be, or which may be or may not be, considered at an examination,
  - (f) the refusal to allow oral representations of a prescribed description to be made at a hearing,
  - (g) the procedure to be followed at an examination (including the procedure to be followed at a hearing),
  - (h) the payment by a local planning authority of remuneration and expenses of the examiner, and
  - (i) the award of costs by the examiner.
- (3) The regulations may in particular impose duties on an examiner which are to be complied with by the examiner in considering the draft plan under paragraphs 10 and 11 and which require the examiner—
- (a) to provide prescribed information to each person within sub-paragraph (4);
  - (b) to publish a draft report containing the recommendations which the examiner is minded to make in the examiner's report under paragraph 13;
  - (c) to invite each person within sub-paragraph (4) or representatives of such a person to one or more meetings at a prescribed stage or prescribed stages of the examination process;
  - (d) to hold a meeting following the issuing of such invitations if such a person requests the examiner to do so.
- (4) Those persons are—
- (a) the qualifying body,

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- (b) the local planning authority, and
  - (c) such other persons as may be prescribed.
- (5) Where the regulations make provision by virtue of sub-paragraph (3)(c) or (d), they may make further provision about—
- (a) the procedure for a meeting;
  - (b) the matters to be discussed at a meeting.

### *Interpretation*

- 16 In this Schedule—
- “the Convention rights” has the same meaning as in the Human Rights Act 1998;
  - “the development plan”—
    - (a) includes a development plan for the purposes of paragraph 1 of Schedule 8 (transitional provisions);
    - (b) does not include so much of a development plan as consists of a neighbourhood development plan under section 38A;
  - “draft plan” has the meaning given by paragraph 1(3);
  - “prescribed” means prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State.]

## SCHEDULE 1

Section 40

### LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORDERS: PROCEDURE

#### **Commencement Information**

**I192** Sch. 1 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I193** Sch. 1 in force at 10.5.2006 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2006/1061](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

**I194** Sch. 1 in force at 30.4.2012 for W. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2012/1100](#), [art. 2](#)

In the principal Act after Schedule 4 (special provision as to land use in 1948) there is inserted the following Schedule—

### “SCHEDULE 4A

### LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORDERS: PROCEDURE

#### *Preparation*

- 1 (1) A local development order must be prepared in accordance with such procedure as is prescribed by a development order.
- (2) A development order may include provision as to—
- (a) the preparation, submission, approval, adoption, revision, revocation and withdrawal of a local development order;
  - (b) notice, publicity, and inspection by the public;

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- (c) consultation with and consideration of views of such persons and for such purposes as are prescribed;
  - (d) the making and consideration of representations.
- (3) Regulations under this paragraph may include provision as to the matters relating to a local development order to be included in the report to be made by a local planning authority under section 35 or 76 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

#### *Revision*

- 2 (1) The local planning authority may at any time prepare a revision of a local development order.
- (2) An authority in England must prepare a revision of a local development order—
- (a) if the Secretary of State directs them to do so, and
  - (b) in accordance with such timetable as he directs.
- (3) An authority in Wales must prepare a revision of a local development order—
- (a) if the National Assembly for Wales directs them to do so, and
  - (b) in accordance with such timetable as it directs.
- (4) If a development plan document mentioned in section 61A(1) is revised under section 26 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (revision of local planning documents) or revoked under section 25 of that Act (revocation by Secretary of State) a local development order made to implement the policies in the document must be revised accordingly.
- (5) If a local development plan mentioned in section 61A(1) is revised under section 70 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (revision of local development plan) or revoked under section 68 of that Act (revocation by National Assembly for Wales) a local development order made to implement the policies in the plan must be revised accordingly.
- (6) This Schedule applies to the revision of a local development order as it applies to the preparation of the order.

#### *Order to be adopted*

- 3 A local development order is of no effect unless it is adopted by resolution of the local planning authority.

#### *Annual report*

- 4 (1) The report made under section 35 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 must include a report as to the extent to which the local development order is achieving its purposes.
- (2) The Secretary of State may prescribe the form and content of the report as it relates to the local development order.

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### *Annual report*

- 5 (1) The report made under section 76 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 must include a report as to the extent to which the local development order is achieving its purposes.
- (2) The National Assembly for Wales may prescribe the form and content of the report as it relates to the local development order.”

## SCHEDULE 2

## Section 55

### TIMETABLE FOR DECISIONS

#### *Decisions*

- 1 This Schedule applies to any decision which must be taken by the Secretary of State under—
- (a) section 77 of the principal Act (reference of applications to Secretary of State);
  - (b) section 78 of the principal Act (right to appeal against planning decisions).

#### **Commencement Information**

**I195** Sch. 2 para. 1 in force at 1.4.2005 for E. by [S.I. 2005/204](#), [art. 3](#) (with [art. 4](#))

- 2 (1) This Schedule also applies to a decision not mentioned in paragraph 1 if each of the following two conditions applies.
- (2) The first condition is that the Secretary of State thinks the decision is connected with a decision mentioned in paragraph 1.
- (3) The second condition is that—
- (a) the Secretary of State is required by virtue of any enactment to take the decision, or
  - (b) (in any case to which paragraph (a) does not apply) the Secretary of State by virtue of a power under any enactment directs that the decision must be referred to him.

#### **Commencement Information**

**I196** Sch. 2 para. 2 in force at 1.4.2005 for E. by [S.I. 2005/204](#), [art. 3](#) (with [art. 4](#))

- 3 But the Secretary of State may by order specify decisions or descriptions of decisions to which a timetable is not to apply.

#### **Commencement Information**

**I197** Sch. 2 para. 3 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I198** Sch. 2 para. 3 in force at 1.4.2005 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2005/204](#), [art. 3](#) (with [art. 4](#))

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### Timetable

- 4 (1) The Secretary of State must make one or more timetables for the purposes of decisions to which this Schedule applies.
- (2) A timetable may make different provision for different decisions or different descriptions of decision.
- (3) A timetable—
- (a) has effect from such time as the Secretary of State determines;
  - (b) must set out the time within which the decision must be taken;
  - (c) may set out the time within which any other step to be taken for the purposes of the decision must be taken.
- (4) A timetable made under this paragraph must be published in such form and manner as the Secretary of State thinks appropriate.

#### Commencement Information

**I199** Sch. 2 para. 4 in force at 1.4.2005 for E. by [S.I. 2005/204](#), [art. 3](#) (with [art. 4](#))

### Notice

- 5 (1) The Secretary of State must notify the following persons as soon as practicable of the published timetable which applies to a decision—
- (a) the applicant or appellant (as the case may be) in relation to the decision;
  - (b) the local planning authority for the area to which the decision relates;
  - (c) any other person who requests such notification.
- (2) But the Secretary of State may direct that the timetable is subject to such variation as he specifies in the notice under sub-paragraph (1).
- (3) If the Secretary of State acts under sub-paragraph (2) the notice under sub-paragraph (1) must also specify the reasons for the variation.
- (4) The timetable notified under this paragraph is the applicable timetable.

#### Commencement Information

**I200** Sch. 2 para. 5 in force at 1.4.2005 for E. by [S.I. 2005/204](#), [art. 3](#) (with [art. 4](#))

### Variation

- 6 (1) This paragraph applies if before the time at which any step must be taken in accordance with the applicable timetable the Secretary of State thinks that there are circumstances which are likely to prevent the taking of the step at that time.
- (2) The Secretary of State may vary the applicable timetable accordingly.
- (3) If the Secretary of State varies the applicable timetable under sub-paragraph (2) he must notify the persons mentioned in paragraph 5(1) of the variation and the reason for it.

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#### Commencement Information

**I201** Sch. 2 para. 6 in force at 1.4.2005 for E. by [S.I. 2005/204](#), [art. 3](#) (with [art. 4](#))

#### Written reasons

- 7 If the Secretary of State fails to take any step in accordance with the applicable timetable (or that timetable as varied under paragraph 6) he must give written reasons to the persons mentioned in paragraph 5(1).

#### Commencement Information

**I202** Sch. 2 para. 7 in force at 1.4.2005 for E. by [S.I. 2005/204](#), [art. 3](#) (with [art. 4](#))

#### Annual report

- 8 (1) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament a report in respect of each year which—
- (a) reviews his performance under the provisions of this Schedule;
  - (b) explains any failure to comply with a timetable.
- (2) The report must be published in such form and manner as the Secretary of State thinks appropriate.

#### Commencement Information

**I203** Sch. 2 para. 8 in force at 1.4.2005 for E. by [S.I. 2005/204](#), [art. 3](#) (with [art. 4](#))

### <sup>F346</sup>SCHEDULE 2A

#### Textual Amendments

**F346** [Sch. 2A](#) omitted (21.1.2021) by virtue of [Local Government and Elections \(Wales\) Act 2021 \(asc 1\)](#), s. 175(1)(e), [Sch. 9 para. 8](#)

## SCHEDULE 3

## Section 79

### CROWN APPLICATION

#### Purchase notices

- 1 After section 137 of the principal Act (circumstances in which a purchase notice may be served) there is inserted the following section—

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### “137A Purchase notices: Crown land

- (1) A purchase notice may be served in respect of Crown land only as mentioned in this section.
- (2) The owner of a private interest in Crown land must not serve a purchase notice unless—
  - (a) he first offers to dispose of his interest to the appropriate authority on equivalent terms, and
  - (b) the offer is refused by the appropriate authority.
- (3) The appropriate authority may serve a purchase notice in relation to the following land—
  - (a) land belonging to Her Majesty in right of Her private estates;
  - (b) land belonging to Her Majesty in right of the Duchy of Lancaster;
  - (c) land belonging to the Duchy of Cornwall;
  - (d) land which forms part of the Crown Estate.
- (4) An offer is made on equivalent terms if the price payable for the interest is equal to (and, in default of agreement, determined in the same manner as) the compensation which would be payable in respect of it if it were acquired in pursuance of a purchase notice.
- (5) Expressions used in this section and in Part 13 must be construed in accordance with that Part.”

#### Commencement Information

**I204** Sch. 3 para. 1 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

- 2 After section 32 of the listed buildings Act (circumstances in which a purchase notice may be served) there is inserted the following section—

### “32A Purchase notices: Crown land

- (1) A listed building purchase notice may be served in respect of Crown land only as mentioned in this section.
- (2) The owner of a private interest in Crown land must not serve a listed building purchase notice unless—
  - (a) he first offers to dispose of his interest to the appropriate authority on equivalent terms, and
  - (b) the offer is refused by the appropriate authority.
- (3) The appropriate authority may serve a listed building purchase notice in relation to the following land—
  - (a) land belonging to Her Majesty in right of Her private estates;
  - (b) land belonging to Her Majesty in right of the Duchy of Lancaster;
  - (c) land belonging to the Duchy of Cornwall;
  - (d) land which forms part of the Crown Estate.

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- (4) An offer is made on equivalent terms if the price payable for the interest is equal to (and, in default of agreement, determined in the same manner as) the compensation which would be payable in respect of it if it were acquired in pursuance of a listed building purchase notice.”

**Commencement Information**

**I205** Sch. 3 para. 2 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

*Compulsory acquisition*

- 3 (1) Section 226 of the principal Act (compulsory acquisition of land for development and other planning purposes) is amended as follows.
- (2) After subsection (2) there is inserted the following subsection—
- “(2A) The Secretary of State must not authorise the acquisition of any interest in Crown land unless—
- (a) it is an interest which is for the time being held otherwise than by or on behalf of the Crown, and
- (b) the appropriate authority consents to the acquisition.”
- (3) After subsection (8) there is inserted the following subsection—
- “(9) Crown land must be construed in accordance with Part 13.”

**Commencement Information**

**I206** Sch. 3 para. 3 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

- 4 (1) Section 228 of the principal Act (compulsory acquisition of land by the Secretary of State) is amended as follows.
- (2) After subsection (1) there is inserted the following subsection—
- “(1A) But subsection (1) does not permit the acquisition of any interest in Crown land unless—
- (a) it is an interest which is for the time being held otherwise than by or on behalf of the Crown, and
- (b) the appropriate authority consents to the acquisition.”
- (3) After subsection (7) there is inserted the following subsection—
- “(8) Crown land must be construed in accordance with Part 13.”

**Commencement Information**

**I207** Sch. 3 para. 4 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

- 5 (1) Section 47 of the listed buildings Act (compulsory acquisition of listed building in need of repair) is amended as follows.
- (2) After subsection (6) there is inserted the following subsection—

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“(6A) This section does not permit the acquisition of any interest in Crown land unless—

- (a) it is an interest which is for the time being held otherwise than by or on behalf of the Crown, and
- (b) the appropriate authority (within the meaning of section 82C) consents to the acquisition.”

#### Commencement Information

**I208** Sch. 3 para. 5 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

#### Definitions

- 6 (1) Section 293 of the principal Act (preliminary definitions) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1) for the definition of “Crown interest” there is substituted the following definition—
 

““Crown interest” means any of the following—

  - (a) an interest belonging to Her Majesty in right of the Crown or in right of Her private estates;
  - (b) an interest belonging to a government department or held in trust for Her Majesty for the purposes of a government department;
  - (c) such other interest as the Secretary of State specifies by order;”.
- (3) In subsection (2) after paragraph (b) there is inserted the following paragraph—
 

“(ba) in relation to land belonging to Her Majesty in right of Her private estates means a person appointed by Her Majesty in writing under the Royal Sign Manual or, if no such appointment is made, the Secretary of State;”.
- (4) In subsection (2) after paragraph (e) there are inserted the following paragraphs—
  - “(f) in relation to Westminster Hall and the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft, means the Lord Great Chamberlain and the Speakers of the House of Lords and the House of Commons acting jointly;
  - (g) in relation to Her Majesty’s Robing Room in the Palace of Westminster, the adjoining staircase and ante-room and the Royal Gallery, means the Lord Great Chamberlain.”
- (5) After subsection (2) there is inserted the following subsection—
 

“(2A) For the purposes of an application for planning permission made by or on behalf of the Crown in respect of land which does not belong to the Crown or in respect of which it has no interest a reference to the appropriate authority must be construed as a reference to the person who makes the application.”
- (6) After subsection (3) there are inserted the following subsections—
 

“(3A) References to Her Majesty’s private estates must be construed in accordance with section 1 of the Crown Private Estates Act 1862.

(3B) In subsection (2A) the Crown includes—

  - (a) the Duchy of Lancaster;

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- (b) the Duchy of Cornwall;
- (c) a person who is an appropriate authority by virtue of subsection (2)(f) and (g).”

(7) After subsection (4) there are inserted the following subsections—

“(5) An order made for the purposes of paragraph (c) of the definition of Crown interest in subsection (1) must be made by statutory instrument.

(6) But no such order may be made unless a draft of it has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.”

#### Commencement Information

**I209** Sch. 3 para. 6 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I210** Sch. 3 para. 6 in force at 7.6.2006 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

7 In the listed buildings Act after section 82B (inserted by section 83(1)) there is inserted the following section—

#### “82C Expressions relating to the Crown

- (1) In this Act, expressions relating to the Crown must be construed in accordance with this section.
- (2) Crown land is land in which there is a Crown interest or a Duchy interest.
- (3) A Crown interest is any of the following—
  - (a) an interest belonging to Her Majesty in right of the Crown or in right of Her private estates;
  - (b) an interest belonging to a government department or held in trust for Her Majesty for the purposes of a government department;
  - (c) such other interest as the Secretary of State specifies by order.
- (4) A Duchy interest is—
  - (a) an interest belonging to Her Majesty in right of the Duchy of Lancaster, or
  - (b) an interest belonging to the Duchy of Cornwall.
- (5) A private interest is an interest which is neither a Crown interest nor a Duchy interest.
- (6) The appropriate authority in relation to any land is—
  - (a) in the case of land belonging to Her Majesty in right of the Crown and forming part of the Crown Estate, the Crown Estate Commissioners;
  - (b) in relation to any other land belonging to Her Majesty in right of the Crown, the government department having the management of the land;
  - (c) in relation to land belonging to Her Majesty in right of Her private estates, a person appointed by Her Majesty in writing under the Royal Sign Manual or, if no such appointment is made, the Secretary of State;

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- (d) in relation to land belonging to Her Majesty in right of the Duchy of Lancaster, the Chancellor of the Duchy;
  - (e) in relation to land belonging to the Duchy of Cornwall, such person as the Duke of Cornwall, or the possessor for the time being of the Duchy, appoints;
  - (f) in the case of land belonging to a government department or held in trust for Her Majesty for the purposes of a government department, the department;
  - (g) in relation to Westminster Hall and the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft, the Lord Great Chamberlain and the Speakers of the House of Lords and the House of Commons acting jointly;
  - (h) in relation to Her Majesty's Robing Room in the Palace of Westminster, the adjoining staircase and ante-room and the Royal Gallery, the Lord Great Chamberlain.
- (7) If any question arises as to what authority is the appropriate authority in relation to any land it must be referred to the Treasury, whose decision is final.
- (8) For the purposes of an application for listed building consent made by or on behalf of the Crown in respect of land which does not belong to the Crown or in respect of which it has no interest a reference to the appropriate authority must be construed as a reference to the person who makes the application.
- (9) For the purposes of subsection (8) the Crown includes—
- (a) the Duchy of Lancaster;
  - (b) the Duchy of Cornwall;
  - (c) a person who is an appropriate authority by virtue of subsection (6) (g) and (h).
- (10) The reference to Her Majesty's private estates must be construed in accordance with section 1 of the Crown Private Estates Act 1862.
- (11) An order made for the purposes of paragraph (c) of subsection (3) must be made by statutory instrument.
- (12) But no such order may be made unless a draft of it has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament."

#### Commencement Information

**I211** Sch. 3 para. 7 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I212** Sch. 3 para. 7 in force at 7.6.2006 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

- 8 (1) Section 31 of the hazardous substances Act (exercise of powers in relation to Crown land) is amended as follows.
- (2) Subsections (1) and (2) are omitted.
- (3) In subsection (3) for the definition of "Crown interest" there is substituted the following definition—
- ““Crown interest” means any of the following—

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- (a) an interest belonging to Her Majesty in right of the Crown or in right of Her private estates;
  - (b) an interest belonging to a government department or held in trust for Her Majesty for the purposes of a government department;
  - (c) such other interest as the Secretary of State specifies by order;”.
- (4) In subsection (5) after paragraph (a) there is inserted the following paragraph—
- “(aa) in relation to land belonging to Her Majesty in right of Her private estates means a person appointed by Her Majesty in writing under the Royal Sign Manual or, if no such appointment is made, the Secretary of State;”.
- (5) In subsection (5) after paragraph (d) there are inserted the following paragraphs—
- “(e) in relation to Westminster Hall and the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft, means the Lord Great Chamberlain and the Speakers of the House of Lords and the House of Commons acting jointly;
  - (f) in relation to Her Majesty’s Robing Room in the Palace of Westminster, the adjoining staircase and ante-room and the Royal Gallery, means the Lord Great Chamberlain.”
- (6) After subsection (6) there are inserted the following subsections—
- “(7) References to Her Majesty’s private estates must be construed in accordance with section 1 of the Crown Private Estates Act 1862.
  - (8) An order made for the purposes of paragraph (c) of the definition of Crown interest in subsection (3) must be made by statutory instrument.
  - (9) But no such order may be made unless a draft of it has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.”

#### Commencement Information

**I213** Sch. 3 para. 8 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I214** Sch. 3 para. 8 in force at 7.6.2006 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

#### *Special enforcement notices*

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- (1) Sections 294 and 295 of the principal Act (control of development on Crown land: special enforcement notices) are omitted.
  - (2) But the repeal of sections 294 and 295 does not affect their operation in relation to development carried out before the commencement of this paragraph.

#### Commencement Information

**I215** Sch. 3 para. 9 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

#### *Applications for planning permission, etc.*

- 10
- (1) After section 298 of the principal Act (supplementary provision as to Crown and Duchy interests) there is inserted the following section—

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### “298A Applications for planning permission by Crown

- (1) This section applies to an application for planning permission or for a certificate under section 192 made by or on behalf of the Crown.
  - (2) The Secretary of State may by regulations modify or exclude any statutory provision relating to the making and determination of such applications.
  - (3) A statutory provision is a provision contained in or having effect under any enactment.”
- (2) Section 299 of the principal Act is omitted.
- (3) The repeal of section 299 of the principal Act does not does not affect any requirement made in pursuance of regulations made under subsection (5)(b) of that section.

#### Commencement Information

**I216** Sch. 3 para. 10 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I217** Sch. 3 para. 10 in force at 7.6.2006 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

- 11 After section 82E of the listed buildings Act (inserted by section 84) there is inserted the following section—

### “82F Applications for listed building or conservation area consent by Crown

- (1) This section applies to an application for listed building consent or conservation area consent made by or on behalf of the Crown.
- (2) The Secretary of State may by regulations modify or exclude any statutory provision relating to the making and determination of such applications.
- (3) A statutory provision is a provision contained in or having effect under any enactment.”

#### Commencement Information

**I218** Sch. 3 para. 11 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I219** Sch. 3 para. 11 in force at 7.6.2006 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

- 12 (1) After section 31 of the hazardous substances Act (exercise of powers in relation to Crown land) there is inserted the following section—

### “31A Applications for hazardous substances consent by Crown

- (1) This section applies to an application for hazardous substances consent made by or on behalf of the Crown.
- (2) The Secretary of State may by regulations modify or exclude any statutory provision relating to the making and determination of such applications.
- (3) A statutory provision is a provision contained in or having effect under any enactment.”

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(2) Section 32 of the hazardous substances Act is omitted.

#### Commencement Information

**I220** Sch. 3 para. 12 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I221** Sch. 3 para. 12 in force at 7.6.2006 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

#### *Rights of entry*

13 After section 325 of the principal Act (supplementary provisions as to rights of entry) there is inserted the following section—

##### **“325A Rights of entry: Crown land**

- (1) Section 324 applies to Crown land subject to the following modifications.
- (2) A person must not enter Crown land unless he has the relevant permission.
- (3) Relevant permission is the permission of—
  - (a) a person appearing to the person seeking entry to the land to be entitled to give it, or
  - (b) the appropriate authority.
- (4) In subsection (8) the words “Subject to section 325” must be ignored.
- (5) Section 325 does not apply to anything done by virtue of this section.
- (6) “Appropriate authority” must be construed in accordance with section 293(2).”

#### Commencement Information

**I222** Sch. 3 para. 13 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

14 After section 88B of the listed buildings Act (rights of entry: supplementary provisions) there is inserted the following section—

##### **“88C Rights of entry: Crown land**

- (1) Section 88 applies to Crown land subject to the following modifications.
- (2) A person must not enter Crown land unless he has the relevant permission.
- (3) Relevant permission is the permission of—
  - (a) a person appearing to the person seeking entry to the land to be entitled to give it, or
  - (b) the appropriate authority.
- (4) In subsection (6) the words “Subject to section 88B(8)” must be ignored.
- (5) Section 88B does not apply to anything done by virtue of this section.
- (6) “Appropriate authority” must be construed in accordance with section 82C(6).”

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#### Commencement Information

**I223** Sch. 3 para. 14 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

- 15 After section 36B of the hazardous substances Act (rights of entry: supplementary provisions) there is inserted the following section—

#### “36C Rights of entry: Crown land

- (1) Section 36 applies to Crown land subject to the following modifications.
- (2) A person must not enter Crown land unless he has the relevant permission.
- (3) Relevant permission is the permission of—
  - (a) a person appearing to the person seeking entry to the land to be entitled to give it, or
  - (b) the appropriate authority.
- (4) Section 36B does not apply to anything done by virtue of this section.
- (5) “Appropriate authority” must be construed in accordance with section 31(5).”

#### Commencement Information

**I224** Sch. 3 para. 15 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

#### *Service of notices*

- 16 After section 329 of the principal Act (service of notices) there is inserted the following section—

#### “329A Service of notices on the Crown

- (1) Any notice or other document required under this Act to be served on the Crown must be served on the appropriate authority.
- (2) Section 329 does not apply for the purposes of the service of such a notice or document.
- (3) “Appropriate authority” must be construed in accordance with section 293(2).”

#### Commencement Information

**I225** Sch. 3 para. 16 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

#### *Information as to interests in land*

- 17 After section 330 of the principal Act (power to require information as to interests in land) there is inserted the following section—

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### “330A Information as to interests in Crown land

- (1) This section applies to an interest in Crown land which is not a private interest.
- (2) Section 330 does not apply to an interest to which this section applies.
- (3) For a purpose mentioned in section 330(1) the Secretary of State may request the appropriate authority to give him such information as to the matters mentioned in section 330(2) as he specifies in the request.
- (4) The appropriate authority must comply with a request under subsection (3) except to the extent—
  - (a) that the matter is not within the knowledge of the authority, or
  - (b) that to do so will disclose information as to any of the matters mentioned in section 321(4).
- (5) Expressions used in this section and in Part 13 must be construed in accordance with that Part.”

#### Commencement Information

**I226** Sch. 3 para. 17 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

#### *Listed buildings and conservation areas*

- 18
- (1) Sections 83 and 84 of the listed buildings Act (provisions relating to Crown land) are omitted.
  - (2) The repeal of section 84 of the listed buildings Act does not affect any requirement made in pursuance of regulations made under subsection (4)(b) of that section.

#### Commencement Information

**I227** Sch. 3 para. 18 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

- 19
- (1) Section 89(1) of the listed buildings Act (application of certain general provisions of principal Act) is amended as follows.
  - (2) After the entry relating to section 329 there is inserted— “ section 329A(1) and (2) (service of notices on the Crown) ”.
  - (3) After the entry relating to section 330 there is inserted— “ section 330A(1) to (4) (information as to interests in Crown land) ”.

#### Commencement Information

**I228** Sch. 3 para. 19 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

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### *Hazardous substances*

- 20 In section 17 of the hazardous substances Act (revocation of consent on change of control of land) after subsection (2) there is inserted the following subsection—

“(3) This section does not apply if the control of land changes from one emanation of the Crown to another.”

#### **Commencement Information**

**I229** Sch. 3 para. 20 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

- 21 (1) Section 37(2) of the hazardous substances Act (application of certain general provisions of the principal Act) is amended as follows.
- (2) After the entry relating to section 329 there is inserted— “ section 329A(1) and (2) (service of notices on the Crown) ”.
- (3) After the entry relating to section 330 there is inserted— “ section 330A(1) to (4) (information as to interests in Crown land) ”.

#### **Commencement Information**

**I230** Sch. 3 para. 21 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

### *Miscellaneous*

- 22 Section 293(4) of the principal Act (certain persons treated as having an interest in Crown land) is omitted.

#### **Commencement Information**

**I231** Sch. 3 para. 22 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

- 23 Section 297 of the principal Act (agreements relating to Crown land) is omitted.

#### **Commencement Information**

**I232** Sch. 3 para. 23 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

- 24 (1) Section 298 of the principal Act (supplementary provisions as to Crown and Duchy interests) is amended as follows.
- (2) Subsections (1) and (2) are omitted.
- (3) In subsection (3) after “in which there is” there is inserted “ a Crown interest or ”.

#### **Commencement Information**

**I233** Sch. 3 para. 24 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

- 25 Section 299A of the principal Act (Crown planning obligations) is omitted.

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**Commencement Information**

**I234** Sch. 3 para. 25 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

- 26 (1) Section 300 of the principal Act (tree preservation orders in anticipation of disposal of Crown land) is omitted.
- (2) But the repeal of section 300 does not affect its operation in relation to a tree preservation order made by virtue of that section before the commencement of this paragraph.

**Commencement Information**

**I235** Sch. 3 para. 26 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

- 27 (1) Section 301 of the principal Act (requirement of planning permission for continuance of use instituted by the Crown) is omitted.
- (2) But the repeal of section 301 does not affect its operation in relation to an agreement made as mentioned in subsection (1) of that section before the commencement of this paragraph.

**Commencement Information**

**I236** Sch. 3 para. 27 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

SCHEDULE 4

Section 89

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS: CROWN APPLICATION

**PART 1**

THE PRINCIPAL ACT

*Introduction*

- 1 This Part applies to a development if—
- (a) it is a development for which before the relevant date no planning permission is required,
  - (b) it is not a development or of a description of development for which planning permission is granted by virtue of a development order, and
  - (c) before the relevant date proposed development notice had been given to the local planning authority.

**Commencement Information**

**I237** Sch. 4 para. 1 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)

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- 2 In this Part—
- (a) the relevant date is the date of commencement of section 79(1);
  - (b) proposed development notice is notice of a proposal for development given by the developer in pursuance of arrangements made by the Secretary of State in relation to development by or on behalf of the Crown;
  - (c) the developer is the Crown or a person acting on behalf of the Crown.

#### Commencement Information

**I238** Sch. 4 para. 2 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)

#### *Acceptable development*

- 3 (1) This paragraph applies if before the relevant date in pursuance of the arrangements either the local planning authority have or the Secretary of State has given notice to the developer that they or he (as the case may be) find the proposed development acceptable.
- (2) The notice must be treated as if it is planning permission granted under Part 3 of the principal Act.
- (3) If the notice is subject to conditions the conditions have effect as if they are conditions attached to the planning permission.

#### Commencement Information

**I239** Sch. 4 para. 3 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)

- 4 (1) This paragraph applies if before the relevant date the local planning authority have in pursuance of the arrangements kept a register of proposed development notices.
- (2) The register must be treated as if it is part of the register kept by them in pursuance of section 69 of the principal Act.

#### Commencement Information

**I240** Sch. 4 para. 4 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)

#### *Referred proposals*

- 5 (1) This paragraph applies if—
- (a) before the relevant date the local planning authority have notified the developer in pursuance of the arrangements that they do not find the development acceptable, and
  - (b) the matter has been referred to but not decided by the Secretary of State.
- (2) This paragraph also applies if—
- (a) before the relevant date the local planning authority have notified the developer in pursuance of the arrangements that they find the development acceptable subject to conditions, and
  - (b) the matter has been referred to but not decided by the Secretary of State.

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- (3) The Secretary of State must deal with the proposal as if it is an appeal by an applicant for planning permission under section 78 of the principal Act.

**Commencement Information**

**I241** Sch. 4 para. 5 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)

*Pending proposals*

- 6 (1) This paragraph applies if before the relevant date—
- (a) proposed development notice has been given, but
  - (b) the local planning authority have not given notice to the developer as mentioned in paragraph 3 or 5.
- (2) The principal Act applies as if the proposal is an application for planning permission duly made under Part 3 of that Act.

**Commencement Information**

**I242** Sch. 4 para. 6 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)

**PART 2**

THE LISTED BUILDINGS ACT

*Introduction*

- 7 This Part applies to works if—
- (a) they are works for which before the relevant date no listed building consent is required, and
  - (b) before the relevant date proposed works notice had been given to the local planning authority.

**Commencement Information**

**I243** Sch. 4 para. 7 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)

- 8 In this Part—
- (a) the relevant date is the date of commencement of section 79(1);
  - (b) proposed works notice is notice of a proposal for works given by the person proposing to carry out the works (the developer) in pursuance of arrangements made by the Secretary of State in relation to development by or on behalf of the Crown;
  - (c) the developer is the Crown or a person acting on behalf of the Crown.

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#### Commencement Information

**I244** Sch. 4 para. 8 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)

#### *Acceptable works*

- 9 (1) This paragraph applies if before the relevant date in pursuance of the arrangements either the local planning authority have or the Secretary of State has given notice to the developer that they or he (as the case may be) find the proposed works acceptable.
- (2) The notice must be treated as if it is listed building consent granted under the listed buildings Act.
- (3) If the notice is subject to conditions the conditions have effect as if they are conditions attached to the consent.

#### Commencement Information

**I245** Sch. 4 para. 9 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)

- 10 (1) This paragraph applies if before the relevant date the local planning authority have in pursuance of the arrangements kept a register of proposed works notices.
- (2) The register must be treated as if it is part of the register kept by them in pursuance of the listed buildings Act.

#### Commencement Information

**I246** Sch. 4 para. 10 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)

#### *Referred proposals*

- 11 (1) This paragraph applies if—
- (a) before the relevant date the local planning authority have notified the developer in pursuance of the arrangements that they do not find the works acceptable, and
  - (b) the matter has been referred to but not decided by the Secretary of State.
- (2) This paragraph also applies if—
- (a) before the relevant date the local planning authority have notified the developer in pursuance of the arrangements that they find the works acceptable subject to conditions, and
  - (b) the matter has been referred to but not decided by the Secretary of State.
- (3) The Secretary of State must deal with the proposal as if it is an appeal by an applicant for listed building consent under section 20 of the listed buildings Act.

#### Commencement Information

**I247** Sch. 4 para. 11 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)

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### *Pending proposals*

- 12 (1) This paragraph applies if before the relevant date—
- (a) proposed works notice has been given, but
  - (b) the local planning authority have not given notice to the developer as mentioned in paragraph 9 or 11.
- (2) The listed buildings Act applies as if the proposal is an application for listed building consent duly made under that Act.

#### **Commencement Information**

**I248** Sch. 4 para. 12 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)

## SCHEDULE 5

## Section 90

### CROWN APPLICATION: SCOTLAND

#### *Purchase notices*

- 1 In the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (c. 8) (referred to in this Schedule as the “principal Scottish Act”), there is inserted after section 88 (circumstances in which purchase notices may be served) the following section—

#### **“88A Purchase notices: Crown land**

- (1) A purchase notice may be served in respect of Crown land only as mentioned in this section.
- (2) The owner of a private interest in Crown land must not serve a purchase notice unless—
  - (a) he first offers to dispose of his interest to the appropriate authority on equivalent terms, and
  - (b) the offer is refused by the appropriate authority.
- (3) The appropriate authority may serve a purchase notice in relation to the following land—
  - (a) land belonging to Her Majesty in right of her private estates,
  - (b) land which forms part of the Crown Estate.
- (4) An offer is made on equivalent terms if the price payable for the interest is equal to (and, in default of agreement, determined in the same manner as) the compensation which would be payable in respect of it if it were acquired in pursuance of a purchase notice.
- (5) Expressions used in this section and in Part 12 (Crown Land) must be construed in accordance with that Part.”

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#### Commencement Information

**I249** Sch. 5 para. 1 in force at 12.6.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), **art. 3(f)**

- 2 In the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 (c. 9) (referred to in this Schedule as the “Scottish listed buildings Act”), after section 28 (circumstances in which purchase notices may be served) there is inserted the following section—

#### “28A Purchase notices: Crown land

- (1) A listed building purchase notice may be served in respect of Crown land only as mentioned in this section.
- (2) The owner of a private interest in Crown land must not serve a listed building purchase notice unless—
  - (a) he first offers to dispose of his interest to the appropriate authority on equivalent terms, and
  - (b) the offer is refused by the appropriate authority.
- (3) The appropriate authority may serve a listed building purchase notice in relation to the following land—
  - (a) land belonging to Her Majesty in right of her private estates,
  - (b) land which forms part of the Crown Estate.
- (4) An offer is made on equivalent terms if the price payable for the interest is equal to (and, in default of agreement, determined in the same manner as) the compensation which would be payable in respect of it if it were acquired in pursuance of a listed building purchase notice.”

#### Commencement Information

**I250** Sch. 5 para. 2 in force at 12.6.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), **art. 3(f)**

#### *Compulsory acquisition*

- 3 (1) In the principal Scottish Act, section 189 (compulsory acquisition of land for development and other planning purposes) is amended as follows.
- (2) After subsection (2) there is inserted the following subsection—
- “(2A) The Scottish Ministers must not authorise the acquisition of any interest in Crown land unless—
- (a) it is an interest which is for the time being held otherwise than by or on behalf of the Crown, and
  - (b) the appropriate authority consents to the acquisition.”
- (3) After subsection (8) there is inserted the following subsection—
- “(9) Crown land must be construed in accordance with Part 12.”

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#### Commencement Information

**I251** Sch. 5 para. 3 in force at 12.6.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), [art. 3\(f\)](#)

4 (1) Section 190 of that Act (compulsory acquisition of land by Secretary of State for the Environment) is amended as follows.

(2) After subsection (1) there is inserted the following subsection—

“(1A) But subsection (1) does not permit the acquisition of any interest in Crown land unless—

- (a) it is an interest which is for the time being held otherwise than by or on behalf of the Crown, and
- (b) the appropriate authority consents to the acquisition.”

(3) After subsection (7) there is added the following subsection—

“(8) Crown land must be construed in accordance with Part 12.”

#### Commencement Information

**I252** Sch. 5 para. 4 in force at 12.6.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), [art. 3\(f\)](#)

5 (1) In the Scottish listed buildings Act, section 42 (compulsory acquisition of listed building in need of repair) is amended as follows.

(2) After subsection (6) there is inserted the following subsection—

“(6A) This section does not permit the acquisition of any interest in Crown land unless—

- (a) it is an interest which is for the time being held otherwise than by or on behalf of the Crown, and
- (b) the appropriate authority consents to the acquisition.”

#### Commencement Information

**I253** Sch. 5 para. 5 in force at 12.6.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), [art. 3\(f\)](#)

#### Definitions

6 (1) In the principal Scottish Act, section 242 (preliminary definitions) is amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1) for the definition of “Crown interest” there is substituted the following definition—

““Crown interest” means any of the following—

- (a) an interest belonging to Her Majesty in right of the Crown or in right of Her private estates,
- (b) an interest belonging to a government department or held in trust for Her Majesty for the purposes of a government department,
- (c) such other interest as the Scottish Ministers specify by order;”

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- (3) In subsection (2) after paragraph (b) there is inserted the following paragraph—
- “(ba) in relation to land belonging to Her Majesty in right of Her private estates means a person appointed by Her Majesty in writing under the Royal Sign Manual or, if no such appointment is made, the Scottish Ministers;”.
- (4) After subsection (2) there is inserted the following subsection—
- “(2A) For the purposes of an application for planning permission made by or on behalf of the Crown in respect of land which does not belong to the Crown or in respect of which the Crown has no interest, a reference to the appropriate authority must be construed as a reference to the person who makes the application.”
- (5) After subsection (3) there is inserted the following subsection—
- “(3A) References to Her Majesty’s private estates must be construed in accordance with section 1 of the Crown Private Estates Act 1862 (c. 37).”
- (6) After subsection (4) there are inserted the following subsections—
- “(5) An order made for the purposes of paragraph (c) of the definition of Crown interest in subsection (1) must be made by statutory instrument.
- (6) But no such order may be made unless a draft of it has been laid before and approved by resolution of the Scottish Parliament.”

#### Commencement Information

**I254** Sch. 5 para. 6 in force at 20.3.2006 for specified purposes by [S.S.I. 2006/101](#), [art. 2](#)

**I255** Sch. 5 para. 6 in force at 12.6.2006 in so far as not already in force by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), [art. 3\(f\)](#)

- 7 In the Scottish listed buildings Act, after section 73B (inserted by section 93(1)), there is inserted the following section—

#### “73C Expressions relating to the Crown

- (1) Expressions relating to the Crown must be construed in accordance with this section.
- (2) Crown land is land in which there is a Crown interest.
- (3) A Crown interest is any of the following—
- an interest belonging to Her Majesty in right of the Crown or in right of Her private estates,
  - an interest belonging to a government department or held in trust for Her Majesty for the purposes of a government department,
  - such other interest as the Scottish Ministers specify by order.
- (4) A private interest is an interest which is not a Crown interest.
- (5) The appropriate authority in relation to any land is—
- in the case of land belonging to Her Majesty in right of the Crown and forming part of the Crown Estate, the Crown Estate Commissioners,

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- (b) in relation to any other land belonging to Her Majesty in right of the Crown, the government department having the management of the land,
  - (c) in relation to land belonging to Her Majesty in right of Her private estates, a person appointed by Her Majesty in writing under the Royal Sign Manual or, if no such appointment is made, the Scottish Ministers,
  - (d) in the case of land belonging to a government department or held in trust for Her Majesty for the purposes of a government department, the department.
- (6) If any question arises as to what authority is the appropriate authority in relation to any land it must be referred to the Scottish Ministers, whose decision is final.
- (7) For the purpose of an application for listed building consent made by or on behalf of the Crown in respect of land which does not belong to the Crown or in respect of which the Crown has no interest, a reference to the appropriate authority must be construed as a reference to the person who makes the application.
- (8) The reference to Her Majesty's private estates must be construed in accordance with section 1 of the Crown Private Estates Act 1862 (c. 37).
- (9) An order made for the purposes of paragraph (c) of subsection (3) must be made by statutory instrument.
- (10) But no such order may be made unless a draft of it has been laid before and approved by resolution of the Scottish Parliament.
- (11) This section applies for the purposes of this Act."

#### Commencement Information

**I256** Sch. 5 para. 7 in force at 20.3.2006 for specified purposes by [S.S.I. 2006/101](#), [art. 2](#)

**I257** Sch. 5 para. 7 in force at 12.6.2006 in so far as not already in force by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), [art. 3\(f\)](#)

- 8 (1) In the Planning (Hazardous Substances) (Scotland) Act 1997 (c. 10) (referred to in this Schedule as the "Scottish hazardous substances Act"), section 31 (exercise of powers in relation to Crown land) is amended as follows.
- (2) Subsections (1) and (2) are omitted.
- (3) In subsection (3) for the definition of "Crown interest" there is substituted the following definition—
- ““Crown interest” means any of the following—
- (a) an interest belonging to Her Majesty in right of the Crown or in right of Her private estates,
  - (b) an interest belonging to a government department or held in trust for Her Majesty for the purposes of a government department,
  - (c) such other interest as the Scottish Ministers specify by order.”
- (4) In subsection (5) after paragraph (b) there is inserted the following paragraph—

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“(ba) in relation to land belonging to Her Majesty in right of Her private estates means a person appointed by Her Majesty in writing under the Royal Sign Manual or, if no such appointment is made, the Scottish Ministers.”.

(5) After subsection (6) there are inserted the following subsections—

“(7) References to Her Majesty’s private estates must be construed in accordance with section 1 of the Crown Private Estates Act 1862 (c. 37).

(8) An order made for the purposes of paragraph (c) of the definition of Crown interest in subsection (3) must be made by statutory instrument.

(9) But no such order may be made unless a draft of it has been laid before and approved by resolution of the Scottish Parliament.”

#### Commencement Information

**I258** Sch. 5 para. 8 in force at 20.3.2006 for specified purposes by [S.S.I. 2006/101, art. 2](#)

**I259** Sch. 5 para. 8 in force at 12.6.2006 in so far as not already in force by [S.S.I. 2006/268, art. 3\(f\)](#)

#### *Special enforcement notices*

9 (1) Sections 243 and 244 of the principal Scottish Act (control of development on Crown land: special enforcement notices) are omitted.

(2) But the repeal of sections 243 and 244 does not affect their operation in relation to development carried out before the commencement of this paragraph.

#### Commencement Information

**I260** Sch. 5 para. 9 in force at 12.6.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/268, art. 3\(f\)](#)

#### *Applications for planning permission, etc.*

10 (1) In the principal Scottish Act, after section 247 (supplementary provision as to Crown interest) there is inserted the following section—

#### **“247A Applications for planning permission by Crown**

(1) This section applies to an application for planning permission or for a certificate under section 151 made by or on behalf of the Crown.

(2) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify or exclude any statutory provision relating to the making and determination of such applications.

(3) A statutory provision is a provision contained in or having effect under any enactment (including any enactment comprised in, or in an instrument made under, an Act of the Scottish Parliament).”

(2) Section 248 (application for planning permission etc. in anticipation of disposal of Crown land) is omitted.

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- (3) The repeal of that section does not affect any requirement made in pursuance of regulations made under subsection (5)(b) of that section.

**Commencement Information**

**I261** Sch. 5 para. 10 in force at 20.3.2006 for specified purposes by [S.S.I. 2006/101](#), [art. 2](#)

**I262** Sch. 5 para. 10 in force at 12.6.2006 in so far as not already in force by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), [art. 3\(f\)](#)

- 11 After section 73E of the Scottish listed buildings Act (inserted by section 94(4)) there is inserted the following section—

**“73F Applications for listed building or conservation area consent by Crown**

- (1) This section applies to an application for—  
(a) listed building consent, or  
(b) conservation area consent,  
made by or on behalf of the Crown.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify or exclude any statutory provision relating to the making and determination of such applications.
- (3) A statutory provision is a provision contained in or having effect under any enactment (including any enactment comprised in, or in an instrument made under, an Act of the Scottish Parliament).”

**Commencement Information**

**I263** Sch. 5 para. 11 in force at 20.3.2006 for specified purposes by [S.S.I. 2006/101](#), [art. 2](#)

**I264** Sch. 5 para. 11 in force at 12.6.2006 in so far as not already in force by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), [art. 3\(f\)](#)

- 12 In the Scottish hazardous substances Act, section 32 (application for hazardous substances consent in anticipation of disposal of Crown land) is omitted.

**Commencement Information**

**I265** Sch. 5 para. 12 in force at 12.6.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), [art. 3\(f\)](#)

- 13 Before section 33 of that Act there is inserted—

**Applications for hazardous substances consent by Crown**

- “32A(1) This section applies to an application for hazardous substances consent made by or on behalf of the Crown.
- (2) The Scottish Ministers may by regulations modify or exclude any statutory provision relating to the making and determination of such applications.
- (3) A statutory provision is a provision contained in or having effect under any enactment (including any enactment comprised in, or in an instrument made under, an Act of the Scottish Parliament).”

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#### Commencement Information

**I266** Sch. 5 para. 13 in force at 20.3.2006 for specified purposes by [S.S.I. 2006/101](#), [art. 2](#)

**I267** Sch. 5 para. 13 in force at 12.6.2006 in so far as not already in force by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), [art. 3\(f\)](#)

#### *Rights of entry*

- 14 After section 270 of the principal Scottish Act (supplementary provisions as to rights of entry) there is inserted the following section—

##### **“270A Rights of entry: Crown land**

- (1) Section 269 applies to Crown land subject to the following modifications.
- (2) A person must not enter Crown land unless he has the relevant permission.
- (3) Relevant permission is the permission of—
  - (a) a person appearing to the person seeking entry to the land to be entitled to give it, or
  - (b) the appropriate authority.
- (4) In subsection (6) the words “Subject to section 270” must be ignored.
- (5) Section 270 does not apply to anything done by virtue of this section.
- (6) “Appropriate authority” must be construed in accordance with section 242.”

#### Commencement Information

**I268** Sch. 5 para. 14 in force at 12.6.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), [art. 3\(f\)](#)

- 15 After section 78 of the Scottish listed buildings Act (rights of entry: supplementary provisions) there is inserted the following section—

##### **“78A Rights of entry: Crown land**

- (1) Section 76 applies to Crown land subject to the following modifications.
- (2) A person must not enter Crown land unless he has the relevant permission.
- (3) Relevant permission is the permission of—
  - (a) a person appearing to the person seeking entry to the land to be entitled to give it, or
  - (b) the appropriate authority.
- (4) In subsection (6) the words “and 78” must be ignored.
- (5) Section 78 does not apply to anything done by virtue of this section.
- (6) “Appropriate authority” must be construed in accordance with section 73C.”

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#### Commencement Information

**I269** Sch. 5 para. 15 in force at 12.6.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), [art. 3\(f\)](#)

- 16 After section 35 of the Scottish hazardous substances Act (rights of entry: supplementary provisions) there is inserted the following section—

#### “35A Rights of entry: Crown land

- (1) Section 33 applies to Crown land subject to the following modifications.
- (2) A person must not enter Crown land unless he has the relevant permission.
- (3) Relevant permission is the permission of—
  - (a) a person appearing to the person seeking entry to the land to be entitled to give it, or
  - (b) the appropriate authority.
- (4) In subsection (5), the words “and 35” must be ignored.
- (5) Section 35 does not apply to anything done by virtue of this section.
- (6) “Appropriate authority” must be construed in accordance with section 31(5).”

#### Commencement Information

**I270** Sch. 5 para. 16 in force at 12.6.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), [art. 3\(f\)](#)

#### *Service of notices*

- 17 After section 271 of the principal Scottish Act (service of notices) there is inserted the following section—

#### “271A Service of notices on the Crown

- (1) Any notice or other document required under this Act to be served on the Crown must be served on the appropriate authority.
- (2) Section 271 does not apply for the purposes of the service of such a notice or document.
- (3) “Appropriate authority” must be construed in accordance with section 242.”

#### Commencement Information

**I271** Sch. 5 para. 17 in force at 12.6.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), [art. 3\(f\)](#)

#### *Information as to interests in land*

- 18 In the principal Scottish Act, after section 272 (power to require information as to interests in land) there is inserted the following section—

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### “272A Information as to interests in Crown land

- (1) This section applies to an interest in Crown land which is not a private interest.
- (2) Section 272 does not apply to an interest to which this section applies.
- (3) For a purpose mentioned in section 272(1) the Scottish Ministers may request the appropriate authority to give them such information as to the matters mentioned in section 272(2) as they specify in the request.
- (4) The appropriate authority must comply with a request under subsection (3) except to the extent—
  - (a) that the matter is not within the knowledge of the authority, or
  - (b) that to do so will disclose information as to any of the matters mentioned in section 265A(4).
- (5) Expressions used in this section and in Part 12 (Crown Land) must be construed in accordance with that Part.”

#### Commencement Information

**I272** Sch. 5 para. 18 in force at 12.6.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), [art. 3\(f\)](#)

### *Listed buildings and conservation areas*

- 19 (1) In the Scottish listed buildings Act, sections 74 and 75 (provisions relating to Crown land) are omitted.
- (2) The repeal of section 75 does not affect any requirement made in pursuance of regulations made under subsection (4)(b) of that section.

#### Commencement Information

**I273** Sch. 5 para. 19 in force at 12.6.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), [art. 3\(f\)](#)

- 20 (1) In the Scottish listed buildings Act, section 79 (application of certain general provisions of the principal Scottish Act) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1)—
  - (a) after the entry relating to section 265 there is inserted— “ section 265A (planning inquiries to be held in public subject to certain exceptions), ”,
  - (b) after the entry relating to section 271 there is inserted— “ section 271A(1) and (2) (service of notices on the Crown), ”, and
  - (c) after the entry relating to section 272 there is inserted— “ section 272A(1) to (4) (information as to interests in Crown land), ”.
- (3) After subsection (2) there is inserted the following subsection—
 

“(3) In the application of section 265A of the principal Act for the purposes of this Act, the provisions mentioned in subsection (1) of the section shall be construed as including any inquiry held by virtue of this section.”

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#### Commencement Information

**I274** Sch. 5 para. 20 in force at 12.6.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), **art. 3(f)**

#### *Hazardous substances*

- 21 In the Scottish hazardous substances Act, in section 15 (revocation of consent on change of control of land) after subsection (2) there is inserted the following subsection—

“(3) This section does not apply if the control of the land changes from one emanation of the Crown to another.”

#### Commencement Information

**I275** Sch. 5 para. 21 in force at 12.6.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), **art. 3(f)**

- 22 (1) In the Scottish hazardous substances Act, section 36 (application of certain general provisions of the principal Scottish Act) is amended as follows—

- (a) after the entry relating to section 265 there is inserted— “ section 265A (planning inquiries to be held in public subject to certain exceptions), ”,
- (b) after the entry relating to section 271 there is inserted— “ section 271A(1) to (2) (service of notices on the Crown), ”, and
- (c) after the entry relating to section 272 there is inserted— “ section 272A(1) to (4) (information as to interests in Crown land), ”.

- (2) The existing provision as so amended becomes subsection (1), and after that subsection there is added—

“(2) In the application of section 265A of the principal Act for the purposes of this Act, the provisions mentioned in subsection (1) of the section shall be construed as including any inquiry held by virtue of this section.”

#### Commencement Information

**I276** Sch. 5 para. 22 in force at 12.6.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), **art. 3(f)**

#### *Miscellaneous*

- 23 Sections 242(4) (certain persons treated as having an interest in Crown land) and 246 (agreements relating to Crown land) of the principal Scottish Act are omitted.

#### Commencement Information

**I277** Sch. 5 para. 23 in force at 12.6.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), **art. 3(f)**

- 24 In the principal Scottish Act, for section 247 (supplementary provisions as to Crown interest) there is substituted the following section—

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### “247 Supplementary provisions as to Crown interest

Where, in accordance with an agreement under section 246, the approval of a planning authority is required in respect of any development of land in which there is a Crown interest, sections 78 to 82 have effect in relation to the withholding of that approval, or the giving of it subject to conditions, as if it were a refusal of planning permission, or, as the case may be, a grant of planning permission subject to conditions.”

#### Commencement Information

**I278** Sch. 5 para. 24 in force at 12.6.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), **art. 3(f)**

- 25 (1) In the principal Scottish Act, section 249 (tree preservation orders in anticipation of disposal of Crown land) is omitted.
- (2) But the repeal of section 249 does not affect its operation in relation to a tree preservation order made by virtue of that section before the commencement of this paragraph.

#### Commencement Information

**I279** Sch. 5 para. 25 in force at 12.6.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), **art. 3(f)**

- 26 (1) In the principal Scottish Act, section 250 (requirement of planning permission for continuance of use instituted by the Crown) is omitted.
- (2) But the repeal of section 250 does not affect its operation in relation to an agreement made as mentioned in subsection (1) of that section before the commencement of this paragraph.

#### Commencement Information

**I280** Sch. 5 para. 26 in force at 12.6.2006 by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), **art. 3(f)**

## SCHEDULE 6

## Section 118

### AMENDMENTS OF THE PLANNING ACTS

#### *Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (c. 8)*

- 1 The Town and Country Planning Act 1990 is amended as follows.

#### Commencement Information

**I281** Sch. 6 para. 1 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), **art. 2**

**I282** Sch. 6 para. 1 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 2(h)**

**I283** Sch. 6 para. 1 in force at 15.10.2005 for W. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2005/2847](#), **art. 2(e)**

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- 2 In section 55(2)(b) (meaning of development) the word “local” is omitted.

**Commencement Information**

**I284** Sch. 6 para. 2 in force at 7.6.2006 by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#)

- 3 For section 69 there is substituted the following section—

**“69 Register of applications etc**

- (1) The local planning authority must keep a register containing such information as is prescribed as to—
- (a) applications for planning permission;
  - (b) requests for statements of development principles (within the meaning of section 61E);
  - (c) local development orders;
  - (d) simplified planning zone schemes.
- (2) The register must contain—
- (a) information as to the manner in which applications mentioned in subsection (1)(a) and requests mentioned in subsection (1)(b) have been dealt with;
  - (b) such information as is prescribed with respect to any local development order or simplified planning zone scheme in relation to the authority’s area.
- (3) A development order may require the register to be kept in two or more parts.
- (4) Each part must contain such information as is prescribed relating to the matters mentioned in subsection (1)(a) and (b).
- (5) A development order may also make provision—
- (a) for a specified part of the register to contain copies of applications or requests and of any other documents or material submitted with them;
  - (b) for the entry relating to an application or request (and everything relating to it) to be removed from that part of the register when the application (including any appeal arising out of it) or the request (as the case may be) has been finally disposed of.
- (6) Provision made under subsection (5)(b) does not prevent the inclusion of a different entry relating to the application or request in another part of the register.
- (7) The register must be kept in such manner as is prescribed.
- (8) The register must be kept available for inspection by the public at all reasonable hours.
- (9) Anything prescribed under this section must be prescribed by development order.”

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### Commencement Information

**I285** Sch. 6 para. 3 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I286** Sch. 6 para. 3 in force at 22.2.2010 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2010/321](#), [art. 2](#)

### PROSPECTIVE

4 Section 76 (Duty to draw attention to certain provisions for benefit of disabled) is omitted.

### PROSPECTIVE

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### Textual Amendments

**F347** Sch. 6 para. 5 repealed (26.1.2009) by [Planning Act 2008 \(c. 29\)](#), ss. 225(1)(b), 241(6), [Sch. 13](#) (with [s. 226](#))

### PROSPECTIVE

6 In section 108 (compensation for refusal of planning permission formerly granted by development order) after subsection (3) there is inserted the following subsection—

“(3A) This section does not apply if—

- (a) development authorised by planning permission granted by a development order or local development order is started before the permission is withdrawn, and
- (b) the order includes provision in pursuance of section 61D permitting the development to be completed after the permission is withdrawn.”

7 (1) In section 245 (modification of incorporated enactments), subsections (2) and (3) are omitted.

(2) The amendments made by sub-paragraph (1) do not apply to compulsory purchase orders of which notice under section 11 of or, as the case may be, paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (c. 67) is published before commencement of this paragraph.

### Commencement Information

**I287** Sch. 6 para. 7 in force at 31.10.2004 by [S.I. 2004/2593](#), [art. 2\(c\)](#)

8 In section 284(1) (restriction on challenge to validity of certain documents), paragraph (a) is omitted.

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**I288** Sch. 6 para. 8 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(h\)](#) (with [art. 4](#), [Sch. 2](#))

**I289** Sch. 6 para. 8 in force at 15.10.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/2847](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#) (with [art. 3](#), [Sch.](#))

- 9 (1) Section 287 (procedure for questioning the validity of certain matters) is amended as follows.
- (2) For subsections (1) to (3) there are substituted the following subsections—
- “(1) This section applies to—
- (a) a simplified planning zone scheme or an alteration of such a scheme;
  - (b) an order under section 247, 248, 249, 251, 257, 258 or 277,
- and anything falling within paragraphs (a) and (b) is referred to in this section as a relevant document.
- (2) A person aggrieved by a relevant document may make an application to the High Court on the ground that—
- (a) it is not within the appropriate power, or
  - (b) a procedural requirement has not been complied with.
- (3) The High Court may make an interim order suspending the operation of the relevant document—
- (a) wholly or in part;
  - (b) generally or as it affects the property of the applicant.
- (3A) Subsection (3B) applies if the High Court is satisfied—
- (a) that a relevant document is to any extent outside the appropriate power;
  - (b) that the interests of the applicant have been substantially prejudiced by a failure to comply with a procedural requirement.
- (3B) The High Court may quash the relevant document—
- (a) wholly or in part;
  - (b) generally or as it affects the property of the applicant.
- (3C) An interim order has effect until the proceedings are finally determined.
- (3D) The appropriate power is—
- (a) in the case of a simplified planning zone scheme or an alteration of the scheme, Part III;
  - (b) in the case of an order under section 247, 248, 249, 251, 257, 258 or 277, the section under which the order is made.”

(3) In subsection (5)—

    - (a) paragraph (a) is omitted;
    - (b) in each of paragraphs (b) to (e) the words “by virtue of subsection (3)” are omitted.

(4) Subsection (6) is omitted.

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**I290** Sch. 6 para. 9 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(h\)](#) (with [art. 4](#), [Sch. 2](#))

**I291** Sch. 6 para. 9 in force at 15.10.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/2847](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#) (with [art. 3](#), [Sch.](#))

- 10 (1) Section 296 (exercise of powers in relation to Crown land) is amended as follows.
- (2) In subsection (1) for paragraph (a) there is substituted the following paragraph—
- “(a) a document, plan or strategy specified in subsection (1A) may include proposals relating to the use of Crown land;”.
- (3) After subsection (1) there is inserted the following subsection—
- “(1A) These are the documents, plans and strategies—
- (a) the regional spatial strategy (or a revision of it) within the meaning of Part 1 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004;
  - (b) a local development document (or a revision of it) adopted or approved under Part 2 of that Act;
  - (c) a local development plan (or a revision of it) adopted or approved under Part 6 of that Act;
  - (d) the Mayor of London’s spatial development strategy (or any alteration or replacement of it) published in pursuance of section 337 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999.”

#### Commencement Information

**I292** Sch. 6 para. 10 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(h\)](#) (with [art. 4](#), [Sch. 2](#))

**I293** Sch. 6 para. 10 in force at 15.10.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/2847](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#) (with [art. 3](#), [Sch.](#))

- 11 (1) Section 303A (recovery of costs of certain inquiries) is amended as follows.
- (2) For subsection (1) there are substituted the following subsections—
- “(1) This section applies if the appropriate authority appoints a person to carry out or hold a qualifying procedure.
- (1A) A qualifying procedure is—
- (a) an independent examination under section 20 or 64 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004;
  - (b) a local inquiry or other hearing under paragraph 8(1)(a) of Schedule 7;
  - (c) the consideration of objections under paragraph 8(1)(b) of that Schedule.
- (1B) The appropriate authority is—
- (a) the Secretary of State if the local planning authority causing the procedure to be carried out or held is in England;
  - (b) the National Assembly for Wales if the local planning authority causing the procedure to be carried out or held is in Wales.”
- (3) In each of subsections (2) to (6) and (10)(a) in each place where it occurs—
- (a) for “Secretary of State” there is substituted “appropriate authority”;

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- (b) for “him” there is substituted “ it ”;
  - (c) for “he” there is substituted “ it ”.
- (4) In each of subsections (2), (4), (5) and (6) in each place where it occurs for “inquiry” there is substituted “ procedure ”.
- (5) In subsection (5) each of the following is omitted—
- (a) “or appointed as one of the persons who are to hold it”;
  - (b) “(in addition to what may be recovered by virtue of the appointment of any other person)”;
  - (c) in paragraph (c), “(or, in a case where that person is appointed as one of the persons who are to hold the qualifying inquiry, an appropriate proportion of any costs attributable to the appointment of an assessor to assist those persons)”.
- (6) Subsections (7) to (9) are omitted.
- (7) Before subsection (10) there is inserted the following subsection—
- “(9A) References to a local planning authority causing a qualifying inquiry to be held include references to a requirement under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 on the authority to submit a plan to the appropriate authority for independent examination.”

#### Commencement Information

**I294** Sch. 6 para. 11 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(h\)](#) (with [art. 4](#), [Sch. 2](#))

**I295** Sch. 6 para. 11 in force at 15.10.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/2847](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#) (with [art. 3](#), [Sch.](#))

- 12 In section 306 (2) (local authorities and statutory undertakers may contribute to certain costs of local planning authorities) for paragraph (a) there are substituted the following paragraphs—
- “(a) any expenses incurred by a local planning authority for the purposes of carrying out a review under section 13 or 61 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (duty of local planning authority to keep under review certain matters affecting development);
  - (ab) any expenses incurred by a county council for the purposes of carrying out a review under section 14 of that Act (duty of county council to keep under review certain matters affecting development);”

#### Commencement Information

**I296** Sch. 6 para. 12 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(h\)](#)

**I297** Sch. 6 para. 12 in force at 15.10.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/2847](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#)

- 13 In section 324(1) (rights of entry) for paragraph (a) there is substituted the following paragraph—
- “(a) the preparation, revision, adoption or approval of a local development document under Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 or a local development plan under Part 6 of that Act;”

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#### Commencement Information

**I298** Sch. 6 para. 13 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(h\)](#)

**I299** Sch. 6 para. 13 in force at 15.10.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/2847](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#)

14 (1) Section 333 (provision about regulations and orders) is amended as follows.

(2) After subsection (2) there is inserted the following subsection—

“(2A) Regulations may make different provision for different purposes.”

#### Commencement Information

**I300** Sch. 6 para. 14 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

15 In section 336(1) (interpretation) for the definition of development plan there is substituted—

““development plan” must be construed in accordance with section 38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004;”.

#### Commencement Information

**I301** Sch. 6 para. 15 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(h\)](#)

**I302** Sch. 6 para. 15 in force at 15.10.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/2847](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#)

16 (1) Schedule 1 (distribution of functions of local planning authorities) is amended as follows.

(2) Paragraph 2 is omitted.

(3) In paragraph 3(7) the words “but paragraph 4 shall apply to such applications instead” are omitted.

(4) For paragraph 7 there is substituted the following paragraph—

“7 (1) A local planning authority must not determine an application for planning permission to which the consultation requirements apply unless it complies with sub-paragraph (7).

(2) The consultation requirements are—

(a) consultation with the RPB for the region in which the authority’s area is situated if the development is one to which sub-paragraph (3) applies;

(b) consultation by a district planning authority with the county planning authority for their area if the development is one to which sub-paragraph (4) applies.

(3) This sub-paragraph applies to—

(a) a development which would by reason of its scale or nature or the location of the land be of major importance for the implementation of the RSS or a relevant regional policy, or

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- (b) a development of a description in relation to which the RPB has given notice in writing to the local planning authority that it wishes to be consulted.
- (4) This sub-paragraph applies to—
  - (a) a development which would materially conflict with or prejudice the implementation of a relevant county policy,
  - (b) a development in an area in relation to which the county planning authority have given notice in writing to the district planning authority that development is likely to affect or be affected by the winning and working of minerals, other than coal,
  - (c) a development of land in respect of which the county planning authority have given notice in writing to the district planning authority that they propose to carry out development,
  - (d) a development which would prejudice a proposed development mentioned in paragraph (c) in respect of which notice has been given as so mentioned,
  - (e) a development of land in relation to which the county planning authority have given notice in writing to the district planning authority that it is proposed to use the land for waste disposal, or
  - (f) a development which would prejudice a proposed use mentioned in paragraph (e) in respect of which notice has been given as so mentioned.
- (5) The consultation requirements do not apply—
  - (a) in respect of a development to which sub-paragraph (3) applies if the RPB gives a direction authorising the determination of the application without compliance with the requirements;
  - (b) in respect of a development to which sub-paragraph (4) applies if the county planning authority gives a direction authorising the determination of the application without compliance with the requirements.
- (6) A direction under sub-paragraph (5) may be given in respect of a particular application or a description of application.
- (7) If the consultation requirements apply the local planning authority—
  - (a) must give notice to the RPB or county planning authority (as the case may be) (the consulted body) that they propose to consider the application,
  - (b) must send a copy of the application to the consulted body, and
  - (c) must not determine the application until the end of such period as is prescribed by development order beginning with the date of the giving of notice under paragraph (a).
- (8) Sub-paragraph (7)(c) does not apply if before the end of the period mentioned in that sub-paragraph—
  - (a) the local planning authority have received representations concerning the application from the consulted body, or
  - (b) the consulted body gives notice that it does not intend to make representations.

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- (9) A relevant regional policy is—
- (a) a policy contained in a draft revision of the RSS which has been submitted to the Secretary of State in pursuance of section 5(8) of the 2004 Act, or
  - (b) a policy contained in a structure plan which has effect by virtue of paragraph 1 of Schedule 8 to the 2004 Act.
- (10) A relevant county policy is—
- (a) a policy contained in a local development document which has been prepared in accordance with a minerals and waste scheme and submitted to the Secretary of State in pursuance of section 20(1) of the 2004 Act or adopted by the county planning authority in pursuance of section 23 of that Act, or
  - (b) a policy contained in a structure plan which has effect by virtue of paragraph 1 of Schedule 8 to the 2004 Act.
- (11) RPB and RSS must be construed in accordance with Part 1 of the 2004 Act.
- (12) The 2004 Act is the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.”

#### Commencement Information

**I303** Sch. 6 para. 16 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I304** Sch. 6 para. 16(1)(2) in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(h\)](#) (with [art. 4](#), [Sch. 2](#))

**I305** Sch. 6 para. 16(4) in force at 24.8.2005 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2005/2081](#), [art. 2\(d\)\(ii\)](#) (with [art. 4\(4\)](#))

- 17 In Schedule 2 (transitional provisions relating to development plans) Parts 1, 2 and 3 are omitted.

#### Commencement Information

**I306** Sch. 6 para. 17 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(h\)](#) (with [art. 4](#), [Sch. 2](#))

**I307** Sch. 6 para. 17 in force at 15.10.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/2847](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#) (with [art. 3](#), [Sch.](#))

- 18 (1) Schedule 13 (blighted land) is amended as follows.
- (2) Paragraphs 1 to 4 are omitted.
- (3) The following paragraph is inserted as paragraph 1A—
- “1A Land which is identified for the purposes of relevant public functions by a development plan document for the area in which the land is situated. *Notes*
- (1) Relevant public functions are—
- (a) the functions of a government department, local authority, National Park authority or statutory undertakers;
  - (b) the establishment or running by a public telecommunications operator of a telecommunication system.
- (2) For the purposes of this paragraph a development plan document is—

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- (a) a development plan document which is adopted or approved for the purposes of Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (in this paragraph, the 2004 Act);
  - (b) a revision of such a document in pursuance of section 26 of the 2004 Act which is adopted or approved for the purposes of Part 2 of the 2004 Act;
  - (c) a development plan document which has been submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination under section 20(1) of the 2004 Act;
  - (d) a revision of a development plan document in pursuance of section 26 of the 2004 Act if the document has been submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination under section 20(1) of that Act.
- (3) But Note (2)(c) and (d) does not apply if the document is withdrawn under section 22 of the 2004 Act at any time after it has been submitted for independent examination.
- (4) In Note (2)(c) and (d) the submission of a development plan document to the Secretary of State for independent examination is to be taken to include the holding of an independent examination by the Secretary of State under section 21 or section 27 of the 2004 Act.”
- (4) In paragraph 5 for “any such functions as are mentioned in paragraph 1(a)(i) or (ii)” there is substituted “ relevant public functions (within the meaning of paragraph 1A) ”.
- (5) In paragraph 6 for “any such functions as are mentioned in paragraph 5” there is substituted “ relevant public functions (within the meaning of paragraph 1A) ”.
- (6) In paragraph 13, for “paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4” there is substituted “ paragraph 1A ”.

#### Commencement Information

**I308** Sch. 6 para. 18 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(h\)](#) (with [art. 4](#), [Sch. 2](#))

**I309** Sch. 6 para. 18 in force at 15.10.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/2847](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#) (with [art. 3](#), [Sch.](#))

#### *Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (c. 9)*

- 19 The Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 is amended as follows.

#### Commencement Information

**I310** Sch. 6 para. 19 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I311** Sch. 6 para. 19 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(h\)](#)

**I312** Sch. 6 para. 19 in force at 15.10.2005 for W. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2005/2847](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#)

- 20 In section 10(3) (regulations relating to applications for listed building consent)—
- (a) for paragraph (b) and the word “and” following it there is substituted the following paragraph—

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- “(b) requirements as to publicity in relation to such applications;”;
- (b) after paragraph (c) there are inserted the following paragraphs—
- “(d) requirements as to consultation in relation to such applications;
- (e) prohibiting the determination of such applications during such period as is prescribed;
- (f) requirements on the local planning authority to take account of responses from persons consulted.”

#### Commencement Information

**I313** Sch. 6 para. 20 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I314** Sch. 6 para. 20 in force at 28.9.2004 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 3\(e\)](#)

- 21 In section 23(2) (matters to which regard is to be had by local planning authority in exercising function of revoking or modifying consent) for “the development plan and to any other” there is substituted “ any ”.

#### Commencement Information

**I315** Sch. 6 para. 21 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(h\)](#)

**I316** Sch. 6 para. 21 in force at 15.10.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/2847](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#)

- 22 In section 26(2) (matters to which regard is to be had by the Secretary of State in exercising function of revoking or modifying consent) for “the development plan and to any other” there is substituted “ any ”.

#### Commencement Information

**I317** Sch. 6 para. 22 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(h\)](#)

**I318** Sch. 6 para. 22 in force at 15.10.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/2847](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#)

- 23 In section 67 (publicity for applications affecting the setting of listed buildings) for subsections (1) to (7) there is substituted the following subsection—

“(1) The Secretary of State may prescribe requirements as to publicity for applications for planning permission in cases where the local planning authority think that the development of land would affect the setting of a listed building.”

#### Commencement Information

**I319** Sch. 6 para. 23 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I320** Sch. 6 para. 23 in force at 28.9.2004 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 3\(e\)](#)

- 24 In section 73 (publicity for applications affecting conservation areas) for subsection (1) there is substituted the following subsection—

“(1) The Secretary of State may prescribe requirements as to publicity for applications for planning permission in cases where the local planning

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authority think that the development of land would affect the character or appearance of a conservation area.”

**Commencement Information**

**I321** Sch. 6 para. 24 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I322** Sch. 6 para. 24 in force at 28.9.2004 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 3\(e\)](#)

25 In section 91(2) (interpretation) “ “development plan”” is omitted.

**Commencement Information**

**I323** Sch. 6 para. 25 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(h\)](#)

**I324** Sch. 6 para. 25 in force at 15.10.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/2847](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#)

26 In section 93 (provision about regulations and orders) after subsection (6) there are inserted the following subsections—

“(6A) Regulations and orders may make different provision for different purposes.

(6B) The powers to make regulations under sections 10(3)(b), 67(1) and 73(1) must be taken to be powers mentioned in section 100(2) of the Local Government Act 2003 (powers exercisable in relation to descriptions of certain local authorities which fall into particular categories for the purposes of section 99 of that Act).”

**Commencement Information**

**I325** Sch. 6 para. 26 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I326** Sch. 6 para. 26 in force at 28.9.2004 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 3\(e\)](#)

*Planning (Hazardous Substances) Act 1990 (c. 10)*

27 In section 40 of the Planning (Hazardous Substances) Act 1990 (provision about regulations) after subsection (3) there is inserted the following subsection—

“(4) Regulations may make different provision for different purposes.”

**Commencement Information**

**I327** Sch. 6 para. 27 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

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## SCHEDULE 7

## Section 118

## AMENDMENTS OF OTHER ENACTMENTS

## PROSPECTIVE

*Gas Act 1965 (c. 36)*

- 1 In paragraph 7(2) of Schedule 3 of the Gas Act 1965 after “development order” there is inserted “or local development order”.

*Finance Act 1969 (c. 32)*

- 2 In section 58(4) of the Finance Act 1969 (disclosure of information for statistical purposes), in the Table in the entry relating to local planning authorities—
- (a) in the first column for “the Town and Country Planning Act 1990” there is substituted “ Part 2 or 6 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 ”;
  - (b) In the second column for “Part II of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990” there is substituted “ Part 2 or 6 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 ”.

**Commencement Information**

**I328** Sch. 7 para. 2 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(i\)](#)

**I329** Sch. 7 para. 2 in force at 15.10.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/2847](#), [art. 2\(f\)](#)

*Leasehold Reform Act 1967 (c. 88)*

- 3 In section 28(6)(a) of the Leasehold Reform Act 1967 (development for certain public purposes) for “Town and Country Planning Act 1990” there is substituted “ Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 ”.

**Commencement Information**

**I330** Sch. 7 para. 3 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(i\)](#)

**I331** Sch. 7 para. 3 in force at 15.10.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/2847](#), [art. 2\(f\)](#)

*Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1968 (c. 34)*

- 4 In section 12 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1968 after subsection (3) there is inserted the following subsection—
- “(4) If a person is entitled in respect of the same interest in land to a payment both—
- (a) by virtue of subsection (1), and
  - (b) under section 33B of the Land Compensation Act 1973 (additional loss payment for agricultural land),

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section 33H of that Act (only one payment to be made if a person has dual entitlement) applies.”

**Commencement Information**

**I332** Sch. 7 para. 4 in force at 31.10.2004 by [S.I. 2004/2593](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)

*Countryside Act 1968 (c. 41)*

- 5 (1) Paragraph 3 of Schedule 2 to the Countryside Act 1968 is amended as follows.
- (2) In sub-paragraph (2), after “published” there is inserted “, affixed”.
- (3) In sub-paragraph (4)(a), after “published” there is inserted “, affixed”.
- (4) The amendments made by this paragraph do not apply to compulsory purchase orders of which notice under section 11 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (c. 67) is published before commencement of this paragraph.

**Commencement Information**

**I333** Sch. 7 para. 5 in force at 31.10.2004 by [S.I. 2004/2593](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)

*Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1969 (c. lvi)*

- 6 In section 13 of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1969 (exercise of powers relating to walkways), in the proviso for the words from “any local plan” to “Schedule 1 to that Act” there is substituted “a local development document (within the meaning of Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004)”.

**Commencement Information**

**I334** Sch. 7 para. 6 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(i\)](#)

*Land Compensation Act 1973 (c. 26)*

- 7 (1) The Land Compensation Act 1973 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 29 (home loss payments) after subsection (3A) there is inserted the following subsection—
- “(3B) For the purposes of this section a person must not be treated as displaced from a dwelling in consequence only of the compulsory acquisition of part of a garden or yard or of an outhouse or appurtenance belonging to or usually enjoyed with the building which is occupied or is intended to be occupied as the dwelling.”
- (3) Sections 34 to 36 are omitted.
- (4) In section 87(1) (general interpretation) in the definition of “dwelling” “(except in section 29)” is omitted.

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- (5) But the amendments made by this paragraph do not have effect in relation to a compulsory purchase order made or made in draft before the commencement of this paragraph.

#### Commencement Information

**I335** Sch. 7 para. 7 in force at 31.10.2004 by [S.I. 2004/2593](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)

#### *Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1973 (c xxx)*

- 8 In section 24(4) of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1973 (definitions for the purpose or provision relating to parking place agreements)—
- (a) in the definition of appropriate provision for “the Greater London” there is substituted “ their ”;
  - (b) in the second place where it occurs “Greater London development plan” is omitted.

#### Commencement Information

**I336** Sch. 7 para. 8 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(i\)](#)

#### *Welsh Development Agency Act 1975 (c. 70)*

- 9 (1) Schedule 4 to the Welsh Development Agency Act 1975 is amended as follows.
- (2) Paragraph 2 is omitted.
- (3) In paragraph 3, in sub-paragraph (1)(c), for “section 13 of that Act to objections made by an owner, lessee or occupier” there is substituted “ sections 13 and 13A of that Act to relevant objections ”.
- (4) The amendments made by this paragraph do not apply to compulsory purchase orders of which notice under section 11 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (c. 67) is published before commencement of this paragraph.

#### Commencement Information

**I337** Sch. 7 para. 9 in force at 31.10.2004 by [S.I. 2004/2593](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)

#### *Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 (c. 65)*

- 10 (1) The Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 142 (acquisition by corporation), in subsection (2A), “(subject to section 144(2))” is omitted.
- (3) In section 143 (acquisition by local highway authority), in subsection (3A), “(subject to section 144(2))” is omitted.
- (4) In section 144, in subsection (2), “the 1981 Act and” is omitted.

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- (5) In Schedule 28, in paragraph 1, “The 1981 Act and” and the words from “and in paragraph 2” to the end are omitted.
- (6) The amendments made by this paragraph do not apply to compulsory purchase orders of which notice under section 11 of or, as the case may be, paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 is published before commencement of this paragraph.
- (7) In Schedule 26 (Urban Development Corporations), after paragraph 14 there are inserted the following paragraphs—

*“Delegation of planning functions*

- 14A
- (1) This paragraph applies in relation to any function conferred on the corporation by virtue of an order under section 149 above.
  - (2) The corporation may appoint committees and such committees may appoint sub-committees.
  - (3) Anything which is authorised or required to be done by the corporation—
    - (a) may be done by any member of the corporation or of its staff who is authorised for the purpose either generally or specifically;
    - (b) may be done by a committee or sub-committee which is so authorised.
  - (4) The corporation may—
    - (a) determine the quorum of a committee or sub-committee;
    - (b) make such arrangements as it thinks appropriate relating to the meetings and procedure of a committee or sub-committee.
  - (5) Anything done for the purposes of sub-paragraph (4) is subject to directions given by the Secretary of State.
  - (6) The validity of anything done by a committee or sub-committee is not affected by—
    - (a) any vacancy among its members;
    - (b) any defect in the appointment of any of its members.
  - (7) This paragraph does not extend to Scotland.

*Delegation of planning functions*

- 14B
- (1) This paragraph has effect in relation to the membership of committees and sub-committees appointed under paragraph 14A.
  - (2) A committee may consist of—
    - (a) such members of the corporation as it appoints;
    - (b) such other persons as the corporation (with the consent of the Secretary of State) appoints.
  - (3) A sub-committee of a committee may consist of—
    - (a) such members of the committee as it appoints;

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- (b) such persons who are members of another committee of the corporation (whether or not they are members of the corporation) as the committee appoints;
  - (c) such other persons as the corporation (with the consent of the Secretary of State) appoints.
- (4) The membership of a committee or sub-committee—
- (a) must always include at least one person who is a member of the corporation;
  - (b) must not include any person who is a member of the staff of the corporation.”

#### Commencement Information

**I338** Sch. 7 para. 10 partly in force; Sch. 7 para. 10(7) in force at 13.7.2004, see s. 121(6)

**I339** Sch. 7 para. 10(1)-(6) in force at 31.10.2004 by [S.I. 2004/2593](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)

#### *Highways Act 1980 (c. 66)*

- 11 (1) The Highways Act 1980 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 232(8) after “1990” there is inserted “ and Parts 2 and 6 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 ”.
- (3) In section 232(9) for the definition of development plan there is substituted—  
 ““development plan” must be construed in accordance with section 38 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004;  
 “local authority” has the same meaning as in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.”
- (4) Section 259(power to confirm, etc, compulsory purchase order in part) is omitted.
- (5) The amendment made by sub-paragraph (4) does not apply to a compulsory purchase order of which notice under section 11 of or, as the case may be, paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 is published before the commencement of that sub-paragraph.

#### Commencement Information

**I340** Sch. 7 para. 11(1)-(3) in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(i\)](#)

**I341** Sch. 7 para. 11(1)-(3) in force at 15.10.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/2847](#), [art. 2\(f\)](#)

**I342** Sch. 7 para. 11(4)(5) in force at 31.10.2004 by [S.I. 2004/2593](#), [art. 2\(d\)](#)

#### *Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (c. 67)*

- 12 In section 29(5) of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 for the words “any reference to any owner, lessee or occupier” there are substituted the words “ the reference to a qualifying person for the purposes of section 12(2) ”.

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#### Commencement Information

**I343** Sch. 7 para. 12 in force at 31.10.2004 by [S.I. 2004/2593](#), **art. 2(d)**

#### *Housing Act 1985 (c. 68)*

- 13 (1) In section 578A of the Housing Act 1985 (modification of compulsory purchase order in case of acquisition of land for clearance), in subsection (2), for “section 13” there is substituted “sections 13 to 13C”.
- (2) The amendment made by sub-paragraph (1) does not apply to compulsory purchase orders of which notice under section 11 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 is published before commencement of this paragraph.

#### Commencement Information

**I344** Sch. 7 para. 13 in force at 31.10.2004 by [S.I. 2004/2593](#), **art. 2(d)**

#### *Education Reform Act 1988 (c. 40)*

- 14 (1) The Education Reform Act 1988 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 190 (wrongful contracts or disposals), in subsection (6) for the words from “references” to the end there is substituted “the reference in section 12 of that Act to an owner of the land included reference to the London Residuary Body”.
- (3) In section 201 (wrongful disposals), in subsection (6), for the words from “references” to the end there is substituted “the reference in section 12 of that Act to an owner of the land included reference to the local education authority concerned”.
- (4) The amendments made by this paragraph do not apply to compulsory purchase orders of which notice under section 11 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (c. 67) is published before commencement of this paragraph.

#### Commencement Information

**I345** Sch. 7 para. 14 in force at 31.10.2004 by [S.I. 2004/2593](#), **art. 2(d)**

#### *Housing Act 1988 (c. 50)*

- 15 (1) Paragraph 2 of Schedule 10 to the Housing Act 1988 (modifications of Acquisition of Land Act 1981) is omitted.
- (2) The amendment made by sub-paragraph (1) does not apply to compulsory purchase orders of which notice under section 11 of or, as the case may be, paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 is published before commencement of this paragraph.

#### Commencement Information

**I346** Sch. 7 para. 15 in force at 31.10.2004 by [S.I. 2004/2593](#), **art. 2(d)**

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*Planning and Compensation Act 1991 (c. 34)*

- 16 In Schedule 4 to the Planning and Compensation Act 1991 Part 3 is omitted.

**Commencement Information**

**I347** Sch. 7 para. 16 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(i\)](#) (with [art. 4](#), [Sch. 2](#))

**I348** Sch. 7 para. 16 in force at 15.10.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/2847](#), [art. 2\(f\)](#) (with [art. 3](#), [Sch.](#))

*Local Government Act 1992 (c. 19)*

- 17 In section 14(5) of the Local Government Act 1992 (structural changes which may be recommended by the Electoral Commission), paragraph (d) is omitted.

**Commencement Information**

**I349** Sch. 7 para. 17 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(i\)](#)

**I350** Sch. 7 para. 17 in force at 15.10.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/2847](#), [art. 2\(f\)](#)

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**Textual Amendments**

**F348** Sch. 7 para. 18 and cross-heading repealed (1.4.2009) by [Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/3002\)](#), [art. 1\(3\)](#), [Sch. 3](#) (with [Sch. 2](#)) (see [S.I. 2009/803](#), arts. 1(2), 3, 10)

- 18 **F348** .....

*Environment Act 1995 (c. 25)*

- 19 (1) The Environment Act 1995 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 67 (which makes provision for a National Park authority to be the local planning authority) subsections (2) to (4) are omitted.
- (3) In Schedule 14 (periodic review of mineral planning permissions) in paragraph 2(1), in the definition of “first review date”, for “paragraph 5” there is substituted “paragraphs 3A and 5”.
- (4) In Schedule 14 after paragraph 3 there is inserted the following paragraph—
- “3A (1) The Secretary of State may by order specify a first review date different from the first review date found in pursuance of paragraph 3(1) or (2).
- (2) Sub-paragraph (3) applies if no first review date is found in pursuance of paragraph 3(1) or (2).
- (3) The Secretary of State may by order specify a first review date.
- (4) An order under sub-paragraph (3) may make different provision for different cases or different classes of case.

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- (5) An order under this paragraph must be made by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.”

#### Commencement Information

**I351** Sch. 7 para. 19 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I352** Sch. 7 para. 19(2) in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(i\)](#)

**I353** Sch. 7 para. 19(2) in force at 15.10.2005 for W. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2005/2847](#), [art. 2\(f\)](#)

#### *Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (c. 8)*

- 20 (1) The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 26(2)(b) (meaning of “development”), for “local roads authority” there is substituted “roads authority (as defined by section 151(1) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984)”.
- (3) In section 275 (regulations and orders), after subsection (2) there is inserted—
- “(2A) Regulations may make different provision for different purposes.”
- (4) In Schedule 10 (periodic review of mineral planning permissions)—
- (a) in paragraph 2(1), in the definition of “first review date”, for “paragraph 5” there is substituted “paragraphs 3A and 5”; and
- (b) after paragraph 3, there is inserted the following paragraph—
- “3A (1) The Scottish Ministers may by order specify a first review date different from the first review date found in pursuance of paragraph 3(1) or (2).
- (2) Sub-paragraph (3) applies if no first review date is found in pursuance of paragraph 3(1) or (2).
- (3) The Scottish Ministers may by order specify a first review date.
- (4) An order under sub-paragraph (3) may make different provision for different cases or different classes of case.
- (5) An order under this paragraph must be made by statutory instrument subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of the Scottish Parliament.”

#### Commencement Information

**I354** Sch. 7 para. 20 in force at 12.6.2006 for S. by [S.S.I. 2006/268](#), [art. 3\(d\)](#)

#### *Regional Development Agencies Act 1998 (c. 45)*

- 21 (1) Paragraph 1 of Schedule 5 to the Regional Development Agencies Act 1998 (modifications of Acquisition of Land Act 1981) is omitted.
- (2) The amendment made by sub-paragraph (1) does not apply to compulsory purchase orders of which notice has been published under section 11 of or, as the case may

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be, paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (c. 67) before commencement of this paragraph.

#### Commencement Information

**I355** Sch. 7 para. 21 in force at 31.10.2004 by [S.I. 2004/2593](#), **art. 2(d)**

#### *Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29)*

- 22 (1) The Greater London Authority Act 1999 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 337 (publication)—
- (a) for “relevant regional planning guidance” there is substituted “ the regional spatial strategy for a region which adjoins Greater London ”;
  - (b) subsection (10) is omitted.
- (3) In section 342(1) (matters to which Mayor is to have regard) for paragraph (a) there is substituted the following—
- “(a) the regional spatial strategy for a region which adjoins Greater London;”.
- (4) In section 346(b) (Mayor to monitor plans) for “unitary development plan” there is substituted “ local development documents (within the meaning of Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004) ”.

#### Commencement Information

**I356** Sch. 7 para. 22 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 2(i)**

#### *Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (c. 37)*

- 23 In section 86(4) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000—
- (a) “II,” is omitted;
  - (b) at the end there is inserted “ or under Part 2 or 6 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 ”.

#### Commencement Information

**I357** Sch. 7 para. 23 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), **art. 2(i)**

**I358** Sch. 7 para. 23 in force at 15.10.2005 for W. by [S.I. 2005/2847](#), **art. 2(f)**

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## SCHEDULE 8

## Section 119

### TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS: PARTS 1 AND 2

#### *Development plan*

- 1 (1) During the transitional period a reference in an enactment mentioned in section 38(7) above to the development plan for an area in England is a reference to—
- (a) the RSS for the region in which the area is situated or the spatial development strategy for an area in Greater London, and
  - (b) the development plan for the area for the purposes of section 27 or 54 of the principal Act.
- (2) The transitional period is the period starting with the commencement of section 38 and ending on whichever is the earlier of—
- (a) the end of the period of three years;
  - (b) the day when in relation to an old policy, a new policy which expressly replaces it is published, adopted or approved.
- (3) But the Secretary of State may direct that for the purposes of such policies as are specified in the direction sub-paragraph (2)(a) does not apply.
- (4) An old policy is a policy which (immediately before the commencement of section 38) forms part of a development plan for the purposes of section 27 or 54 of the principal Act.
- (5) A new policy is a policy which is contained in—
- (a) a revision of an RSS;
  - (b) an alteration or replacement of the spatial development strategy;
  - (c) a development plan document.
  - <sup>[F349]</sup>(d) a neighbourhood development plan.]
- (6) But—
- (a) an old policy contained in a structure plan is replaced only by a new policy contained in a revision to an RSS;
  - (b) an old policy contained in a waste local plan or a minerals local plan is replaced in relation to any area of a county council for which there is a district council only by a new policy contained in a development plan document which is prepared in accordance with a minerals and waste development scheme.
- (7) A new policy is published if it is contained in—
- (a) a revision of an RSS published by the Secretary of State under section 9(6);
  - (b) an alteration or replacement of the Mayor of London's spatial development strategy published in pursuance of section 337 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29).
  - <sup>[F350]</sup>(c) a neighbourhood development plan published under section 38B(5) of the principal Act.]
- (8) A new policy is adopted or approved if it is contained in a development plan document which is adopted or approved for the purposes of Part 2.

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- (9) A minerals and waste development scheme is a scheme prepared in accordance with section 16.
- (10) The development plan mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(b) does not include a street authorisation map which continued to be treated as having been adopted as a local plan by virtue of paragraph 4 of Part 3 of Schedule 2 to the principal Act.

#### Textual Amendments

- F349** Sch. 8 para. 1(5)(d) inserted (28.3.2012) by [The Localism Act 2011 \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/961\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 1(2)(a)**
- F350** Sch. 8 para. 1(7)(c) inserted (28.3.2012) by [The Localism Act 2011 \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/961\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 3 para. 1(2)(b)**

#### Commencement Information

- I359** Sch. 8 para. 1 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), art. 2(j)

#### Structure plans

- 2 (1) This paragraph applies to proposals for the alteration or replacement of a structure plan for the area of a local planning authority.
- (2) If before the commencement of Part 1 of this Act the authority have complied with section 33(2) of the principal Act (making copies of proposals and the explanatory memorandum available for inspection) the provisions of Chapter 2 of Part 2 of the principal Act continue to have effect in relation to the proposals.
- (3) In any other case—
  - (a) the authority must take no further step in relation to the proposals;
  - (b) the proposals have no effect.
- (4) If the proposals are adopted or approved by virtue of sub-paragraph (2) above, paragraph 1 of this Schedule applies to the policies contained in the proposals as if—
  - (a) they were policies contained in a development plan within the meaning of section 54 of the principal Act;
  - (b) the date of commencement of section 38 is the date when the proposals are adopted or approved (as the case may be).

#### Commencement Information

- I360** Sch. 8 para. 2 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), art. 2(j)

#### Unitary development plan

- 3 (1) This paragraph applies to proposals for the alteration or replacement of a unitary development plan for the area of a local planning authority.
- (2) If before the relevant date the authority have not complied with section 13(2) of the principal Act (making copies of the proposals available for inspection)—
  - (a) they must take no further step in relation to the proposals;
  - (b) the proposals have no effect.

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- (3) In any other case paragraph 4 or 5 below applies.

#### Commencement Information

**I361** Sch. 8 para. 3 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(j\)](#)

- 4 (1) This paragraph applies if—
- (a) before the relevant date the local planning authority is not required to cause an inquiry or other hearing to be held by virtue of section 16(1) of the principal Act (inquiry must be held if objections made), or
  - (b) before the commencement of Part 2 of this Act a person is appointed under that section to hold an inquiry or other hearing.
- (2) If this paragraph applies the provisions of Chapter 1 of Part 2 of the principal Act continue to have effect in relation to the proposals.
- (3) The relevant date is whichever is the later of—
- (a) the end of any period prescribed by regulations under section 26 of the principal Act for the making of objections to the proposals;
  - (b) the commencement of Part 2 of this Act.

#### Commencement Information

**I362** Sch. 8 para. 4 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I363** Sch. 8 para. 4 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(j\)](#)

- 5 (1) If paragraph 4 does not apply the provisions of Chapter 1 of Part 2 of the principal Act continue to have effect in relation to the proposals subject to the modifications in sub-paragraphs (2) to (5) below.
- (2) If before the commencement of Part 2 of this Act the local planning authority have not published revised proposals in pursuance of regulations under section 26 of the principal Act—
- (a) any provision of the regulations relating to publication of revised proposals must be ignored,
  - (b) the authority must comply again with section 13(2) of the principal Act.
- (3) If before the commencement of Part 2 of this Act the local planning authority have published revised proposals in pursuance of regulations under section 26 of the principal Act the authority must comply again with section 13(2) of that Act.
- (4) Any provision of regulations under section 26 of the principal Act which permits the local planning authority to modify proposals after an inquiry or other hearing has been held under section 16 of that Act must be ignored.
- (5) If such an inquiry or other hearing is held the authority must adopt the proposals in accordance with the recommendations of the person appointed to hold the inquiry or other hearing.

#### Commencement Information

**I364** Sch. 8 para. 5 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(j\)](#)

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- 6 If proposals are adopted or approved in pursuance of paragraph 4 or 5 above paragraph 1 of this Schedule applies to the policies contained in the proposals as if—
- (a) they were policies contained in a development plan for the purposes of section 27 of the principal Act;
  - (b) the date of commencement of section 38 is the date when the proposals are adopted or approved.

#### Commencement Information

**I365** Sch. 8 para. 6 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(j\)](#)

- 7 (1) This paragraph applies if at the date of commencement of Part 1 a local planning authority have not prepared a unitary development plan in pursuance of section 12 of the principal Act.
- (2) References in paragraphs 3 to 6 to proposals for the alteration or replacement of a plan must be construed as references to the plan.

#### Commencement Information

**I366** Sch. 8 para. 7 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(j\)](#)

#### *Local plan*

- 8 (1) This paragraph applies to proposals for the alteration or replacement of a local plan for the area of a local planning authority.
- (2) If before the commencement of Part 2 of this Act the authority have not complied with section 40(2) of the principal Act (making copies of the proposals available for inspection)—
- (a) they must take no further step in relation to the proposals;
  - (b) the proposals have no effect.
- (3) In any other case paragraph 9 or 10 below applies.

#### Commencement Information

**I367** Sch. 8 para. 8 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(j\)](#)

- 9 (1) This paragraph applies if—
- (a) before the relevant date the local planning authority is not required to cause an inquiry or other hearing to be held by virtue of section 42(1) of the principal Act (inquiry must be held if objections made), or
  - (b) before the commencement of Part 2 of this Act a person is appointed under that section to hold an inquiry or other hearing.
- (2) If this paragraph applies the provisions of Chapter 2 of Part 2 of the principal Act continue to have effect in relation to the proposals.
- (3) The relevant date is whichever is the later of—

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- (a) the end of any period prescribed by regulations under section 53 of the principal Act for the making of objections to the proposals;
- (b) the commencement of Part 2 of this Act.

#### Commencement Information

**I368** Sch. 8 para. 9 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097, art. 2](#)

**I369** Sch. 8 para. 9 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202, art. 2\(j\)](#)

- 10
- (1) If paragraph 9 does not apply the provisions of Chapter 2 of Part 2 of the principal Act continue to have effect in relation to the proposals subject to the modifications in sub-paragraphs (2) to (5) below.
  - (2) If before the commencement of Part 2 of this Act the local planning authority have not published revised proposals in pursuance of regulations under section 53 of the principal Act—
    - (a) any provision of the regulations relating to publication of revised proposals must be ignored,
    - (b) the authority must comply again with section 40(2) of the principal Act.
  - (3) If before the commencement of Part 2 of this Act the local planning authority have published revised proposals in pursuance of regulations under section 53 of the principal Act the authority must comply again with section 40(2) of that Act.
  - (4) Any provision of regulations under section 53 of the principal Act which permits the local planning authority to modify proposals after an inquiry or other hearing has been held under section 42 of that Act must be ignored.
  - (5) If such an inquiry or other hearing is held the authority must adopt the proposals in accordance with the recommendations of the person appointed to hold the inquiry or other hearing.

#### Commencement Information

**I370** Sch. 8 para. 10 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202, art. 2\(j\)](#)

- 11
- (1) This paragraph applies if the Secretary of State thinks—
    - (a) that the conformity requirement is likely to give rise to inconsistency between the proposals and relevant policies or guidance, and
    - (b) that it is necessary or expedient to avoid such inconsistency.
  - (2) The Secretary of State may direct that to the extent specified in the direction the conformity requirement must be ignored.
  - (3) The Secretary of State must give reasons for the direction.
  - (4) The conformity requirement is—
    - (a) the requirement under section 36(4) of the principal Act that the local plan is to be in general conformity with the structure plan;
    - (b) the prohibition under section 43(3) of the principal Act on the adoption of proposals for a local plan or for its alteration or replacement which do not conform generally with the structure plan.

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(5) Relevant policies and guidance are—

- (a) national policies;
- (b) advice contained in guidance;
- (c) policies in the RSS.

#### Commencement Information

**I371** Sch. 8 para. 11 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(j\)](#)

12 If proposals are adopted or approved in pursuance of paragraphs 9 to 11 above paragraph 1 of this Schedule applies to the policies contained in the proposals as if—

- (a) they were policies contained in a development plan for the purposes of section 54 of the principal Act;
- (b) the date of commencement of section 38 is the date when the proposals are adopted or approved.

#### Commencement Information

**I372** Sch. 8 para. 12 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(j\)](#)

- 13 (1) This paragraph applies if at the date of commencement of Part 1 a local planning authority have not prepared a local plan in pursuance of section 36 of the principal Act.
- (2) References in paragraphs 8 to 12 to proposals for the alteration or replacement of a plan must be construed as references to the plan.

#### Commencement Information

**I373** Sch. 8 para. 13 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(j\)](#)

#### *Minerals and waste local plans*

14 Paragraphs 8 to 13 above apply to a minerals local plan and a waste local plan as they apply to a local plan and references in those paragraphs to a local planning authority must be construed as including references to a mineral planning authority and an authority who are entitled to prepare a waste local plan.

#### Commencement Information

**I374** Sch. 8 para. 14 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(j\)](#)

#### *Schemes*

- 15 (1) This paragraph applies to—
- (a) the local development scheme which a local planning authority are required to prepare and maintain under section 15 of this Act;

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- (b) the minerals and waste development scheme which a county council are required to prepare and maintain for any part of their area for which there is a district council.
- (2) During the transitional period the local planning authority or county council (as the case may be) must include in the scheme as a development plan document—
  - (a) any plan or document which relates to an old policy (for the purposes of paragraph 1 above) which has not been replaced by a new policy;
  - (b) any proposals adopted or approved by virtue of paragraphs 3 to 12 above.

#### Commencement Information

**I375** Sch. 8 para. 15 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(j\)](#)

#### *Savings*

- 16
- (1) The repeal by this Act of paragraphs 1 to 4 of Schedule 13 to the principal Act does not affect anything which is required or permitted to be done for the purposes of Chapter 2 of Part 6 of the principal Act during any time when a plan mentioned in any of those paragraphs continues to form part of the development plan by virtue of—
    - (a) paragraph 1 of this Schedule, or
    - (b) that paragraph as applied by any other provision of this Schedule.
  - (2) References to a plan mentioned in any of paragraphs 1 to 4 include any proposal for the alteration or replacement of the plan.
  - (3) The development plan is the development plan for the purposes of section 27 or 54 of the principal Act.

#### Commencement Information

**I376** Sch. 8 para. 16 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(j\)](#)

#### *Regulations and orders*

- 17
- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision for giving full effect to this Schedule.
  - (2) The regulations may, in particular—
    - (a) make such provision as he thinks is necessary in consequence of this Schedule;
    - (b) make provision to supplement any modifications of the principal Act required by this Schedule.
  - (3) The Secretary of State may by order make such provision as he thinks is necessary in consequence of anything done under or by virtue of this Schedule.
  - (4) Provision under sub-paragraph (3) includes provisions corresponding to that which could be made by order under Schedule 2 of the principal Act.

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#### Commencement Information

**I377** Sch. 8 para. 17 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I378** Sch. 8 para. 17 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(j\)](#)

- 18 The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision—
- (a) for treating anything done or purported to have been done for the purposes of Part 2 before the commencement of that Part as having been done after that commencement;
  - (b) for disregarding any requirement of section 19 in respect of anything done or purported to have been done for the purposes of any other provision of Part 2.

#### Commencement Information

**I379** Sch. 8 para. 18 in force at 6.8.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2097](#), [art. 2](#)

**I380** Sch. 8 para. 18 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(j\)](#)

#### Interpretation

- 19 (1) References to section 27 of the principal Act must be construed subject to section 28(3)(a) and (c) of that Act.
- (2) RSS must be construed in accordance with Part 1 of this Act.
- (3) Development plan document must be construed in accordance with Part 2 of this Act.

#### Commencement Information

**I381** Sch. 8 para. 19 in force at 28.9.2004 for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(j\)](#)

## SCHEDULE 9

## Section 120

### REPEALS

#### Commencement Information

**I382** Sch. 9 in force at 28.9.2004 for specified purposes for E. by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 2\(k\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. 1](#) (with [art. 4](#), [Sch. 2](#))

**I383** Sch. 9 in force at 28.9.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2202](#), [art. 3\(f\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. 2](#)

**I384** Sch. 9 in force at 31.10.2004 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2004/2593](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#)

**I385** Sch. 9 in force at 15.10.2005 for specified purposes for W. by [S.I. 2005/2847](#), [art. 2\(g\)](#), [Sch. 1](#) (with [art. 3](#), [Sch. 2](#))

**I386** Sch. 9 in force at 7.6.2006 for specified purposes for E.W. by [S.I. 2006/1281](#), [art. 2\(f\)](#)

**I387** Sch. 9 in force at 12.6.2006 for specified purposes for S. by [S.I. 2006/268](#), [art. 3\(e\)](#)

**I388** Sch. 9 in force at 10.8.2006 for specified purposes for E. by [S.I. 2006/1061](#), [art. 3\(b\)](#)

**I389** Sch. 9 in force at 30.6.2007 for specified purposes for W. by [S.I. 2007/1369](#), [art. 2\(b\)](#)

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| Land Compensation Act 1973 (c. 26)                        | Sections 34 to 36.<br>In section 87(1), in the definition of “dwelling”, “(except in section 29)”.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1973 (c. xxx) | In section 24(4), the second “Greater London development plan”.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Welsh Development Agency Act 1975 (c. 70)                 | In Schedule 4, paragraph 2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 (c. 65)      | In section 142(2A), “(subject to section 144(2))”.<br>In section 143(3A), “(subject to section 144(2))”.<br>In section 144(2), “the 1981 Act and”.<br>In Schedule 28, in paragraph 1, “The 1981 Act and” and the words from “and in paragraph 2” to the end.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Highways Act 1980 (c. 66)                                 | Section 259.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Housing Act 1988 (c. 50)                                  | In Schedule 10, paragraph 2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (c. 8)                 | Part 2.<br>In section 55(2)(b), the word “local”.<br>Section 73(3).<br>Section 76.<br>Section 83(1).<br>Sections 106 to 106B.<br>In section 220(3), the expression “62”.<br>In section 226, in subsection (1) the first “which” and subsection (2).<br>Section 245(2) and (3).<br>In section 284(1), paragraph (a).<br>In section 287, in subsection (5), paragraph (a) and in each of paragraphs (b) to (e) the words “by virtue of subsection (3)” and subsection (6).<br>Section 293(4).<br>Sections 294 to 297.<br>Section 298(1) and (2).<br>Sections 299 to 301.<br>Section 303(6).<br>In section 303A, in subsection (5) the words “or appointed as one of the persons who are to hold it”, the words “(in addition to what may be recovered by virtue of the appointment of any other person)” and in paragraph (c) the words “(or, in a case where that person is appointed as one of the persons who are to hold the qualifying inquiry, an appropriate proportion of any costs attributable to the appointment of |

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|                                                                               | an assessor to assist those persons)” and subsections (7) to (9).<br>In Schedule 1, paragraph 2, in paragraph 3(7) the words “but paragraph 4 shall apply to such applications instead”.<br>In Schedule 2, Parts 1, 2 and 3.<br>In Schedule 7, paragraphs 3 and 4.<br>In Schedule 13, paragraphs 1 to 4. |
| Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (c. 9)            | In section 10, in subsection (2) the words “shall be made in such form as the authority may require and” and in subsection (3) the word “and” after paragraph (b).<br>Section 67(2) to (7).<br>Sections 83 and 84.<br>In section 91(2), “ “development plan””.<br>In section 92(2)(a), “83, 84,”.        |
| Planning (Hazardous Substances) Act 1990 (c. 10)                              | Section 31(1) and (2).<br>Section 32.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Planning and Compensation Act 1991 (c. 34)                                    | Section 17(1).<br>In Schedule 4, Part 3.<br>In Schedule 18, Part 2 in the entry relating to the Land Compensation Act 1973, “section 36(6) (farm loss payment),”.                                                                                                                                        |
| Local Government Act 1992 (c. 19)                                             | In section 14(5), paragraph (d).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Leasehold Reform, Housing and Urban Development Act 1993 (c. 28)              | In Schedule 20, paragraph 2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Environment Act 1995 (c. 25)                                                  | In section 67, subsections (2) to (4).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (c. 8)                          | Section 242(4).<br>Sections 243 to 250.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 (c. 9) | Sections 74 and 75.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Planning (Hazardous Substances) (Scotland) Act 1997 (c. 10)                   | Section 31(1) and (2).<br>Section 32.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Regional Development Agencies Act 1998 (c. 45)                                | In Schedule 5, paragraph 1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (c. 37)                                | In section 86(4), “II,”.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 24 heading words substituted by 2011 c. 20 Sch. 8 para. 10(2)
- Pt. 6 omitted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 356
- s. 13(6) words substituted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 349
- s. 14(2)(c)(ii) words substituted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 350
- s. 15-37 words omitted in earlier amending provision 2023 c. 55, Sch. 7 by 2025 c. 34 Sch. 2 para. 10
- s. 15(3)(c) repealed by 2011 c. 20 Sch. 8 para. 8Sch. 25 Pt. 16
- s. 15LH(3) words inserted by 2025 c. 34 Sch. 2 para. 3(a)
- s. 15LH(3) words inserted by 2025 c. 34 Sch. 2 para. 3(b)
- s. 18(4)(b) modified (temp.) by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 5 para. 10
- s. 19(2)(b) repealed by 2011 c. 20 Sch. 8 para. 9Sch. 25 Pt. 16
- s. 19(2)(d) repealed by 2011 c. 20 Sch. 8 para. 9Sch. 25 Pt. 16
- s. 24(1)(a) repealed by 2011 c. 20 Sch. 8 para. 10(3)Sch. 25 Pt. 16
- s. 28(4) repealed by 2011 c. 20 Sch. 8 para. 11Sch. 25 Pt. 16
- s. 37(6)(6A) repealed by 2011 c. 20 Sch. 8 para. 12Sch. 25 Pt. 16
- s. 38(3) word repealed by 2011 c. 20 Sch. 25 Pt. 16
- s. 38(3)(a) and word repealed by 2011 c. 20 Sch. 8 para. 13(2)Sch. 25 Pt. 16
- s. 38(4) omitted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 351(a)
- s. 38(5A)-(5C) inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 93(2)
- s. 38(5A) word substituted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 351(b)
- s. 38(6) omitted (cond.) by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 351(c)
- s. 38(6) omitted by virtue of 2023 c. 55, s. 93(3) (as substituted) (cond.) by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 439(b)
- s. 38(6) words substituted by 2023 c. 55 s. 93(3)
- s. 38(9B) inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 93(4)
- s. 39(1)(b) words omitted in earlier amending provision 2023 c. 55, Sch. 8 para. 21(a) by 2025 c. 34 Sch. 2 para. 11(3)
- s. 39A(5)(b) words omitted in earlier amending provision 2023 c. 55, s. 100 by 2025 c. 34 Sch. 2 para. 9
- s. 39A(5)(ba) inserted by 2025 c. 34 Sch. 2 para. 4
- s. 45 omitted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 352
- s. 45(A1) inserted by 2011 c. 20 Sch. 8 para. 14(2)
- s. 45(1) words substituted by 2011 c. 20 Sch. 8 para. 14(3)
- s. 45(2) words repealed by 2011 c. 20 Sch. 8 para. 14(4)(a)Sch. 25 Pt. 16
- s. 45(2) words repealed by 2011 c. 20 Sch. 8 para. 14(4)(b)Sch. 25 Pt. 16
- s. 45(3) words repealed by 2011 c. 20 Sch. 8 para. 14(5)(a)(i)Sch. 25 Pt. 16
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- s. 54(2)(a) words substituted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 353(a)
- s. 54(3) words substituted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 353(a)
- s. 54(4)(b) words substituted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 353(a)
- s. 54(5) words substituted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 353(a)
- s. 54(7)(a) words substituted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 353(a)
- s. 54(8) omitted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 353(b)
- s. 55(2) omitted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 354
- s. 59(2A) omitted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 355(a)
- s. 59(8A) inserted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 355(b)
- s. 59(9) words inserted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 355(c)(i)
- s. 59(9) words substituted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 355(c)(ii)
- s. 62(5)(c) repealed by 2011 c. 20 Sch. 8 para. 15Sch. 25 Pt. 16
- s. 78(5) repealed by 2011 c. 20 Sch. 8 para. 16Sch. 25 Pt. 16
- s. 81(1) omitted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 357
- s. 82 omitted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 358
- s. 113(1) word substituted by 2011 c. 20 Sch. 8 para. 17(2)(b)
- s. 113(1) words substituted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 359(a)(iv)
- s. 113(1)(a) repealed by 2011 c. 20 Sch. 8 para. 17(2)(a)Sch. 25 Pt. 16
- s. 113(1)(b) omitted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 359(a)(i)
- s. 113(1)(d) omitted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 359(a)(i)
- s. 113(1)(e) word substituted (cond.) by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 359(a)(iii)
- s. 113(1)(e) words substituted (cond.) by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 359(a)(ii)
- s. 113(1)(e) words substituted in earlier amending provision 2023 c. 55, Sch. 8 para. 23(2)(c) (cond.) by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 446(c)(ii)
- s. 113(1)(ba) omitted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 359(a)(i)
- s. 113(9)(a) repealed by 2011 c. 20 Sch. 8 para. 17(3)Sch. 25 Pt. 16
- s. 113(9)(b) omitted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 359(b)
- s. 113(9)(d) omitted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 359(b)
- s. 113(9)(f) words inserted by 2025 c. 34 Sch. 2 para. 5(a)
- s. 113(9)(g) omitted in earlier amending provision 2023 c. 55, Sch. 8 para. 23(3)(c) by 2025 c. 34 Sch. 2 para. 11(4)(a)
- s. 113(9)(ba) omitted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 359(b)
- s. 113(9)(fa)(fb) inserted by 2025 c. 34 Sch. 2 para. 5(b)
- s. 113(11)(a) repealed by 2011 c. 20 Sch. 8 para. 17(4)Sch. 25 Pt. 16
- s. 113(11)(b) omitted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 359(c)
- s. 113(11)(d) omitted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 359(c)
- s. 113(11)(ba) omitted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 359(c)
- s. 113(12) repealed by 2011 c. 20 Sch. 8 para. 17(5)Sch. 25 Pt. 16
- s. 113(13) words inserted in earlier amending provision 2023 c. 55, Sch. 8 para. 23(5) by 2025 c. 34 Sch. 2 para. 11(4)(b)
- s. 114 words omitted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 360
- s. 117(4)(c) words inserted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 361
- s. 121(1) word omitted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 362(a)
- s. 121(3B)(b) omitted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 362(b)
- s. 121(5) omitted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 362(c)
- s. 122(5)(za) omitted in earlier amending provision 2023 c. 55, Sch. 8 para. 25(a) by 2025 c. 34 Sch. 2 para. 11(5)(a)
- s. 122(6) word omitted in earlier amending provision 2023 c. 55, Sch. 8 para. 21(b) by 2025 c. 34 Sch. 2 para. 11(5)(b)
- Sch. 6 para. 11(3) omitted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 363
- Sch. 7 para. 22(2)(a) repealed by 2011 c. 20 Sch. 25 Pt. 16
- Sch. 7 para. 22(3) repealed by 2011 c. 20 Sch. 25 Pt. 16
- Sch. 9 words omitted by 2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 364

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 18(4)(b) modified (temp.) by [2026 asc 7 Sch. 5 para. 10](#)
- s. 38(5A)-(5C) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 93\(2\)](#)
- s. 38(5A) word substituted by [2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 351\(b\)](#)
- s. 38(9B) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 93\(4\)](#)
- s. 39A(5)(ba) inserted by [2025 c. 34 Sch. 2 para. 4](#)
- s. 45(A1) inserted by [2011 c. 20 Sch. 8 para. 14\(2\)](#)
- s. 59(8A) inserted by [2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 355\(b\)](#)
- s. 113(9)(g) omitted in earlier amending provision [2023 c. 55, Sch 8 para 23\(3\)\(c\)](#) by [2025 c. 34 Sch. 2 para. 11\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 113(9)(fa)(fb) inserted by [2025 c. 34 Sch. 2 para. 5\(b\)](#)
- s. 122(5)(za) omitted in earlier amending provision [2023 c. 55, Sch. 8 para. 25\(a\)](#) by [2025 c. 34 Sch. 2 para. 11\(5\)\(a\)](#)