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2 Local Authorities (Goods and Services) Act 1970 (c. 39)
3 Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70)
4 Local Government Act 2000 (c. 22)
5 Freedom of Information Act 2000 (c. 36)
6 Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2005 (c. 10)
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8 Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 (nawm 1)
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1 Welsh Development Agency Act 1975 (c. 70)
2 In section 21A (powers of land acquisition), in subsection (5)—...
3 In section 21C (powers to advise on land matters), in...
4 (1) Schedule 4 (acquisition of land) is amended as follows....
5 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (c. 69)
6 (1) Section 27AA (sites of special scientific interest and limestone...
7 In section 37A (notification of designation of Ramsar sites), after...
8 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (c. 8)
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10 (1) Section 303A (responsibility of local planning authorities for costs...
11 In section 306 (contributions by local authorities and statutory
   undertakers),...
12 In section 324 (rights of entry), after subsection (1A) insert—...
13 In section 336 (interpretation), in subsection (1), after the definition...
14 In Schedule 4A (local development orders: procedure), in paragraph 5(1),...
15 In Schedule 13 (blighted land), in paragraph 1B, in note...
16 Water Resources Act 1991 (c. 57)
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18 In section 39 (right to withdraw support from land: notice),...
19 In section 41 (revocation of right to withdraw support), in...
20 Environment Act 1995 (c. 25)
21 Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (c. 37)
22 Finance Act 2003 (c. 14)
23 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (c. 5)
24 In section 19 (preparation of English local development documents), in...
25 In section 62 (local development plan), in subsection (5) (matters...
26 In section 74 (urban development corporations), for “section 60” substitute...
27 (1) Section 113 (validity of strategies, plans and documents) is...
28 Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (c. 16)
29 Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32)
30 Planning and Energy Act 2008 (c. 21)
31 (1) Section 1 (energy policies) is amended as follows.
32 In section 2 (interpretation), at the end insert— “strategic planning...
33 Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (c. 23)
34 (1) Paragraph 1 (marine plan authority to notify related planning...
35 (1) Paragraph 3 (marine plans to be compatible with certain...
36 In paragraph 9 (matters to which marine plan authority is...

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1 In TCPA 1990, after Schedule 4C insert— SCHEDULE 4D
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2 In section 59 of PCPA 2004 (correction of errors: supplementary),...

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1 TCPA 1990 is amended as follows.
2 In section 58 (granting of planning permission: general), in subsection...
3 In section 59 (development orders: general), in subsection (2)(b)—
4 Before section 62A insert— England: option to make application directly...
5 In section 70 (determination of applications), in subsection (1)(a), after...
6 In section 70A (power to decline to determine application), as...
7 After section 75 insert— Applications made to the Welsh Ministers:....
8 In section 87 (exclusion of certain land or descriptions of...
9 In section 88 (planning permission for development in enterprise zones),....
10 In section 92 (outline planning permission), in subsection (1), after...
11 In section 93 (provisions supplementary to sections 91 and 92),...
12 In section 99 (procedure for orders revoking or modifying planning...
13 In section 253 (procedure in anticipation of planning permission), in...
14 In section 257 (footpaths etc affected by other development: orders... 
15 (1) Section 284 (actions which may be questioned in legal...
16 (1) Section 288 (proceedings for questioning the validity of other...
17 (1) Section 293A (urgent Crown development: application) is amended as...
18 In section 303 (fees for planning applications, etc), after subsection...
19 (1) Section 316 (land of interested planning authorities and development...
20 (1) Section 319B (determination of procedure for certain proceedings) is...
21 In section 324 (rights of entry), in subsection (1), after...
22 In Schedule 1A (distribution of local planning authority functions: Wales),...
23 (1) In Schedule 16, Part 1 (provisions which may be...

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1 Highways Act 1980 (c. 66)
2 (1) Section 121 is amended as follows.
3 In Schedule 6, in paragraph 2B— (a) in sub-paragraph (1),...
4 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (c. 69)
5 In section 28F, after subsection (11) insert—
6 In section 28L, after subsection (13) insert—
7 In Schedule 15, in paragraph 10A— (a) in sub-paragraph (1),...
8 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (c. 8)
9 In section 175, in subsection (7), after “any proceedings” insert...
10 In section 196, in subsection (8), after “any proceedings” insert...
11 In section 208, omit subsection (11).
12 (1) Section 320 is amended as follows.
13 (1) Section 322 is amended as follows.
14 (1) Section 322A is amended as follows.
15 (1) Section 323 is amended as follows.
16 (1) Schedule 6 is amended as follows.
17 In Schedule 7, in paragraph 8— (a) in sub-paragraph (6),...
18 In Schedule 8, in paragraph 5— (a) in sub-paragraph (3),...
19 Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (c. 9)
20 In section 41, in subsection (8), after “any proceedings” insert...
21 (1) Section 89 is amended as follows.
22 In Schedule 3, in paragraph 6— (a) in sub-paragraph (4),...
23 Planning (Hazardous Substances) Act 1990 (c. 10)
24 In section 25, in subsection (5), after “any proceedings” insert...
25 (1) Section 37 is amended as follows.
26 In the Schedule, in paragraph 6— (a) in sub-paragraph (4),...
27 Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1992 (c. 53)

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2 In Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 2006...
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4 (1) TCPA 1990 is further amended as follows.
5 Orders under TCPA 1990
6 (1) Section 333 of TCPA 1990 is amended as follows....
7 (1) TCPA 1990 is further amended as follows.
8 Regulations and orders under the Commons Act 2006
9 In section 61(1) of that Act (interpretation), in the definition...