Town and Country Planning Act 1990

1990 CHAPTER 8

PART VII

ENFORCEMENT

[F1][*Breach of condition*

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 187A and cross heading inserted (27.7.1992) by Planning and Compensation Act 1991 (c. 34, SIF 123:1), **s.2** (with s. 84(5)); S.I. 1992/1630, **art. 2** (with art. 3(1))

[F2]187A Enforcement of conditions.

(1) This section applies where planning permission for carrying out any development of land has been granted subject to conditions.

(2) The local planning authority may, if any of the conditions is not complied with, serve a notice (in this Act referred to as a "breach of condition notice") on—

(a) any person who is carrying out or has carried out the development; or

(b) any person having control of the land,

requiring him to secure compliance with such of the conditions as are specified in the notice.

(3) References in this section to the person responsible are to the person on whom the breach of condition notice has been served.

(4) The conditions which may be specified in a notice served by virtue of subsection (2)(b) are any of the conditions regulating the use of the land.

(5) A breach of condition notice shall specify the steps which the authority consider ought to be taken, or the activities which the authority consider ought to cease, to secure compliance with the conditions specified in the notice.

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(6) The authority may by notice served on the person responsible withdraw the breach of condition notice, but its withdrawal shall not affect the power to serve on him a further breach of condition notice in respect of the conditions specified in the earlier notice or any other conditions.

(7) The period allowed for compliance with the notice is—

(a) such period of not less than twenty-eight days beginning with the date of service of the notice as may be specified in the notice; or

(b) that period as extended by a further notice served by the local planning authority on the person responsible.

(8) If, at any time after the end of the period allowed for compliance with the notice—

(a) any of the conditions specified in the notice is not complied with; and

(b) the steps specified in the notice have not been taken or, as the case may be, the activities specified in the notice have not ceased,

the person responsible is in breach of the notice.

(9) If the person responsible is in breach of the notice he shall be guilty of an offence.

(10) An offence under subsection (9) may be charged by reference to any day or longer period of time and a person may be convicted of a second or subsequent offence under that subsection by reference to any period of time following the preceding conviction for such an offence.

(11) It shall be a defence for a person charged with an offence under subsection (9) to prove—

(a) that he took all reasonable measures to secure compliance with the conditions specified in the notice; or

(b) where the notice was served on him by virtue of subsection (2)(b), that he no longer had control of the land.

(12) A person who is guilty of an offence under subsection (9) shall be liable on summary conviction—

[[F3](a) to a fine, if the land is in England, or

(b) to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale, if the land is in Wales.**]**

(13) In this section—

(a) "conditions" includes limitations; and

(b) references to carrying out any development include causing or permitting another to do so.**]**

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F3 S. 187A(12)(a)(b) substituted for s. 187A(12)(a)(b) and words (25.4.2024) by Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 (c. 55), **ss. 120(1)**, 255(3)(b) (with s. 247); S.I. 2024/452, reg. 3(g) (with reg. 9)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 187A: power to apply conferred (10.11.1993) by 1993 c. 28, **s. 171(4)(a)**; S.I. 1993/2762, **art. 3**

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C2 S. 187A: functions of local authority not to be responsibility of an executive of the authority (E.) (16.11.2000) by virtue of S.I. 2000/2853, reg. 2(1), **Sch. 1**
S. 187A restricted (E.) (13.4.2001) by S.I. 2001/1478, **reg. 3(a)**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act applied by 2023 asc 3 s. 79(2)
- Act applied by 2023 asc 3 s. 83(4)
- Act excluded by 2023 asc 3 s. 140(4)(b)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 165B inserted by 2024 asc 3 s. 99(5)
- s. 7(3) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 17 para. 2(2)
- s. 7A(6) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 17 para. 2(4)
- s. 7ZA inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 17 para. 2(3)
- s. 58B and cross-heading inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 102(1)
- s. 59A(3)(ba) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 4(b)
- s. 62B(5)(ca) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 17 para. 2(5)
- s. 70(2)(azb) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 6 para. 3(a)
- s. 70(3)(ca) inserted in earlier affecting provision 2016 c. 22, s. 5(8) by 2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 194
- s. 70(3A) inserted by 2017 c. 20 Sch. 3 para. 2
- s. 70A(5A) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 6 para. 4(a)
- s. 70A(10)(11) inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 110(4)(b)
- s. 70B(5A)(5B) inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 110(5)(b)
- s. 73B inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 110(2)
- s. 74(1C)(aa) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 6 para. 5(b)
- s. 75ZA and cross-heading inserted by 2016 c. 22 s. 155
- s. 83(1A)-(1C) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2004 c. 5, s. 45(2) by 2011 c. 20 Sch. 8 para. 14(4)(5)Sch. 25 Pt. 16
- s. 83(1A)-(1C) inserted by 2004 c. 5 s. 45(2)
- s. 83(2)-(2B) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2004 c. 5, s. 45(3) by 2011 c. 20 Sch. 8 para. 14(4)(5)Sch. 25 Pt. 16
- s. 83(2)-(2B) substituted for s. 83(2) by 2004 c. 5 s. 45(3)
- s. 83(4) inserted by 2004 c. 5 s. 45(4)
- s. 85(1A) inserted by 2004 c. 5 s. 45(6)
- s. 93(5)(6) inserted by 2017 c. 20 Sch. 3 para. 6
- s. 94(1)(e) and word inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 9 para. 1(15)
- s. 102(1A) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 6 para. 9(b)
- s. 106(1B) inserted by 2024 asc 3 s. 98(2)(a)
- s. 106(9)(ab) inserted by 2024 asc 3 s. 98(2)(b)
- s. 106(15) inserted by 2024 asc 3 s. 98(2)(c)
- s. 106A(9A) inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 125
- s. 106A(11)(zaa) inserted by 2024 asc 3 s. 98(3)
- s. 106D inserted by 2024 asc 3 s. 98(5)
- s. 106ZA inserted by 2016 c. 22 s. 158(1)
- s. 106ZB inserted by 2016 c. 22 s. 159(1)
- s. 106ZB(2)(a) omitted by 2023 c. 55 s. 130(3)(b)
- s. 108(1A)(1B) inserted by 2015 c. 7 Sch. 4 para. 15(4)
- s. 108(3A) inserted by 2004 c. 5 Sch. 6 para. 6
- s. 108(3B)(ba) inserted by 2015 c. 7 Sch. 4 para. 15(6)
- s. 108(3B)(ba) word omitted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 9 para. 1(16)(d)(i)
- s. 108(3B)(bb) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 9 para. 1(16)(d)(ii)
- s. 108(3DA) inserted by 2015 c. 7 Sch. 4 para. 15(7)

- s. 108(3DB) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 9 para. 1(16)(e)
- s. 141(6) inserted by 2017 c. 20 Sch. 3 para. 7
- s. 151(7B) inserted by 2024 asc 3 s. 99(4)
- s. 169(1)(a) words renumbered as s. 169(1)(a) by 2017 c. 20 s. 26(5)(a)
- s. 169(1)(b) inserted by 2017 c. 20 s. 26(5)(b)
- s. 169(7A)(7B) inserted by 2024 asc 3 s. 99(6)(a)
- s. 170(8D)-(8F) inserted by 2024 asc 3 s. 99(7)
- s. 170(8BA) inserted by 2017 c. 20 s. 26(6)
- s. 208(5A) inserted by 2008 c. 29 Sch. 10 para. 9(2)
- s. 303(1ZZA) inserted by 2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 87
- s. 303(10A) inserted by 2015 c. 7 Sch. 4 para. 19(3)
- s. 303(12) inserted by 2015 c. 7 Sch. 4 para. 19(4)
- s. 303A(1A)(za) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 7(2)(a)
- s. 303A(9B) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 7(4)
- s. 303A(10)(za) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 7(5)
- s. 303A(12) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 7(6)
- s. 303ZB inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 134
- s. 314A inserted by 2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 90
- s. 324(1A)(a) words in s. 324(1A) renumbered as s. 324(1A)(a) by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 9 para. 1(20)(a)
- s. 324(1A)(b) and word inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 9 para. 1(20)(b)
- s. 333(3ZZAA) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 9 para. 1(21)(b)
- s. 333(3ZB) inserted by 2016 c. 22 s. 159(2)
- s. 333(3ZZA) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 9 para. 1(21)(a)
- Sch. 1 para. 5(4) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 17 para. 2(7)(c)
- Sch. 1 para. 7(10)(10A) substituted for Sch. 1 para. 7(10) by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 11(2)
- Sch. 4B para. 11(3)-(5) inserted by 2017 c. 20 s. 7
- Sch. 4B para. 5(5)(za) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 6 para. 12(a)
- Sch. 4B para. 8(2)(ca) inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 102(2)(a)(ii)
- Sch. 4B para. 8(2)(da) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 6 para. 12(b)
- Sch. 4B para. 8(2)(fa) inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 99(1)(b)
- Sch. 4B para. 8(4A)(4B) inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 102(2)(b)
- Sch. 4B para. 8(2)(ea) substituted for Sch. 4B para. 8(2)(e) by 2023 c. 55 s. 99(1)(a)
- Sch. 7 para. 12(1)-(1C) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2004 c. 5 s. 45(9) by 2011 c. 20 Sch. 8 para. 14(7)
- Sch. 7 para. 12(1)-(1C) substituted for Sch. 7 para. 12(1) by 2004 c. 5 s. 45(9)
- Sch. 9 para. 1(1A) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 6 para. 13(b)
- Sch. 9A inserted by 2016 c. 22 Sch. 13
- Sch. 13 para. 24ZA inserted by 2024 asc 3 s. 99(2)(a)
- Sch. 13 para. 26 and cross-heading inserted by 2024 asc 3 s. 99(2)(b)
- Sch. 13 para. 24A inserted by 2017 c. 20 s. 26(7)