



Town and Country Planning (Minerals) Act 1981

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PART I

ENGLAND AND WALES

Compensation

12 Extension of right to compensation where planning permission revoked or modified

In subsection (1) of section 164 of that Act (which gives persons interested in land a right to compensation where planning permission is revoked or modified by an order under section 45) after the words " interested in the land " there shall be inserted the words " or a person who is without an interest in the land itself but has an interest in minerals in, on or under it ".

13 Special compensation in respect of orders under s. 45 relating to mineral working

The following section shall be inserted after section 164 of that Act—

“164A Compensation for certain orders under s. 45 relating to mineral working to be on special basis.

- (1) Where mineral compensation requirements are satisfied in relation to an order under section 45 of this Act, section 164 of this Act shall have effect subject to mineral compensation modifications.
- (2) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, mineral compensation requirements are satisfied in relation to an order under section 45 of this Act if—

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- (a) the order modifies planning permission for development consisting of the winning and working of minerals; and
 - (b) the order does not—
 - (i) impose any restriction on the winning and working of minerals; or
 - (ii) modify or replace any such restriction subject to which the planning permission was granted or which was imposed by a relevant order; and
 - (c) the mineral planning authority carried out special consultations about the making and terms of the order before they made it; and
 - (d) either—
 - (i) the permission was granted not less than five years before the date of the order; or
 - (ii) the conditions specified in subsection (3) of this section are satisfied.
- (3) The conditions mentioned in subsection (2)(d)(ii) of this section are—
- (a) that the planning permission which the order modifies was granted before the commencement of section 30A of this Act; and
 - (b) that the order—
 - (i) imposes an aftercare condition ; and
 - (ii) does not impose any other condition.
- (4) Where the mineral planning authority—
- (a) make an order under section 45 of this Act modifying planning permission for development consisting of the winning and working of minerals; and
 - (b) have previously made a relevant order or orders,
- mineral compensation requirements are not satisfied in relation to the order mentioned in paragraph (a) of this subsection unless it was made more than five years after the order previously made or the last such order.”.

14 Extension of right to compensation in respect of orders under s. 51

In subsection (2) of section 170 of that Act (which gives compensation to a person who has suffered damage in consequence of an order under section 51 by depreciation of the value of an interest in the land to which he is entitled, or by being disturbed in his enjoyment of the land) for the words " in the land to which he is entitled, or by being disturbed in his enjoyment of the land " there shall be substituted the words " to which he is entitled in the land or in minerals in, on or under it, or by being disturbed in his enjoyment of the land or of minerals in, on or under it ".

15 Compensation where resumption of mineral working is prohibited or suspension order is made

The following sections shall be inserted after section 170 of that Act—

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“170A Compensation in respect of orders under s. 51A and suspension orders.

Subject to section 170B of this Act, the provisions of section 170 of this Act shall apply where an order is made under section 51A of this Act or a suspension order or supplementary suspension order is made as they apply where an order is made under section 51 of this Act.

170B Compensation on special basis.

- (1) Where mineral compensation requirements are satisfied in relation to an order under section 51 or 51A of this Act, or in relation to a suspension order or supplementary suspension order, section 170 or 170A of this Act shall have effect subject to mineral compensation modifications.
- (2) Subject to subsection (6) of this section, mineral compensation requirements are satisfied in relation to an order under section 51 of this Act if—
 - (a) the order—
 - (i) imposes any conditions on the continuance of the use of land for the winning and working of minerals; or
 - (ii) requires that any buildings or works or plant or machinery used for the winning and working of minerals shall be altered or removed; and
 - (b) the conditions specified in subsection (5) of this section are satisfied.
- (3) Subject to subsection (6) of this section, mineral compensation requirements are satisfied in relation to an order under section 51A of this Act if the conditions specified in subsection (5)(a) and (c) of this section are satisfied.
- (4) Mineral compensation requirements are satisfied in relation to a suspension order or supplementary suspension order if the conditions specified in subsection (5)(c) of this section are satisfied.
- (5) The conditions mentioned in subsections (2)(b), (3) and (4) of this section are—
 - (a) that development consisting of the winning and working of minerals began not less than five years before the date of the order;
 - (b) that the order does not—
 - (i) impose any restriction on the winning and working of minerals; or
 - (ii) modify or replace any such restriction subject to which planning permission for development consisting of the winning and working of minerals was granted or which was imposed by a relevant order; and
 - (c) that the mineral planning authority carried out special consultations about the making and terms of the order before they made it.
- (6) Where the mineral planning authority—
 - (a) make—
 - (i) an order under section 51 of this Act which imposes any such conditions or makes any such requirement as is mentioned in subsection (2)(a) of this section; or

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(ii) an order under section 51A of this Act; and
 (b) have previously made a relevant order or orders,
 mineral compensation requirements are not satisfied in relation to the order mentioned in paragraph (a) of this subsection unless it was made more than five years after the order previously made or the last such order.”.

16 Mineral compensation modifications

The following sections shall be inserted after section 178 of that Act—

“178A Regulations as to compensation in respect of orders relating to mineral working—meaning of " mineral compensation modifications ".

- (1) The Secretary of State may by regulations made with the consent of the Treasury direct that sections 164, 170, 178, 237 and 238 of this Act shall have effect, where mineral compensation requirements are satisfied, subject, in such cases as may be specified in the regulations, to such modifications as may be so specified.
- (2) Any such regulations shall make provision as to circumstances in which compensation is not to be payable.
- (3) Any such regulations shall make provision—
 - (a) for the modification of the basis on which any amount to be paid by way of compensation is to be assessed ; or
 - (b) for the assessment of any such amount on a basis different from that on which it would otherwise have been assessed.
- (4) Regulations made by virtue of subsection (3)(a) of this section in relation to compensation where an order is made under section 45 or 51 of this Act shall provide that the amount of the compensation under section 164 or, as the case may be, 170 of this Act, shall be reduced—
 - (a) by the prescribed sum ; or
 - (b) by a sum equal to the prescribed percentage of the appropriate sum.
- (5) In subsection (4) of this section "the appropriate sum" means the product of the sum which represents the annual value of the right to win and work minerals at the site to which the order relates and a multiplier which the Secretary of State considers appropriate having regard to the period at the expiration of which the minerals in, on or under that site might be expected to be exhausted if they continued to be extracted at the rate which has been assumed for the purpose of calculating the annual value of the right to win and work them.
- (6) The prescribed percentage shall not be more than 10 per cent.
- (7) The annual value of the right to win and work the minerals shall be calculated in the prescribed manner.
- (8) In this Act " mineral compensation modifications " means modifications specified in regulations made by virtue of this section.
- (9) Regulations under this section—
 - (a) may make different provision for different cases; and

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- (b) may include such incidental or supplementary provisions as the Secretary of State considers expedient.
- (10) No regulations under this section shall have effect until approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.
- (11) Before making any such regulations the Secretary of State shall consult such persons or bodies of persons as appear to him to be representative—
 - (a) of persons carrying out mining operations ;
 - (b) of owners of interests in land containing minerals; and
 - (c) of mineral planning authorities.

178B Orders relating to mineral working— meaning of " special consultations ".

- (1) Any reference in this Act to a mineral planning authority carrying out special consultations about the making and terms of an order before they make it is a reference to their carrying out consultations —
 - (a) subject to subsection (2) of this section, with any person who has an interest—
 - (i) in the land to which the order will relate; or
 - (ii) in minerals in, on or under that land; and
 - (b) with the relevant authority.
- (2) The duty to consult imposed by subsection (1)(a) of this section is only a duty to consult persons whom the mineral planning authority are able to trace by taking reasonable steps to do so.
- (3) In subsection (1)(b) above "the relevant authority " means—
 - (a) if the land to which the order will relate is outside Greater London, the district council in whose area it is situated; and
 - (b) if it is in Greater London—
 - (i) where the order is to be made by a London borough council, the Greater London Council; and
 - (ii) where it is to be made by the Greater London Council, the London borough council in whose area the land is situated.

178C Orders relating to mineral working— meaning of " restriction on the winning and working of minerals " and "relevant order."

- (1) In this Act " restriction on the winning and working of minerals " means—
 - (a) in relation to planning permission granted for development consisting of the winning and working of minerals, a condition subject to which the permission was granted and which made provision to which this section applies; and
 - (b) in relation to an order under section 45 or 51 of this Act, a term of the order which made such provision.
- (2) This section applies to—
 - (a) any provision—

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- (i) for the period before the expiration of which development consisting of the winning and working of minerals was to be begun;
 - (ii) for the size of the area to be used for the winning and working of minerals;
 - (iii) for the depth to which operations for the winning and working of minerals were to extend ;
 - (iv) for the rate at which any particular mineral was to be extracted; or
 - (v) for the period at the expiration of which the winning and working of minerals was to cease ; and
- (b) any provision whose effect is in any way to restrict the total quantity of minerals to be extracted.

(3) In this Act "relevant order", in relation to any land, means an order under section 45, 51 or 51A of this Act.”.

17 Determination of claims

In subsection (1) of section 179 of that Act (determination of claims for compensation) after the words " this Act", in the second place where they occur, there shall be inserted the words " including any question of disputed compensation under section 164, 170, 178, 237 or 238 of this Act as modified by regulations under section 178A of this Act ".