



Planning Act 2008

2008 CHAPTER 29

PART 5

APPLICATIONS FOR ORDERS GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT

CHAPTER 3

ASSISTANCE FOR APPLICANTS AND OTHERS

51 Advice for potential applicants and others

(1) [^{F1}This section applies to advice] about—

- (a) applying for an order granting development consent;
- (b) making representations about an application, or a proposed application, for such an order.

[^{F2}(3) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision about the giving of advice to which this section applies.

(4) In particular, regulations under subsection (3) may make provision that has the effect that—

- (a) a request for advice made by an applicant, potential applicant or other person, or
 - (b) advice given to an applicant, potential applicant or other person,
- must be, or may be, disclosed by the Secretary of State to other persons or to the public generally.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 51(1) substituted (15.1.2012 for specified purposes, 1.4.2012 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 240(2), [Sch. 13 para. 10\(2\)](#); [S.I. 2012/57](#), art. 2(a); [S.I. 2012/628](#), art. 7(a)

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- F2** S. 51(3)(4) substituted for (15.1.2012 for specified purposes, 1.4.2012 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), s. 240(2), **Sch. 13 para. 10(3)**; [S.I. 2012/57](#), art. 2(a); [S.I. 2012/628](#), art. 7(a)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 51 partly in force; s. 51 in force for certain purposes at Royal Assent see [s. 241](#)
- I2** S. 51 in force at 1.10.2009 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2009/2260](#), **art. 2(b)**

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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):

- Pt. 10A inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 12 para. 1](#)
- s. 37(3A) inserted by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 15 para. 7](#)
- s. 37(3A) inserted by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 15 para. 7](#)
- s. 103(1A) inserted by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 15 para. 2](#)
- s. 103(1A) inserted by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 15 para. 2](#)
- s. 104(3)-(3B) substituted for s. 104(3) by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 15 para. 3\(2\)](#)
- s. 104(3)-(3B) substituted for s. 104(3) by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 15 para. 3\(2\)](#)
- s. 105(3)(4) inserted by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 15 para. 4\(1\)](#)
- s. 105(3)(4) inserted by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 15 para. 4\(1\)](#)
- s. 120(2)(c) inserted by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 15 para. 8](#)
- s. 120(2)(c) inserted by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 15 para. 8](#)
- s. 223(1)(za) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 139\(6\)](#)
- s. 232(5)(f) inserted by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 15 para. 9\(2\)](#)
- s. 232(5)(f) inserted by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 15 para. 9\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 2A inserted by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 15 para. 5](#)
- Sch. 2A inserted by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 15 para. 5](#)