

Growth and Infrastructure Act 2013

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Other infrastructure provisions

21 Consents under Electricity Act 1989: deemed planning permission

- Section 90 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (deemed planning permission: development with government authorisation) is amended as set out in subsections (2) and (3).
- (2) For subsection (2) substitute—
 - "(2) On granting or varying a consent under section 36 or 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 in relation to a generating station or electric line in England or Wales, the Secretary of State may give a direction for planning permission to be deemed to be granted, subject to such conditions (if any) as may be specified in the direction, for—
 - (a) so much of the operation or change of use to which the consent relates as constitutes development;
 - (b) any development ancillary to the operation or change of use to which the consent relates.
 - (2ZA) On varying a consent under section 36 or 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 in relation to a generating station or electric line in England or Wales, the Secretary of State may give one or more of the following directions (instead of, or as well as, a direction under subsection (2))—
 - (a) a direction for an existing planning permission deemed to be granted by virtue of a direction under subsection (2) (whenever made) to be varied as specified in the direction;
 - (b) a direction for any conditions subject to which any such existing planning permission was deemed to be granted to be varied as specified in the direction;
 - (c) a direction for any consent, agreement or approval given in respect of a condition subject to which any such existing planning permission was deemed to be granted to be treated as given in respect of a

condition subject to which a new or varied planning permission is deemed to be granted."

- (3) For subsection (5) substitute—
 - "(5) In subsection (2), the reference to ancillary development, in the case of a consent relating to the extension of a generating station, does not include any development which is not directly related to the generation of electricity by that station.
 - (6) In this section, references to England or Wales include—
 - (a) waters adjacent to England or Wales up to the seaward limits of the territorial sea, and
 - (b) a Renewable Energy Zone, except any part of a Renewable Energy Zone in relation to which the Scottish Ministers have functions.
 - (7) In this section "electric line", "extension", "generating station" and "Renewable Energy Zone" have the same meanings as in Part 1 of the Electricity Act 1989."
- (4) Section 57 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (deemed planning permission: development with government authorisation) is amended as set out in subsections (5) and (6).
- (5) For subsection (2) substitute—
 - "(2) On granting or varying a consent under section 36 or 37 of the Electricity Act 1989, the Scottish Ministers may give a direction for planning permission to be deemed to be granted, subject to such conditions (if any) as may be specified in the direction, for—
 - (a) so much of the operation or change of use to which the consent relates as constitutes development;
 - (b) any development ancillary to the operation or change of use to which the consent relates.
 - (2ZA) On varying a consent under section 36 or 37 of the Electricity Act 1989, the Scottish Ministers may give one or more of the following directions (instead of, or as well as, a direction under subsection (2))—
 - (a) a direction for an existing planning permission deemed to be granted by virtue of a direction under subsection (2) (whenever made) to be varied as specified in the direction;
 - (b) a direction for any conditions subject to which any such existing planning permission was deemed to be granted to be varied as specified in the direction;
 - (c) a direction for any consent, agreement or approval given in respect of a condition subject to which any such existing planning permission was deemed to be granted to be treated as given in respect of a condition subject to which a new or varied planning permission is deemed to be granted."
- (6) In subsection (5), for "In subsection (2) "ancillary development", in relation to development consisting of substitute "In subsection (2)(b), the reference to ancillary development, in the case of a consent relating to".