



Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 55

PART 9

COMPULSORY PURCHASE

Procedure

182 Confirmation proceedings

- (1) The Acquisition of Land Act 1981 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 13A (confirmation proceedings for contested orders), for subsections (2) to (6) substitute—
 - “(1A) The confirming authority must cause a public local inquiry to be held if—
 - (a) the order is subject to special parliamentary procedure, or
 - (b) in the case of an order to which section 16 applies, a certificate has been given under subsection (2) of that section.
 - (1B) If subsection (1A) does not apply, the confirming authority must either—
 - (a) cause a public local inquiry to be held, or
 - (b) follow the representations procedure.
 - (1C) In deciding between those options, the confirming authority must have regard to the scale and complexity of what is proposed by the order.
 - (1D) The representations procedure is a procedure to be prescribed.
 - (1E) The regulations prescribing the procedure must include—
 - (a) provision enabling each person who has made a remaining objection to make representations—
 - (i) in writing to the confirming authority, or
 - (ii) if the person so requests, at a hearing, and

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- (b) provision enabling the acquiring authority, and any other person the confirming authority thinks appropriate, to make representations—
 - (i) in writing to the confirming authority, or
 - (ii) if applicable, at a hearing held as mentioned in paragraph (a)(ii).
- (1F) The regulations may provide for hearings to be held by the confirming authority or by a person appointed by the confirming authority.
- (1G) In subsection (1E), “representations” means representations as to whether the order should be confirmed.
- (1H) Before confirming the order, the confirming authority must consider—
 - (a) each remaining objection;
 - (b) if a public local inquiry was held, the report of the person who held it;
 - (c) if the representations procedure was followed and the confirming authority held a hearing, the representations made at the hearing;
 - (d) if the representations procedure was followed and a person appointed by the confirming authority held a hearing, the report of that person;
 - (e) if the representations procedure was followed and written representations were made, those representations.
- (1I) The confirming authority may confirm the order with or without modifications.”
- (3) In section 13B (supplementary provision about written representations procedure)—
 - (a) in the heading, omit “Written”;
 - (b) in each of the following provisions, omit “written”—
 - (i) subsection (1);
 - (ii) subsection (2);
 - (iii) subsection (4);
 - (iv) subsection (6);
 - (v) subsection (7);
 - (c) in subsection (7), for “13A(6)” substitute “13A(1D)”.
- (4) In section 13C (confirmation of compulsory purchase order in stages), in subsection (3), for “13A(2) or (3)” substitute “13A(1A) or (1B)”.
- (5) In section 14D(3) (functions of inspector appointed by confirming authority), in paragraph (c), for the words from “13A(3)(a)” to the end substitute “13A”.

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 182 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 255\(7\)](#)
- I2** S. 182 in force at 31.3.2024 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2024/389](#), [reg. 2\(i\)](#)

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