SCHEDULE 12

Amendment of the Town and Country Planning (Enforcement) (Hearings Procedure)(England) Rules 2002

5. Rule 15 (notification of decision—non-transferred appeals) is amended as follows—

(a) after paragraph (2), insert—

"(2A) Notification in writing of a decision and reasons shall be taken to have been given to a person for the purposes of this rule where—

(a) the Secretary of State and the person have agreed that decisions, reasons, and copies of reports required under this rule to be given in writing may instead be accessed by that person on a website;

(b) the decision and reasons are a decision and reasons to which that agreement applies;

(c) the Secretary of State has published the decision and reasons on a website;

(d) the person is notified of—

(i) the publication of the decision and reasons on a website;

(ii) the address of the website;

(iii) the place on the website where the decision and reasons may be accessed, and how they may be accessed.";

(b) in paragraph (3), after "decision" in the first place in which it occurs, insert "or published on a website in accordance with paragraph (2A)";

(c) after paragraph (4), insert—

"(4A) For the purposes of the previous paragraph an opportunity shall be taken to have been given to a person where that person is notified of—

(a) publication of the relevant documents on a website;

(b) the address of the website;

(c) the place on the website where the documents may be accessed, and how they may be accessed.".