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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Town and Country Planning (Local  
Planning) (England) Regulations 2012**

**PART 3**

**Local development documents and directions by the Mayor of London**

**Local development documents**

**5.**—(1) For the purposes of section 17(7)(za)(1) of the Act the documents which are to be prepared as local development documents are—

- (a) any document prepared by a local planning authority individually or in cooperation with one or more other local planning authorities, which contains statements regarding one or more of the following—
  - (i) the development and use of land which the local planning authority wish to encourage during any specified period;
  - (ii) the allocation of sites for a particular type of development or use;
  - (iii) any environmental, social, design and economic objectives which are relevant to the attainment of the development and use of land mentioned in paragraph (i); and
  - (iv) development management and site allocation policies, which are intended to guide the determination of applications for planning permission;
- (b) where a document mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) contains policies applying to sites or areas by reference to an Ordnance Survey map, any map which accompanies that document and which shows how the adopted policies map would be amended by the document, if it were adopted.

(2) For the purposes of section 17(7)(za) of the Act the documents which, if prepared, are to be prepared as local development documents are—

- (a) any document which—
  - (i) relates only to part of the area of the local planning authority;
  - (ii) identifies that area as an area of significant change or special conservation; and
  - (iii) contains the local planning authority's policies in relation to the area; and
- (b) any other document which includes a site allocation policy.

**Local plans**

**6.** Any document of the description referred to in regulation 5(1)(a)(i), (ii) or (iv) or 5(2)(a) or (b) is a local plan.

### **Direction by the Mayor of London**

7.—(1) Where the Mayor of London has given a direction under section 15(4) or (8) of the Act to a local planning authority they must send a copy of it to the Secretary of State and, notwithstanding regulation 3(1), they must send—

- (a) one copy electronically; and
- (b) two copies in paper form.

(2) The time prescribed for the purposes of section 15(6B), (8B)(b) and (8C)(2) of the Act is 3 weeks starting on the day the Mayor of London gives the direction in question.

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(2) Subsections 15(6B), (8B) and (8C) were inserted by section 30 of the Greater London Authority Act 2007 (c.24).