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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2015 No. 659**

**The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (England) Order 2015**

**Citation, commencement and application**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (England) Order 2015 and comes into force on 6th April 2015.

(2) This Order applies in England only.

**Amendments to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995**

2. The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995(1) is amended as follows.

**Amendments in relation to changes of use**

3. In Part 3 of Schedule 2 (changes of use)—

(a) after Class A(2) insert—

**“Development not permitted**

**A.1.** Development is not permitted by Class A during the specified period if the building is a specified building.

**Conditions**

**A.2.—**(1) In the case of a building which is not a community asset, which is used for a purpose falling within Class A4 (drinking establishments) of the Schedule to the Use Classes Order(3), development is permitted by Class A subject to the following conditions.

(2) Before beginning the development the developer shall send a written request to the local planning authority as to whether the building has been nominated, which must include—

(a) the address of the building;

(b) the developer’s contact address; and

(c) the developer’s email address if the developer is content to receive communications electronically.

(3) If the building is nominated, whether at the date of request under paragraph A.2(2) or on a later date, the local planning authority must notify the developer as soon as is

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(1) [S.I. 1995/418](#). Relevant amendments were made by [S.I. 2005/85](#), [2013/1101](#) and [2013/2147](#).

(2) Class A of Part 3 was substituted by [S.I. 2005/85](#).

(3) Class A4 was inserted into the Schedule to the Use Classes Order by [S.I. 2005/84](#).

reasonably practicable after it is aware of the nomination, and on notification development is not permitted for the specified period.

(4) The development shall not begin before the expiry of a period of 56 days following the date of request under paragraph A.2(2) and must be completed within a period of 1 year of the date of that request.

### **Interpretation of Class A**

**A.3.** For the purposes of Class A—

“community asset” means a building which has been entered onto a list of assets of community value, including any building which has been subsequently excluded from that list under regulation 2(b) of the Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012<sup>(4)</sup>;

“list of assets of community value” means a list of land of community value maintained by a local authority under section 87(1) of the Localism Act 2011<sup>(5)</sup>;

“nomination” means a nomination made under section 89(2) of the Localism Act 2011 for a building to be included in a list of assets of community value and “nominated” is to be interpreted accordingly;

“specified building” means a building used for a purpose falling within Class A4 (drinking establishments) of the Schedule to the Use Classes Order—

- (a) which is a community asset; or
- (b) in respect of which the local planning authority has notified the developer of a nomination under paragraph A.2(3);

“specified period” means—

- (a) in relation to a building which is subject to a nomination of which the local planning authority have notified the developer under paragraph A.2(3), the period from the date of that notification to the date on which the building is entered onto—
  - (i) a list of assets of community value; or
  - (ii) a list of land nominated by unsuccessful community nominations under section 93 of the Localism Act 2011;
- (b) in relation to a building which is a community asset—
  - (i) 5 years beginning with the date on which the building was entered onto the list of assets of community value; or
  - (ii) where the building was removed from that list—
    - (aa) under regulation 2(c) of the Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012 following a successful appeal against listing or because the local authority no longer consider the land to be land of community value; or
    - (bb) under section 92(4)(a) of the Localism Act 2011 following the local authority’s decision on a review that the land concerned should not have been included in the local authority’s list of assets of community value,

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(4) S.I. 2012/2421.

(5) 2011 c.20.

the period from the date on which the building was entered onto the list of assets of community value to the date on which it was removed from that list.”

(b) after Class AA(6) insert—

**“Development not permitted**

**AA.1.** Development is not permitted by Class AA during the specified period if the building is a specified building.

**Conditions**

**AA.2.** In the case of a building which is not a community asset, which is used for a purpose falling within Class A4 (drinking establishments) of the Schedule to the Use Classes Order, development is permitted by Class AA subject to the conditions set out in paragraphs A.2(2) to (4).

**Interpretation of Class AA**

**AA.3.** For the purposes of Class AA, “community asset”, “specified building” and “specified period” have the meaning given in paragraph A.3.”; and

(c) after Class C(7) insert—

**“Development not permitted**

**C.1.** Development is not permitted by Class C during the specified period if the building is a specified building.

**Conditions**

**C.2.** In the case of a building which is not a community asset, which is used for a purpose falling within Class A4 (drinking establishments) of the Schedule to the Use Classes Order, development is permitted by Class C subject to the conditions set out in paragraphs A.2(2) to (4).

**Interpretation of Class C**

**C.3.** For the purposes of Class C, “community asset”, “specified building” and “specified period” have the meaning given in paragraph A.3.”.

**Amendments in relation to temporary buildings and uses**

**4.** In Part 4 of Schedule 2 (temporary buildings and uses) insert—

(a) in Class C(8)—

(i) at the end of paragraph C.1(d), for the full stop substitute a semi-colon and insert—

“(e) the building is a specified building and the development is undertaken during the specified period, regardless of whether any approval or notification has been given in accordance with paragraphs C.2(a) or (b).”;

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(6) Class AA was inserted into Part 3 by [S.I. 2005/85](#).

(7) Class C of Part 3 was amended by [S.I. 2005/85](#).

(8) Class C was inserted into Part 4 by [S.I. 2013/1101](#).

(ii) after paragraph C.2(a) insert—

“(aa) in the case of a building which is not a community asset, which is used for a purpose falling within Class A4 (drinking establishments) of the Schedule to the Use Classes Order—

(i) before beginning the development the developer shall send a written request to the local planning authority as to whether the building has been nominated, which must include;

(aa) the address of the building;

(bb) the developer’s contact address; and

(cc) the developer’s email address if the developer is content to receive communications electronically;

(ii) if the building is nominated, whether at the date of request under sub-paragraph (i) or on a later date, the local planning authority must notify the developer as soon as is reasonably practicable after it is aware of the nomination, and on notification development is not permitted for the specified period;

(iii) the development shall not begin before the expiry of a period of 56 days following the date of request under sub-paragraph (i) and must be completed within a period of 1 year of the date of that request;” and

(iii) in paragraph C.3, insert the following definitions in the appropriate places—

““community asset” means a building which has been entered onto a list of assets of community value, including any building which has been subsequently excluded from that list under regulation 2(b) of the Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012<sup>(9)</sup>;

“list of assets of community value” means a list of land of community value maintained by a local authority under section 87(1) of the Localism Act 2011<sup>(10)</sup>;

“nomination” means a nomination made under section 89(2) of the Localism Act 2011 for a building to be included in a list of assets of community value and “nominated” is to be interpreted accordingly;

“specified building” means a building used for a purpose falling within Class A4 (drinking establishments) of the Schedule to the Use Classes Order—

(a) which is a community asset; or

(b) in respect of which the local planning authority has notified the developer of a nomination under paragraph C.2(aa)(ii);

“specified period” means—

(a) in relation to a building which is subject to a nomination of which the local planning authority have notified the developer under paragraph C.2(aa)(ii), the period from the date of that notification to the date on which the building is entered onto—

(i) a list of assets of community value; or

(ii) a list of land nominated by unsuccessful community nominations under section 93 of the Localism Act 2011;

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<sup>(9)</sup> S.I. 2012/2421.

<sup>(10)</sup> 2011 c.20.

- (b) in relation to a building which is a community asset—
  - (i) 5 years beginning with the date on which the building was entered onto the list of assets of community value; or
  - (ii) where the building was removed from that list—
    - (aa) under regulation 2(c) of the Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012 following a successful appeal against listing or because the local authority no longer consider the land to be land of community value; or
    - (bb) under section 92(4)(a) of the Localism Act 2011 following the local authority’s decision on a review that the land concerned should not have been included in the local authority’s list of assets of community value,  
the period from the date on which the building was entered onto the list of assets of community value to the date on which it was removed from that list.”; and
- (b) in Class D(11)—
  - (i) at the end of paragraph D.1(e), for the full stop substitute a semi-colon and insert—
    - “(f) the building is a specified building and the development is undertaken during the specified period, regardless of whether any notification has been given in accordance with paragraph D.2(a).”;
  - (ii) at the end of paragraph D.2(e), for the full stop substitute a semi-colon and insert—
    - “(f) in the case of a building which is not a community asset, which is used for a purpose falling within Class A4 (drinking establishments) of the Schedule to the Use Classes Order, the conditions set out in paragraphs C.2(aa)(i) to (iii) shall apply.”;
  - (iii) in paragraph D.3, at the end insert “and “community asset”, “specified building” and “specified period” have the meaning given in paragraph C.3.”.

#### **Amendments in relation to the demolition of buildings**

- 5. In Class A(12) of Part 31 of Schedule 2 (demolition of buildings)—
  - (a) at the end of paragraph A.1(a) omit “or”;
  - (b) at the end of paragraph A.1(b), for the full stop substitute “; or” and insert—
    - “(c) the building is a specified building and the development is undertaken during the specified period, regardless of whether, in relation to the development, a prior approval event has occurred.”;
  - (c) in paragraph A.2(b) —
    - (i) for paragraph (i) substitute—
      - “(i) the developer shall, before beginning the development—
        - (aa) in all cases, apply to the local planning authority for a determination as to whether the prior approval of the authority will be required to the method of demolition and any proposed restoration of the site; and

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(11) Class D was inserted into Part 4 by S.I. 2013/1101.

(12) Class A of Part 31 was amended by S.I. 2013/2147.

- (bb) in cases where the building is not a community asset and is used for a purpose falling within Class A4 (drinking establishments) of the Schedule to the Use Classes Order, send a written request to the local planning authority as to whether the building has been nominated;”;
- (ii) for paragraph (ii) substitute—
- “(ii) an application described in sub-paragraph (b)(i)(aa) shall be accompanied by a written description of the proposed development, a statement that a notice has been posted in accordance with sub-paragraph (b)(iii) and any fee required to be paid;
- (iia) a request described in sub-paragraph (b)(i)(bb) must include the address of the building, the developer’s contact address and, if the developer is content to receive communications electronically, the developer’s email address;”;
- (iii) after paragraph (iv) insert—
- “(iva) where the building is used for a purpose falling within Class A4 (drinking establishments) of the Schedule to the Use Classes Order and the building is nominated, whether at the date of request under sub-paragraph (b)(i)(bb) or on a later date, the local planning authority must notify the developer as soon as is reasonably practicable after it is aware of the nomination, and on notification development is not permitted for the specified period;”;
- (iv) after paragraph (v) insert—
- “(va) where the building is used for a purpose falling within Class A4 (drinking establishments) of the Schedule to the Use Classes Order, in addition to the requirements of sub-paragraphs (b)(v) and (vii), the development shall not begin before the expiry of a period of 56 days following the date of request under sub-paragraph (b)(i)(bb) and must be completed within a period of 1 year of the date of that request;”;
- (v) in paragraph (vii), at the beginning, insert “subject to sub-paragraph (b)(va),”;
- (d) in paragraph A.3 insert the following definitions in the appropriate places—
- ““community asset” means a building which has been entered onto a list of assets of community value including any building which has been subsequently excluded from that list under regulation 2(b) of the Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012(13);
- “list of assets of community value” means a list of land of community value maintained by a local authority under section 87(1) of the Localism Act 2011(14);
- “nomination” means a nomination made under section 89(2) of the Localism Act 2011 for a building to be included in a list of assets of community value and
- “nominated” is to be interpreted accordingly;
- “prior approval event” means, in relation to a particular development—
- (i) the giving of prior approval by the local planning authority in relation to the matters in paragraph A.2(b)(i)(aa);
- (ii) a determination that such approval is not required to be given, or
- (iii) the expiry of the period for giving such a determination without the applicant being notified whether prior approval is required, given or refused;

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(13) S.I. 2012/2421.

(14) 2011 c.20.

“specified building” means a building used for a purpose falling within Class A4 (drinking establishments) of the Schedule to the Use Classes Order—

- (a) which is a community asset; or
- (b) in respect of which the local planning authority has notified the developer of a nomination under paragraph A.2(b)(iva);

“specified period” means—

- (a) in relation to a building which is subject to a nomination of which the local planning authority have notified the developer under paragraph A.2(b)(iva), the period from the date of that notification to the date on which the building is entered onto—

- (i) a list of assets of community value; or
  - (ii) a list of land nominated by unsuccessful community nominations under section 93 of the Localism Act 2011;

- (b) in relation to a building which is a community asset—

- (i) 5 years beginning with the date on which the building was entered onto the list of assets of community value; or

- (ii) where the building was removed from that list—

- (aa) under regulation 2(c) of the Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012 following a successful appeal against listing or because the local authority no longer consider the land to be land of community value; or

- (bb) under section 92(4)(a) of the Localism Act 2011 following the local authority’s decision on a review that the land concerned should not have been included in the local authority’s list of assets of community value,

the period from the date on which the building was entered onto the list of assets of community value to the date on which it was removed from that list.”

### **Transitional provisions**

**6.—(1)** The amendments made to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995(**15**) (“the General Permitted Development Order”) by this Order do not apply to development specified in paragraph (2) and accordingly, the General Permitted Development Order, in the form in which it existed immediately before the coming into force of this Order, continues to apply in relation to that development.

(2) Development is specified for the purposes of paragraph (1) where it consists of—

- (a) a change of use from a use falling within Class A4 (drinking establishments) of the Schedule to the Use Classes Order—

- (i) to a use permitted by Class C of Part 4 of Schedule 2 to the General Permitted Development Order provided that the change of use is carried out in accordance with the requirements of Class C and the site was approved for use as a state-funded school by the relevant Minister prior to 6th April 2015; or

- (ii) to a use permitted by Class D of Part 4 of Schedule 2 to the General Permitted Development Order provided that the change of use is carried out in accordance with

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(15) [S.I. 1995/418](#); Classes C and D of Part 4 of Schedule 2 to that Order were inserted by [S.I. 2013/1101](#) and Class A of Part 31 of that Schedule was amended by [S.I. 2013/2147](#).

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the requirements of Class D and the developer has notified (or further notified) the local planning authority under paragraph D.2(a) of Part 4 of that Schedule of the change of use prior to 6th April 2015; or

(b) demolition permitted by Class A of Part 31 of Schedule 2 to the General Permitted Development Order provided that the demolition is carried out in accordance with the requirements of Class A and, in relation to that demolition, a prior approval event occurred before 6th April 2015.

(3) For the purposes of article 6(2)—

“prior approval event” has the meaning given in article 5(d); and

“the Use Classes Order” means the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987<sup>(16)</sup>.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

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11th March 2015

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<sup>(16)</sup> S.I. 1987/764. Relevant amendments were made by S.I. 2005/84.