

**2018 No. 252 (C. 25)**

**ACQUISITION OF LAND, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 (Commencement No. 4  
and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2018**

*Made* - - - - *26th February 2018*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 46(1), (2) and (4) of the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017(a), makes the following Regulations:

**Citation**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 (Commencement No. 4 and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2018.

**Interpretation**

2. In these Regulations—

“the Act” means the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017;

“special enactment” means—

- (a) a local or private Act which authorises the compulsory purchase of land specifically identified in that Act; or
- (b) a provision which—
  - (i) is contained in an Act other than a local or private Act, and
  - (ii) authorises the compulsory purchase of land specifically identified in that Act.

**Provision coming into force on 6th April 2018**

3. The following provision of the Act comes into force on 6th April 2018—

- (a) section 38(b) (Timing of advance payments of compensation).

**Transitional provisions: Timing of advance payments of compensation**

4.—(1) The amendments made by section 38 of the Act only apply in relation to a compulsory purchase of land which is authorised on or after 6th April 2018.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation, a compulsory purchase of land is authorised—

- (a) by a compulsory purchase order, on the day on which the order is—
  - (i) confirmed by a Minister, the Welsh Ministers or another authority; or

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(a) 2017 c. 20.

(b) The Housing and Planning Act 2016 (Commencement No.7 and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2018 (to be made on the same date as these Regulations) will bring into force section 195 of the Housing and Planning Act 2016 on 6th April 2018. That section makes amendments to the Land Compensation Act 1973 that section 38 of the Act further amends.

- (ii) made by a Minister or the Welsh Ministers;
- (b) by an order under section 1 or 3 of the Transport and Works Act 1992(a), on the day on which the Secretary of State or the Welsh Ministers determine under section 13(1) of that Act to make the order;
- (c) by a harbour revision order, a harbour empowerment order or a harbour closure order under the Harbours Act 1964(b), on the day on which the order is made by a Minister, the Welsh Ministers or a person who is designated in an order made under section 42A(c) of that Act;
- (d) by any other order, on the day on which the order is made by a Minister or the Welsh Ministers; or
- (e) by a special enactment, on the day on which the special enactment is enacted.

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

*Dominic Raab*  
Minister of State

26th February 2018

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations bring into force a compulsory purchase provision of the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 (c. 20) (“the Act”) on 6th April 2018.

Regulation 3(a) brings into force section 38 of the Act which amends section 52 and section 52ZC of the Land Compensation Act 1973 (c. 26) (the “1973 Act”) to ensure that, where an acquiring authority is required to make an advance payment to a claimant or a payment to a mortgagee, the payment does not have to be made before the acquiring authority has received any further information required under section 52(2A)(b) of the 1973 Act (to estimate the amount of compensation) or under section 52ZC(2)(b) of the 1973 Act (to establish the amount of the mortgage).

Regulation 4 makes transitional provision in relation to the coming into force of section 38 of the Act. The amendments made by section 38 of the Act only apply in relation to a compulsory purchase of land which is authorised on or after 6th April 2018.

### NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT REGULATIONS

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.I. No.</i>
Section 1	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	2017/767
Section 2 (remainder)	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2018	2018/038
Section 3	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	2017/767
Section 4 (remainder)	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2018	2018/038
Section 5	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2018	2018/038
Section 6	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2018	2018/038
Section 8(1) and section 8(3)	16 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	2018/038
Section 9 (remainder)	16 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	2018/038
Section 10	16 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	2018/038
Section 11	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	2017/767

(a) 1992 c. 42.

(b) 1964 c. 40.

(c) Section 42A was inserted by section 315 of, and paragraphs 1 and 3(1) of Schedule 21 to, the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (c. 23).

Section 12 (remainder)	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	2017/767
Section 13(2)	31 <sup>st</sup> July 2018	2018/038
Section 14 (partially)	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	2017/767
Section 16	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	2017/767
Section 26(8)(b)	22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2017	2017/936
Sections 29 and 30	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	2017/767
Section 32 to 36	22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2017	2017/936
Section 37	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	2017/767
Section 41	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	2017/767
Schedule 1(remainder)	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2018	2018/038
Schedule 2 (remainder)	16 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	2018/038

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