

*These notes refer to the Planning (Wales) Act 2015  
(c.4) which received Royal Assent on 6 July 2015*

# PLANNING (WALES) ACT 2015

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### **Part 3 Development Planning**

##### ***Section 14 – Welsh Ministers’ power to direct preparation of joint Local Development Plan***

60. This section amends section 72 of the PCPA 2004, which allows local planning authorities to prepare a joint local development plan. The effect of the amendment is to give the Welsh Ministers a new power to direct two or more local planning authorities to prepare a joint local development plan and to require the Welsh Ministers to state their reasons for doing so. This power does not extend to National Park authorities.
61. The authorities receiving a direction must act jointly in exercising their functions relating to local development plans (including the functions of preparing, adopting and revising a local development plan). There are other provisions which deal with the situation where a direction is withdrawn in relation to one or all of the authorities (by applying existing provisions about what happens if an authority withdraws from an agreement to prepare a joint local development plan).