HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT (WALES) ACT 2023

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 3 — Buildings of special architectural or historic interest

Chapter 2 — Control of works affecting listed buildings

Section 108 — Compensation where consent is modified or revoked

- 381. Section 108 provides that any person interested in a listed building is, on making a claim, entitled to compensation for expenditure incurred in carrying out works which became abortive or for any other loss or damage caused by the modification or revocation of a consent.
- 382. Subsection (1) makes clear that the section only makes compensation payable where an order under section 107 is made by a planning authority and confirmed by the Welsh Ministers or is made by the Welsh Ministers. If a planning authority order takes effect under the procedure in paragraph of 3 of Schedule 8 (i.e. without the confirmation of the Welsh Ministers) no compensation is available. In those cases, affected persons will have chosen not to object to the order.
- 383. Irrespective of whether the order is made by the planning authority or the Welsh Ministers, the written compensation claim must be made to the planning authority in whose area the building is situated. A claim must be made within 6 months from the day on which the modification or revocation order took effect (subsections (2) and (5)).
- 384. For the purposes of this section, expenditure incurred in carrying out works includes the preparation of plans and other preparatory matters; these might include, but are not limited to, site surveys and investigations, the preparation of a heritage impact statement and the production of detailed specifications of methodologies and materials (subsections (2) and (3)).
- 385. If a planning authority is liable to pay compensation under section 108, section 171(3) provides that, under certain circumstances, the Welsh Ministers may contribute towards the payment of the compensation or direct that another local authority contribute an amount to the payment.
- 386. Sections 202, 203 and 204 make additional provisions about claims for compensation under this Act.