

*These notes refer to the Historic Environment (Wales) Act  
2023 (c.3) which received Royal Assent on 14 June 2023*

# **HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT (WALES) ACT 2023**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 3 — Buildings of special architectural or historic interest**

#### ***Chapter 4 — Enforcement of controls relating to listed buildings***

#### ***Section 131 — Power to enter land and take steps required by enforcement notice***

493. **Section 131(1)** provides for a situation in which a step required by an enforcement notice has not been taken within the time prescribed. In such a case, the planning authority may enter the land to which the enforcement notice relates at any reasonable time and take that step. This allows necessary conservation works to secure the special interest of the listed building that are detailed in the enforcement notice to take place in a timely fashion.
494. Subsections **(2)** and **(3)** provide that it is an offence to intentionally obstruct a person exercising the power under subsection **(1)** and that a person found guilty of such an offence is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.