
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2006 No. 1252

The Planning Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2006

PART IV

CROWN APPLICATION

Crown application

21.—(1) In Part XII of the principal Order before Article 113 (application to Crown land) insert—

“Application to the Crown

112A.—(1) This Order (except Articles 74, 76B, 80 and 82B) binds the Crown.

(2) But paragraph (1) is subject to express provision made by the following provisions of this Part.

Enforcement in relation to the Crown

112B.—(1) No act or omission done or suffered by or on behalf of the Crown constitutes an offence under this Order.

(2) But paragraph (1) does not have effect to prohibit the doing of anything by or on behalf of the Crown which falls within the circumstances described in Article 44(7)(a) to (d).

(3) The Department shall not take any step for the purposes of enforcement in relation to Crown land unless it has the consent of the appropriate authority.

(4) The appropriate authority may give consent under paragraph (3) subject to such conditions as it thinks appropriate.

(5) A step taken for the purposes of enforcement is anything done in connection with the enforcement of anything required to be done or prohibited by or under this Order.

(6) A step taken for the purposes of enforcement includes—

- (a) entering land;
- (b) bringing proceedings;
- (c) the making of an application.

(7) A step taken for the purposes of enforcement does not include—

- (a) service of a notice;
- (b) the making of an order (other than by a court).

References to an estate in land

112C.—(1) Paragraph (2) applies to the extent that an estate in land is a Crown estate.

(2) Anything which requires or is permitted to be done by or in relation to the owner of the estate in land shall be done by or in relation to the appropriate authority.

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(3) A person who is entitled to occupy Crown land by virtue of a licence in writing shall be treated for the purposes of this Article as having an estate in that land.

Applications for planning permission, etc. by Crown

112D.—(1) This Article applies to an application for—

- (a) planning permission, listed building consent, hazardous substances consent or conservation area consent; or
- (b) a determination under Article 48 or a certificate under Article 83B.

(2) The Department may by regulations modify or exclude any statutory provision relating to the making and determination of such applications.

Service of notices on the Crown

112E.—(1) Any notice or other document required under this Order to be served on the Crown shall be served on the appropriate authority.

(2) Section 24 of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 (c. 33) does not apply for the purposes of the service of such a notice or document.

(3) “Appropriate authority” shall be construed in accordance with Article 118(1).”.

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(3) Schedule 1 makes further amendments to the principal Order in relation to the application of that Order to the Crown.

Textual Amendments

F1 Art. 21(2) repealed (1.4.2015) by [Planning Act \(Northern-Ireland\) 2011 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 254(1)(2), [Sch. 7](#) (with s. 211); [S.R. 2015/49](#), art. 3, [Sch. 1](#) (with [Sch. 2](#)) (as amended (16.3.2016) by [S.R. 2016/159](#), art. 2)

National security

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Textual Amendments

F2 Art. 22 repealed (1.4.2015) by [Planning Act \(Northern-Ireland\) 2011 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 254(1)(2), [Sch. 7](#) (with s. 211); [S.R. 2015/49](#), art. 3, [Sch. 1](#) (with [Sch. 2](#)) (as amended (16.3.2016) by [S.R. 2016/159](#), art. 2)

Trees in conservation areas: acts of Crown

^{F3}**23.**

Textual Amendments

F3 Art. 23 repealed (1.4.2015) by [Planning Act \(Northern-Ireland\) 2011 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 254(1)(2), [Sch. 7](#) (with s. 211); [S.R. 2015/49](#), art. 3, [Sch. 1](#) (with [Sch. 2](#)) (as amended (16.3.2016) by [S.R. 2016/159](#), art. 2)

Subordinate legislation

24.—(1) The Department may by order subject to negative resolution provide that relevant subordinate legislation applies to the Crown.

(2) An order under paragraph (1) may modify such subordinate legislation to the extent that the Department thinks appropriate for the purposes of its application to the Crown.

(3) Relevant subordinate legislation is an instrument which—

- (a) is made under or (wholly or in part) for the purposes of the principal Order;
- (b) is made before the coming into operation of Article 21 of this Order; and
- (c) is specified in the order.

Crown application: transitional

25. Schedule 2 (which makes transitional provision in consequence of the application to the Crown of the principal Order) has effect.

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Commencement Orders yet to be applied to the The Planning Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2006

Commencement Orders bringing legislation that affects this Order into force:

- [S.R. 2015/49 art. 23Sch. 1](#) commences (2011 c. 25 (N.I.))