

2011 CHAPTER 25

PROSPECTIVE

Part 12

Correction of errors

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

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Correction of errors in decision documents

- **219.**—(1) This section applies if—
 - (a) a council issues a decision document which contains a correctable error; or
 - (b) the Department issues a decision document (other than a document referred to in section 222(2)(d) or (e)) which contains a correctable error.
- (2) The council may correct the error—
 - (a) if it is requested to do so in writing by any person;
 - (b) if it sends a statement in writing to the applicant which explains the error and states that it is considering making the correction.
- (3) But the council must not correct the error unless not later than the end of the relevant period it—
 - (a) receives a request mentioned in subsection (2)(a); or

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- (b) sends a statement mentioned in subsection (2)(b).
- (4) The relevant period is the period specified for the purposes of subsection (3) in a development order.
 - (5) In this section references to "the council" means—
 - (a) in relation to a decision document issued by a council, the council which issued the document;
 - (b) in relation to a decision document issued by the Department, the council within whose district the land to which the decision document relates is situated.

Correction notice

- **220.**—(1) If paragraph (a) or (b) of section 219(2) applies the council must as soon as practicable after making any correction or deciding not to make any correction issue a notice in writing (a correction notice) which—
 - (a) specifies the correction of the error; or
 - (b) gives notice of its decision not to correct such an error.
 - (2) The council must give the correction notice to—
 - (a) the applicant;
 - (b) if the applicant is not the owner of the land in respect of which the original decision was made, the owner;
 - (c) if the correction was requested by any other person, that person.

Effect of correction

- **221.**—(1) If a correction is made in pursuance of section 219—
 - (a) the original decision is taken not to have been made;
 - (b) the decision is taken for all purposes to have been made on the date the correction notice is issued.
- (2) If a correction is not made—
 - (a) the original decision continues to have full force and effect;
 - (b) nothing in this Part affects anything done in pursuance of or in respect of the decision.

Supplementary

- **222.**—(1) This section applies for the purposes of this Part.
- (2) A decision document is a document which records any of the following decisions—
 - (a) a decision to grant or refuse planning permission;

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- (b) a decision to grant outline planning permission;
- (c) a decision to approve reserved matters (within the meaning of section 62);
- (d) a decision to grant or to refuse to grant a certificate under section 169 or 170;
- (e) any decision relating—
 - (i) to an application for consent under a tree preservation order,
 - (ii) to an application for consent under any regulations made under section 130, or
 - (iii) to any certificate or direction under any such order or regulations;
- (f) a decision on an application for listed building consent under section 85(2) or (3);
- (g) a decision relating to any consent under section 105 (conservation area consent);
- (h) a decision under section 110 (determination of applications for hazardous substances consent);
- (i) any other decision under this Act which is of a description specified by the Department in a development order.
- (3) A correctable error is an error—
 - (a) which is contained in any part of the decision document which records the decision; but
 - (b) which is not part of any reasons given for the decision.
- (4) The applicant is in the case of a decision made on an application under this Act, the person who made the application.
 - (5) Error includes omission.

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