### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

## 2003 No. 410

# The Strategic Investment and Regeneration of Sites (Northern Ireland) Order 2003

## PART III

## **REGENERATION OF SITES**

Functions of the Office in relation to relevant sites

### Disposal of relevant sites by the [<sup>F1</sup>responsible department]

**10.**—(1) The [<sup>F1</sup>responsible department] may, with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel, dispose of any land forming all or part of a relevant site and vested in the [<sup>F1</sup>responsible department].

- (2) A disposal under this Article
  - (a) may be for value or otherwise; and
  - (b) shall be on such terms and conditions as the [<sup>F1</sup>responsible department] may think fit.
- (3) In particular on any such disposal the [<sup>F1</sup>responsible department] may
  - (a) impose such restrictions as the [<sup>F1</sup>responsible department] may think necessary on the use of the land disposed of; and
  - (b) grant or reserve such rights over the land as the [<sup>F1</sup>responsible department] may think fit.

(4) Nothing in section 5 of the Stormont Regulation and Government Property Act (Northern Ireland) 1933 (c. 6) affects the disposal by the [<sup>F1</sup>responsible department] of land forming all or part of a relevant site.

F1 Words in arts. 10-13 substituted (8.5.2016) by The Departments (Transfer of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/76), art. 1(3), Sch. 6 para. 5 (with art. 9(2))

## Regeneration of relevant sites by the [<sup>F1</sup>responsible department]

11.—(1) For the purpose of securing the regeneration of a relevant site, the [<sup>F1</sup> responsible department] may –

- (a) carry out the development or redevelopment of land, including the conversion or demolition of existing buildings;
- (b) carry out building and other operations;
- (c) provide services and facilities;
- (d) form, or acquire interests in, bodies corporate;

- (e) act with other persons, whether in partnership or otherwise;
- (f) give financial assistance to other bodies or persons in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (5);
- (g) carry out studies, investigations and research;
- (h) generally do anything necessary or expedient for that purpose.

(2) The [<sup>F1</sup>responsible department] may, with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel, provide financial assistance for any body or person doing or intending to do on or in relation to a relevant site anything falling within paragraph (3).

(3) Financial assistance under paragraph (2) may be provided for –

- (a) the promotion, development or regeneration of commercial, industrial or other economic activity;
- (b) the improvement of the environment;
- (c) the provision of housing;
- (d) the provision of social, cultural, recreational or community facilities;
- (e) the refurbishment or restructuring of buildings;
- (f) anything not falling within sub-paragraphs (a) to (e) which the [<sup>F1</sup>responsible department] considers will benefit the site.
- (4) Financial assistance under paragraph (2) may include -
  - (a) grants;
  - (b) loans;
  - (c) guarantees;
  - (d) the taking of any interest in property or in a body corporate.

(5) In providing financial assistance under paragraph (2), the [<sup>F1</sup>responsible department] may impose such conditions as it thinks fit, including conditions for repayment in specified circumstances.

F1 Words in arts. 10-13 substituted (8.5.2016) by The Departments (Transfer of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/76), art. 1(3), Sch. 6 para. 5 (with art. 9(2))

#### Acquisition of land by the [<sup>F1</sup>responsible department]

12.—(1) The [<sup>F1</sup>responsible department] may acquire by agreement or compulsorily land which –

- (a) is adjacent to a relevant site and is required by the [<sup>F1</sup>responsible department] for purposes connected with the discharge of its functions in relation to the site; or
- (b) is required to provide or improve access to a relevant site.

(2) Parts I and III of Schedule 2 shall have effect in relation to -

- (a) the compulsory acquisition of land under paragraph (1); and
- (b) powers of entry in connection with the acquisition of land under that paragraph.

(3) Where land is acquired by the [<sup>F1</sup> responsible department] under paragraph (1) in connection with a relevant site, that land shall for the purposes of this Part be taken to form part of the relevant site.

F1 Words in arts. 10-13 substituted (8.5.2016) by The Departments (Transfer of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/76), art. 1(3), Sch. 6 para. 5 (with art. 9(2))

#### Agreements and consultation with other bodies and persons

**13.**—(1) The [<sup>F1</sup>responsible department] may –

- (a) enter into an agreement with any person for the development of any land forming all or part of a relevant site, and
- (b) do anything which is required in order to secure the development of that land in accordance with such agreement.

(2) The [<sup>F1</sup>responsible department] shall consult –

- (a) the district council for the district in which a relevant site is situated;
- (b) such other public bodies as the [<sup>F1</sup>responsible department] thinks appropriate; and
- (c) such other bodies or persons as appear to the [<sup>F1</sup>responsible department] to have an interest in the site,

about the exercise of the [F2 responsible department's] functions under Article 11 in relation to the site.

- F1 Words in arts. 10-13 substituted (8.5.2016) by The Departments (Transfer of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/76), art. 1(3), Sch. 6 para. 5 (with art. 9(2))
- F2 Words in art. 13(2) substituted (8.5.2016) by The Departments (Transfer of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016/76), art. 1(3), Sch. 6 para. 6 (with art. 9(2))

#### Powers of Office not exercisable where development corporation established

14. Articles 10 to 13 do not apply in relation to any relevant site for which a development corporation is for the time being established under Article 15.

## Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Strategic Investment and Regeneration of Sites (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, Cross Heading: Functions of the Office in relation to relevant sites.