



New Towns Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 64

PART I

NEW TOWNS AND THEIR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS

New towns

1 Designation of areas.

(1) If the Secretary of State is satisfied, after consultation with any local authorities who appear to him to be concerned, that it is expedient in the national interest that any area of land should be developed as a new town by a corporation established under this Act, he may make an order designating that area as the site of the proposed new town.

^{F1}(2)

(3) An order under this section may include in the area designated as the site of the proposed new town any existing town or other centre of population; and references in this Act to a new town or proposed new town shall be construed accordingly.

[^{F2}(3A) Before making an order under this section designating an area of land in England as the site of a proposed new town, the Secretary of State must consult the following persons (as well as the local authorities mentioned in subsection (1))—

- (a) persons who appear to the Secretary of State to represent those living within, or in the vicinity of, the site;
- (b) persons who appear to the Secretary of State to represent businesses with any premises within, or in the vicinity of, the site;
- (c) any other person whom the Secretary of State considers it appropriate to consult.]

(4) Schedule 1 to this Act has effect with respect to the procedure to be followed in connection with the making of orders under this section [^{F3}designating areas of land in Wales] and with respect to the validity and date of operation of such orders.

(5) An order under this section shall, when operative, be a local land charge . . . ^{F4}

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Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 1(2) repealed (1.10.1998) by 1998 c. 38, s. 152, **Sch. 18 Pt. IV** (with ss. 137(1), 139(2), 141(1), 143(2)); S.I. 1998/2244, **art. 4**
- F2** S. 1(3A) inserted (13.7.2016) by Housing and Planning Act 2016 (c. 22), **ss. 169(2)(a)**, 216(3); S.I. 2016/733, reg. 3(g)
- F3** Words in s. 1(4) inserted (13.7.2016) by Housing and Planning Act 2016 (c. 22), **ss. 169(2)(b)**, 216(3); S.I. 2016/733, reg. 3(g)
- F4** Words repealed by New Towns and Urban Development Corporations Act 1985 (c. 5, SIF 123:3, 4), s. 14(2), **Sch. 4**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 1A(1) omitted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 16 para. 7\(3\)](#)
- s. 1A(2) omitted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 16 para. 7\(3\)](#)
- s. 1A(4) word inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 16 para. 7\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 1A(4) words substituted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 16 para. 7\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 1A(5)(a) words substituted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 16 para. 7\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 1ZA1ZB inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 172\(2\)](#)
- s. 2(1A) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 16 para. 8](#)
- s. 3(2B)-(2D) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 172\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 3(2ZA)(2ZB) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 178\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 7A7B inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 175\(2\)](#)
- s. 60(1A) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 179\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 77(3E) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 17 para. 1\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 10A10B and cross-heading inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 175\(3\)](#)