



Town and Country Planning Act 1990

1990 CHAPTER 8

PART VII

ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement notices

178 Execution and cost of works required by enforcement notice.

- ^{F1}(1) Where any steps required by an enforcement notice to be taken are not taken within the period for compliance with the notice, the local planning authority may—
- (a) enter the land and take the steps; and
 - (b) recover from the person who is then the owner of the land any expenses reasonably incurred by them in doing so.]

- (2) Where a copy of an enforcement notice has been served in respect of any breach of planning control ^{F2}. . .—
- (a) any expenses incurred by the owner or occupier of any land for the purpose of complying with the notice, and
 - (b) any sums paid by the owner of any land under subsection (1) in respect of expenses incurred by the local planning authority in taking steps required by such a notice to be taken,

shall be deemed to be incurred or paid for the use and at the request of the person by whom the breach of planning control was committed.

- (3) Regulations made under this Act may provide that—
- (a) section 276 of the ^{M1}Public Health Act 1936, (power of local authorities to sell materials removed in executing works under that Act subject to accounting for the proceeds of sale);
 - (b) section 289 of that Act (power to require the occupier of any premises to permit works to be executed by the owner of the premises); and
 - (c) section 294 of that Act (limit on liability of persons holding premises as agents or trustees in respect of the expenses recoverable under that Act),

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shall apply, subject to such adaptations and modifications as may be specified in the regulations, in relation to any steps required to be taken by an enforcement notice.

- (4) Regulations under subsection (3) applying section 289 of the Public Health Act 1936 may include adaptations and modifications for the purpose of giving the owner of land to which an enforcement notice relates the right, as against all other persons interested in the land, to comply with the requirements of the enforcement notice.
- (5) Regulations under subsection (3) may also provide for the charging on the land of any expenses recoverable by a local planning authority under subsection (1).
- ^{F3}[(6) Any person who wilfully obstructs a person acting in the exercise of powers under subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 178(1) substituted (2.1.1992) by [Planning and Compensation Act 1991 \(c. 34, SIF 123:1\)](#), **s. 7(1)** (with [s. 84\(5\)](#)); [S.I. 1991/2905](#), **art.3** (subject to [art. 5](#))
- F2** Words in s. 178(2) repealed (2.1.1992) by [Planning and Compensation Act 1991 \(c.34, SIF 123:1\)](#), ss. 32, 84(6), [Sch. 7 para. 25](#), **Sch. 19 Pt.1** (with [s. 84\(5\)](#)); [S.I. 1991/2905](#), **art. 3**, **Sch.2** (subject to [art. 5](#))
- F3** 178(6) substituted (2.1.1992) for s. 178(6)(7) by [Planning and Compensation Act 1991 \(c. 34, SIF 123:1\)](#), **s. 7(2)** (with [s. 84\(5\)](#)); [S.I. 1991/2905](#), **art.3** (subject to [art. 5](#))

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 178 applied (with modifications) (1.6.1992) by [S.I. 1992/656](#), **reg. 20(1)**, **Sch. 4 Pt. 2**
S. 178: power to apply conferred (10.11.1993) by [1993 c. 28](#), **s. 171(4)(a)**; [S.I. 1993/2762](#), **art. 3**
- C2** S. 178: power to modify conferred (11.3.1992 so far as to confer on the Secretary of State a power or impose on him a duty to make regulations, or make provision with respect to the exercise of any such power or duty, 1.6.1992 so far not already in force) by [Planning \(Hazardous Substances\) Act 1990 \(c. 10, SIF 123:1\)](#), **s. 25(1)(c)** (as amended (2.1.1992) by [1991 c. 34](#), **s. 84**, **Sch. 19**; [S.I. 1991/2905](#), **art. 3**, **Sch. 2**); [S.I. 1992/725](#), **arts. 2, 3**
- C3** Ss. 178-181 applied (with modifications) (E.) (1.6.2015) by [The Planning \(Hazardous Substances\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/627\)](#), **regs. 1(1), 15**, **Sch. 4 Pt. 2** (with [reg. 34](#))
- C4** Ss. 178-181 applied (with modifications) (W.) (4.9.2015) by [The Planning \(Hazardous Substances\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1597\)](#), **regs. 1(1), 18**, **Sch. 4 Pt. 2** (with [reg. 36](#))

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1936 c. 49.

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- Act applied by [2023 asc 3 s. 79\(2\)](#)
- Act applied by [2023 asc 3 s. 83\(4\)](#)
- Act excluded by [2023 asc 3 s. 140\(4\)\(b\)](#)

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

- s. 7(3) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 17 para. 2\(2\)](#)
- s. 7A(6) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 17 para. 2\(4\)](#)
- s. 7ZA inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 17 para. 2\(3\)](#)
- s. 58B and cross-heading inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 102\(1\)](#)
- s. 59A(3)(ba) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 4\(b\)](#)
- s. 62(2A)(za) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 124\(2\)](#)
- s. 62B(5)(ca) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 17 para. 2\(5\)](#)
- s. 70(2)(azb) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 6 para. 3\(a\)](#)
- s. 70(3)(ca) inserted in earlier affecting provision 2016 c. 22, s. 5(8) by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 194](#)
- s. 70(3A) inserted by [2017 c. 20 Sch. 3 para. 2](#)
- s. 70A(5A) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 6 para. 4\(a\)](#)
- s. 70A(10)(11) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 110\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 70B(5A)(5B) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 110\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 73B inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 110\(2\)](#)
- s. 74(1C)(aa) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 6 para. 5\(b\)](#)
- s. 75ZA and cross-heading inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 155](#)
- s. 83(1A)-(1C) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2004 c. 5, s. 45(2) by [2011 c. 20 Sch. 8 para. 14\(4\)\(5\)Sch. 25 Pt. 16](#)
- s. 83(1A)-(1C) inserted by [2004 c. 5 s. 45\(2\)](#)
- s. 83(2)-(2B) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2004 c. 5, s. 45(3) by [2011 c. 20 Sch. 8 para. 14\(4\)\(5\)Sch. 25 Pt. 16](#)
- s. 83(2)-(2B) substituted for s. 83(2) by [2004 c. 5 s. 45\(3\)](#)
- s. 83(4) inserted by [2004 c. 5 s. 45\(4\)](#)
- s. 85(1A) inserted by [2004 c. 5 s. 45\(6\)](#)
- s. 93(5)(6) inserted by [2017 c. 20 Sch. 3 para. 6](#)
- s. 94(1)(e) and word inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 9 para. 1\(15\)](#)
- s. 102(1A) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 6 para. 9\(b\)](#)
- s. 106A(9A) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 125](#)
- s. 106ZA inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 158\(1\)](#)
- s. 106ZB inserted by [2016 c. 22 s. 159\(1\)](#)
- s. 106ZB(2)(a) omitted by [2023 c. 55 s. 130\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 108(1A)(1B) inserted by [2015 c. 7 Sch. 4 para. 15\(4\)](#)
- s. 108(3A) inserted by [2004 c. 5 Sch. 6 para. 6](#)
- s. 108(3B)(ba) inserted by [2015 c. 7 Sch. 4 para. 15\(6\)](#)
- s. 108(3B)(ba) word omitted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 9 para. 1\(16\)\(d\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 108(3B)(bb) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 9 para. 1\(16\)\(d\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 108(3DA) inserted by [2015 c. 7 Sch. 4 para. 15\(7\)](#)
- s. 108(3DB) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 9 para. 1\(16\)\(e\)](#)
- s. 141(6) inserted by [2017 c. 20 Sch. 3 para. 7](#)
- s. 169(1)(a) words renumbered as s. 169(1)(a) by [2017 c. 20 s. 26\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 169(1)(b) inserted by [2017 c. 20 s. 26\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 170(8BA) inserted by [2017 c. 20 s. 26\(6\)](#)
- s. 171A(2)(za) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 117\(2\)\(a\)](#)

- s. 171B(1)(a)(b) substituted for words by 2023 c. 55 s. 115(1)
- s. 171B(2)(a)(b) substituted for words by 2023 c. 55 s. 115(2)
- s. 171E(8) inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 116(3)
- s. 172ZA inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 117(3)
- s. 174(2AA)(b) words substituted by 2023 c. 55 s. 113(6)
- s. 176(6) inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 119(2)
- s. 188(1)(zb) inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 117(4)(a)
- s. 195(3A) inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 119(3)
- s. 196(1A) inserted by 2008 c. 29 Sch. 10 para. 8(2)
- s. 208(5A) inserted by 2008 c. 29 Sch. 10 para. 9(2)
- s. 216(2)(a)(b) substituted for words by 2023 c. 55 s. 120(2)(a)
- s. 216(6A) inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 120(2)(c)
- s. 303(1ZZA) inserted by 2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 87
- s. 303(10A) inserted by 2015 c. 7 Sch. 4 para. 19(3)
- s. 303(12) inserted by 2015 c. 7 Sch. 4 para. 19(4)
- s. 303A(1A)(za) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 7(2)(a)
- s. 303A(9B) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 7(4)
- s. 303A(10)(za) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 7(5)
- s. 303A(12) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 7(6)
- s. 303ZB inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 134
- s. 314A inserted by 2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 90
- s. 324(1A)(a) words in s. 324(1A) renumbered as s. 324(1A)(a) by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 9 para. 1(20)(a)
- s. 324(1A)(b) and word inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 9 para. 1(20)(b)
- s. 327ZA applied (with modifications) by 1990 c. 10, s. 37 (as amended) by 2023 c. 55 s. 124(7)(a)
- s. 327ZA applied by 1990 c. 9, s. 89(1) (as amended) by 2023 c. 55 s. 124(5)(a)
- s. 327ZA inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 124(1)
- s. 327ZA modified by 1990 c. 9, s. 89(1ZC) (as inserted) by 2023 c. 55 s. 124(5)(b)
- s. 333(3ZZAA) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 9 para. 1(21)(b)
- s. 333(3ZB) inserted by 2016 c. 22 s. 159(2)
- s. 333(3ZZA) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 9 para. 1(21)(a)
- Sch. 1 para. 5(4) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 17 para. 2(7)(c)
- Sch. 1 para. 7(10)(10A) substituted for Sch. 1 para. 7(10) by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 11(2)
- Sch. 4B para. 11(3)-(5) inserted by 2017 c. 20 s. 7
- Sch. 4B para. 8(2)(fa) inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 99(1)(b)
- Sch. 4B para. 8(2)(ca) inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 102(2)(a)(ii)
- Sch. 4B para. 8(4A)(4B) inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 102(2)(b)
- Sch. 4B para. 5(5)(za) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 6 para. 12(a)
- Sch. 4B para. 8(2)(da) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 6 para. 12(b)
- Sch. 4B para. 8(2)(ea) substituted for Sch. 4B para. 8(2)(e) by 2023 c. 55 s. 99(1)(a)
- Sch. 7 para. 12(1)-(1C) amendment to earlier affecting provision 2004 c. 5 s. 45(9) by 2011 c. 20 Sch. 8 para. 14(7)
- Sch. 7 para. 12(1)-(1C) substituted for Sch. 7 para. 12(1) by 2004 c. 5 s. 45(9)
- Sch. 7A para. 14(4) inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 124(3)
- Sch. 9 para. 1(1A) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 6 para. 13(b)
- Sch. 9A inserted by 2016 c. 22 Sch. 13
- Sch. 13 para. 24A inserted by 2017 c. 20 s. 26(7)