

*These notes refer to the Greater London Authority Act 2007
(c.24) which received Royal Assent on 23 October 2007*

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY ACT 2007

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SUMMARY

Part 7 - Planning

9. [Sections 29 to 36](#) concern town and country planning in Greater London. Section 29 introduces additional procedures relating to consultation on the Mayor's spatial development strategy. Section 30 gives the Mayor a power of intervention in respect of a local planning authority's local development scheme. Sections 31 to 34 give the Mayor power to determine planning applications which are of "potential strategic importance" and certain related applications, in place of the local planning authority. There is power to modify enactments relating to enforcement, so as to allow the Mayor to enforce the terms of any planning permission he has granted. They also enable the Mayor to exercise functions of a local planning authority in relation to planning obligations under section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Section 35 requires the Mayor to give the opportunity of a "representation hearing" before making a decision on a planning application. Section 36 enables regulations made under section 46 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 to provide for cases where a planning contribution is made in circumstances in which the Mayor is acting in place of the local planning authority.