



Planning Act 2008

2008 CHAPTER 29

PART 7

ORDERS GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT

CHAPTER 3

GENERAL

155 When development begins

- (1) For the purposes of this Act (except Part 11) development is taken to begin on the earliest date on which any material operation comprised in, or carried out for the purposes of, the development begins to be carried out.
- (2) “Material operation” means any operation except an operation of a prescribed description.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 155 modified (1.3.2010) by [The Infrastructure Planning \(Miscellaneous Prescribed Provisions\) Regulations 2010 \(S.I. 2010/105\)](#), regs. 1(1), 4

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 155 partly in force; s. 155 in force for certain purposes at Royal Assent see s. 241
- I2** S. 155 in force at 1.3.2010 by [S.I. 2010/101](#), [art. 3\(i\)](#) (with [art. 6](#))

Changes to legislation:

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- s. 155 applied by [S.I. 2024/360 art. 55](#)
- s. 155(1) words substituted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 12 para. 6\(b\)](#)

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- Pt. 10A inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 12 para. 1](#)
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- Sch. 2A inserted by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 15 para. 5](#)