



# Housing and Planning Act 2016

## 2016 CHAPTER 22

### PART 6

#### PLANNING IN ENGLAND

##### *Neighbourhood planning*

#### **141 Making neighbourhood development orders and plans: intervention powers**

- (1) In Schedule 4B to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, before paragraph 14 insert—

##### **“Intervention powers of Secretary of State**

13B (1) This paragraph applies where the qualifying body requests the Secretary of State to intervene under this paragraph and—

- (a) the local planning authority have failed, by the applicable date prescribed under paragraph 13A, to take a decision as to whether a referendum is (or referendums are) to be held on the making of a neighbourhood development order,
- (b) a recommendation made under paragraph 10(2) is not followed by the authority, or
- (c) the authority make any modification under paragraph 12(5) that is not—

- (i) a modification recommended under paragraph 10(2)(b),
- (ii) a modification that the authority consider needs to be made to secure that the draft order does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations,
- (iii) a modification that the authority consider needs to be made to secure that the draft order is compatible with the Convention rights, or
- (iv) a modification for the purpose of correcting an error.

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- (2) The Secretary of State may exercise functions of the local planning authority under paragraph 12(2) and (3) and—
    - (a) if satisfied that paragraph (a) or (b) of paragraph 12(4) applies, may direct the authority to make arrangements for a referendum (or referendums) to be held on the making of a neighbourhood development order;
    - (b) if not so satisfied, may direct the authority to refuse the proposal.
  - (3) The Secretary of State may direct the authority to take the actions referred to in paragraph 12(8) and (9).
  - (4) If by reason (wholly or partly) of new evidence or a new fact, or a different view taken by the Secretary of State as to a particular fact, the Secretary of State proposes to direct the local planning authority to act in a way that is not in accordance with what was recommended by the examiner—
    - (a) the Secretary of State may require the authority to notify prescribed persons of the proposed direction (and the reason for it) and invite representations;
    - (b) the Secretary of State may also require them to refer the issue to independent examination.
  - (5) The order on which a referendum is (or referendums are) to be held by virtue of sub-paragraph (2)(a) is the draft order subject to such modification (if any) as the Secretary of State or the local planning authority consider appropriate.
  - (6) The only modifications the local planning authority may make under sub-paragraph (5) are—
    - (a) modifications that the authority consider need to be made to secure that the draft order does not breach, and is otherwise compatible with, EU obligations,
    - (b) modifications that the authority consider need to be made to secure that the draft order is compatible with the Convention rights, and
    - (c) modifications for the purpose of correcting errors.
- 13C Regulations may make provision supplementing that made by paragraph 13B; and the regulations may in particular—
- (a) prescribe the form and content of a request by the qualifying body under paragraph 13B(1) and the date by which it must be made;
  - (b) confer power on the Secretary of State to direct a local planning authority to refrain from taking any action specified in the direction that they would otherwise be required or entitled to take under paragraph 12 or 13;
  - (c) make provision under which decisions falling to be made by the Secretary of State under paragraph 13B may be made instead by a person appointed by the Secretary of State for the purpose (an “inspector”);
  - (d) prescribe matters that the Secretary of State or an inspector must take into account in making a decision;
  - (e) require a local planning authority to provide prescribed information to the Secretary of State or to an inspector;

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- (f) make provision about examinations carried out by virtue of paragraph 13B(4)(b) (including any provision of a kind mentioned in paragraph 11(2));
  - (g) make provision (in addition to that made by paragraph 13B(4)(b)) for the holding of an examination, and for the payment by a local planning authority of remuneration and expenses of the examiner;
  - (h) provide for the Secretary of State, or a local planning authority on the direction of the Secretary of State, to notify to prescribed persons and to publish—
    - (i) prescribed decisions made by the Secretary of State under paragraph 13B,
    - (ii) the reasons for making those decisions, and
    - (iii) other prescribed matters relating to those decisions.”
- (2) In paragraph 14 of that Schedule (referendum), in sub-paragraph (1), after “as a result of paragraph 12(4)” insert “ or a direction under paragraph 13B(2)(a) ”.
- (3) In section 61N of that Act (legal challenges in relation to neighbourhood development orders), in subsection (2), before “only if” insert “ or paragraph 13B of that Schedule (intervention powers of Secretary of State) ”.

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#### Commencement Information

**II** [S. 141](#) in force at 1.10.2016 by [S.I. 2016/733](#), [reg. 4\(1\)\(b\)](#)

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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. 172(1)(a) words renumbered as s. 172(1)(a) by [2017 c. 20 s. 26\(8\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 172(1)(b) inserted by [2017 c. 20 s. 26\(8\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)