



Housing and Planning Act 2016

2016 CHAPTER 22

PART 7

COMPULSORY PURCHASE ETC

Confirmation and time limits

181 Confirmation by inspector

- (1) The Acquisition of Land Act 1981 is amended as follows.
- (2) After section 14C (inserted by section 180 of this Act), insert—

“14D Power to appoint inspector

- (1) A confirming authority may appoint a person (“an inspector”) to act instead of it in relation to the confirmation of a compulsory purchase order to which section 13A applies.
- (2) An inspector may be appointed to act in relation to—
 - (a) a specific compulsory purchase order, or
 - (b) a description of compulsory purchase orders.
- (3) An inspector—
 - (a) has the same functions as a confirming authority under this Part (excluding this section),
 - (b) retains those functions even if all remaining objections are withdrawn after the inspector has begun to act in relation to a compulsory purchase order, and
 - (c) may hold a public local inquiry under section 13A(3)(a) or act as the person appointed to hear remaining objections under section 13A(3)(b).

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- (4) Where an inspector is to act in relation to a compulsory purchase order, the confirming authority must inform—
 - (a) every person who has made a remaining objection, and
 - (b) the acquiring authority.
 - (5) Where an inspector decides whether or not to confirm the whole or part of a compulsory purchase order, the inspector's decision is to be treated as that of the confirming authority.
 - (6) The confirming authority may at any time—
 - (a) revoke its appointment of an inspector, and
 - (b) appoint another inspector.
 - (7) If the confirming authority revokes its appointment of an inspector while the inspector is acting in relation to a compulsory purchase order and does not replace the inspector, the authority must give its reasons—
 - (a) to the inspector whose appointment has been revoked, and
 - (b) to all those informed under subsection (4).
 - (8) Where in any enactment there is a provision that applies in relation to a confirming authority acting under this Part, that provision is to be read as applying equally in relation to an inspector so far as the context permits.
 - (9) In this section “remaining objection” is to be construed in accordance with section 13A.”
- (3) In section 2 (procedure for authorisation), for subsection (2) substitute—
- “(2) A compulsory purchase order authorising a compulsory purchase by an authority other than a Minister is to be—
- (a) made by that authority,
 - (b) submitted to the confirming authority, and
 - (c) confirmed in accordance with Part 2 of this Act.”

Commencement Information

I1 [S. 181](#) in force at 6.4.2018 for specified purposes by [S.I. 2018/251](#), [reg. 4\(b\)](#) (with [reg. 5](#))

I2 [S. 181](#) in force at 6.4.2019 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2019/427](#), [reg. 3](#) (with [reg. 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. 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\(8\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)