



Housing and Planning Act 2016

2016 CHAPTER 22

PART 8

PUBLIC AUTHORITY LAND

PROSPECTIVE

207 Engagement with public authorities in relation to proposals to dispose of land

- (1) A Minister of the Crown must, in developing proposals for the disposal of the Minister's interest in any land, engage on an ongoing basis with—
 - (a) each local authority in whose area the land is situated, and
 - (b) each public authority that is specified, or of a description specified, in regulations.
- (2) A relevant public authority must, in developing proposals for the disposal of the authority's interest in any land, engage on an ongoing basis with other relevant public authorities.
- (3) In subsection (2), “relevant public authority” means a public authority that is specified, or of a description specified, in regulations.
- (4) A person who is subject to a duty under subsection (1) or (2) must have regard to any guidance given by the Minister for the Cabinet Office about how the duty is to be complied with.
- (5) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply in relation to proposals in respect of land that is specified, or of a description specified, in regulations.
- (6) Regulations under subsection (3) may not be made so as to require a public authority to carry out engagement under subsection (2)—
 - (a) in relation to proposals for the disposal of an interest in land in Scotland, unless the authority is—

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(i) a body to which paragraph 3 of Part 3 of Schedule 5 to the Scotland Act 1998 applies, or

(ii) Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, ^{F1}...

^{F2}(b)

[^{F3}(6A) Regulations under subsection (3) may not be made so to require a devolved Welsh authority to carry out engagement under subsection (2).]

(7) In this section—

“interest” means a freehold or leasehold interest;

“local authority” means—

- (a) a county council,
- (b) a county borough council,
- (c) a district council,
- (d) a London borough council,
- (e) a combined authority established under section 103 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009,
- (f) the Common Council of the City of London (in its capacity as a local authority),
- (g) the Council of the Isles of Scilly, or
- (h) the council for a local government area in Scotland;

“Minister of the Crown” has the same meaning as in the Ministers of the Crown Act 1975 (see section 8(1) of that Act);

“public authority” means a person with functions of a public nature;

“regulations” means regulations made by the Minister for the Cabinet Office.

[^{F4}“devolved Welsh authority” has the same meaning as in the Government of Wales Act 2006 (see section 157A of that Act).]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 207(6)(a) omitted (1.4.2018) by virtue of [Wales Act 2017 \(c. 4\), s. 71\(4\)](#), [Sch. 6 para. 111\(2\)\(a\)](#) (with [Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6](#)); [S.I. 2017/1179, reg. 3\(r\)](#)
- F2** S. 207(6)(b) omitted (1.4.2018) by virtue of [Wales Act 2017 \(c. 4\), s. 71\(4\)](#), [Sch. 6 para. 111\(2\)\(b\)](#) (with [Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6](#)); [S.I. 2017/1179, reg. 3\(r\)](#)
- F3** S. 207(6A) inserted (1.4.2018) by [Wales Act 2017 \(c. 4\), s. 71\(4\)](#), [Sch. 6 para. 111\(3\)](#) (with [Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6](#)); [S.I. 2017/1179, reg. 3\(r\)](#)
- F4** Words in s. 207(7) inserted (1.4.2018) by [Wales Act 2017 \(c. 4\), s. 71\(4\)](#), [Sch. 6 para. 111\(4\)](#) (with [Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6](#)); [S.I. 2017/1179, reg. 3\(r\)](#)

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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\(8\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)