



Energy Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 52

PART 8

HEAT NETWORKS

CHAPTER 2

HEAT NETWORK ZONES

Identification, designation and review of zones

230 Zoning methodology

- (1) Zones regulations may make provision for a methodology (to be known as “the zoning methodology”) for the Authority and zone coordinators to identify areas which are appropriate for the construction and operation of one or more district heat networks.
- (2) Regulations made by virtue of [subsection \(1\)](#) may include in the zoning methodology—
 - (a) the criteria for determining whether an area is appropriate;
 - (b) the roles of the Authority and zone coordinators;
 - (c) requirements as to consultation;
 - (d) provision about how the identification of areas is to be recorded, including provision about the use of maps;
 - (e) requirements as to publication of areas which have been identified.
- (3) Zones regulations may make provision for the Authority to issue guidance in relation to the zoning methodology.
- (4) Zones regulations may make provision about the Secretary of State carrying out reviews of the zoning methodology.
- (5) Regulations made by virtue of [subsection \(4\)](#) may—

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- (a) make provision about the circumstances in which reviews must be carried out and the frequency of reviews;
- (b) set out the criteria against which the zoning methodology is to be reviewed;
- (c) impose on the Secretary of State requirements as to consultation;
- (d) make provision for the Authority or zone coordinators to consult persons on behalf of the Secretary of State;
- (e) make provision requiring reports of reviews to be published.

Commencement Information

II S. 230 in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 334\(2\)\(l\)](#)

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