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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 1531**

**The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes (Amendment) Regulations 2020**

**Amendments to the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004**

4.—(1) Regulation 11 (publicity for determinations and directions) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (2)—

(a) omit sub-paragraph (a) (together with the “and” at the end of sub-paragraph (a));

(b) before sub-paragraph (b) insert—

“(aa) publish the determination and any accompanying statement of reasons on a public website at which the documents may be viewed and downloaded;

(ab) provide a copy of those documents by email to any person who requests a copy, as soon as reasonably practicable after receipt of that person’s request;

(ac) provide one copy of those documents by post to any person who requests a copy, as soon as reasonably practicable after receipt of that person’s request, unless it is not reasonably practicable to provide a copy by post for reasons connected to the effects of coronavirus, including restrictions on movement;

(ad) make available a telephone number for the public to make enquiries in relation to those documents; and”;

(c) omit the “and” at the end of sub-paragraph (b)(ii);

(d) in sub-paragraph (b)(iii)—

(i) for “(which may include a website) at which a copy of” substitute “of the website”;  
and

(ii) for “inspected or from” to the end substitute “viewed and downloaded free of charge;”; and

(e) after sub-paragraph (b)(iii) insert—

“(iv) the fact that a copy of those documents may be obtained by email from the responsible authority;

(v) the fact that a copy of those documents may be obtained by post from the responsible authority, provided that it is reasonably practicable for the authority to provide a copy by post;

(vi) the address, email address and telephone number for the purpose of requesting a copy of those documents, either by email or by post;

(vii) whether a charge will be made for copies of those documents provided by post, and the amount of any charge; and

(viii) the telephone number which can be used to contact the responsible authority for enquiries in relation to those documents.”.

(3) In paragraph (3)—

(a) omit sub-paragraph (a) (together with the “and” at the end of sub-paragraph (a));

- (b) before sub-paragraph (b) insert—
  - “(aa) publish the direction and the Secretary of State’s statement of his reasons for giving it on a public website at which the documents may be viewed and downloaded;
  - (ab) provide a copy of those documents by email to any person who requests a copy, as soon as reasonably practicable after receipt of that person’s request;
  - (ac) provide one copy of those documents by post to any person who requests a copy, as soon as reasonably practicable after receipt of that person’s request, unless it is not reasonably practicable to provide a copy by post for reasons connected to the effects of coronavirus, including restrictions on movement;
  - (ad) make available a telephone number for the public to make enquiries in relation to those documents; and”;
- (c) omit the “and” at the end of sub-paragraph (b)(ii);
- (d) in sub-paragraph (b)(iii)—
  - (i) for “(which may include a website) at which a copy of” substitute “of the website”;
  - and
  - (ii) for “inspected or from” to the end substitute “viewed and downloaded free of charge.”; and
- (e) after sub-paragraph (b)(iii) insert—
  - “(iv) the fact that a copy of those documents may be obtained by email from the responsible authority;
  - (v) the fact that a copy of those documents may be obtained by post from the responsible authority, provided that it is reasonably practicable for the authority to provide a copy by post;
  - (vi) the address, email address and telephone number for the purpose of requesting a copy of those documents either by email or by post;
  - (vii) whether a charge will be made for copies of those documents provided by post, and the amount of any charge; and
  - (viii) the telephone number which can be used to contact the responsible authority for enquiries in relation to those documents.”.
- (4) For paragraph (4) substitute—
  - “(4) Nothing in paragraphs (2)(ac) or (3)(ac) shall require the responsible authority to provide copies of—
    - (a) the determination and any accompanying statement of reasons; or
    - (b) the direction and of the Secretary of State’s statement of his reasons for giving it, by post free of charge, but where a charge is made that charge shall be of a reasonable amount.”.