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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**

7.—(1) Regulation 16 (information as to adoption of plan or programme) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (1)—

(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 plan or programme, as adopted, its accompanying environmental report and a statement containing the particulars specified in paragraph (4) (“the relevant adoption documents”) on a public website at which the documents may be viewed and downloaded free of charge;

(ab) provide a copy of the relevant adoption 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 the relevant adoption 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 the relevant adoption documents; and”;

(c) in sub-paragraph (b) paragraphs (iii) to (v) are omitted; and

(d) at the end insert—

“(vi) the address of the website at which the relevant adoption documents may be viewed and downloaded free of charge;

(vii) the fact that a copy of the relevant adoption documents may be obtained by email from the responsible authority;

(viii) the fact that a copy of the relevant adoption 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;

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

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

(xi) a telephone number which can be used to contact the responsible authority for enquiries in relation to the relevant adoption documents.”.

(3) For sub-paragraph (3)(c) substitute—

- “(c) the address of the website at which a copy of—
    - (i) the plan or programme, as adopted;
    - (ii) its accompanying environmental report; and
    - (iii) a statement containing the particulars specified in paragraph (4),  
may be viewed, or from which a copy may be obtained;
  - (d) the fact that a copy of the relevant adoption documents may be obtained by email from the responsible authority;
  - (e) the fact that a copy of the relevant adoption documents may be obtained by post, provided that it is reasonably practicable for the responsible authority to provide a copy by post;
  - (f) the address, email address and telephone number for the purpose of requesting a copy of the relevant adoption documents either by email or by post;
  - (g) whether a charge will be made for copies of the relevant adoption documents provided by post, and the amount of any charge; and
  - (h) a telephone number which can be used to contact the responsible authority for enquiries in relation to the relevant adoption documents.”
- (4) In paragraph (4) for “(1)(b)(iii)” substitute “(1)(b)(vi)”.
- (5) At the end insert—
- “(5) Nothing in paragraph (1)(ac) shall require the responsible authority to provide copies of the relevant adoption documents by post free of charge, but where a charge is made, that charge shall be of a reasonable amount.”