STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 764

The Infrastructure Planning (Publication and Notification of Applications etc.) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020

PART 5

Amendments to the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017

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- **5.**—(1) The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017(1) are amended as follows.
 - (2) After regulation 27 (availability of copies of environmental statements) insert—

"Coronavirus: temporary modifications

- **27A.**—(1) Paragraphs (2) to (6) apply during the period beginning with 22nd July 2020 and ending with 31st December 2020.
- (2) Regulation 19 (accepted application-effect of a screening opinion not taking account of all relevant information) has effect as if—
 - (a) paragraph (6)(b)(vi)(aa) were omitted;
 - (b) before paragraph (6)(b)(vii) there were inserted—
 - "(via) the address of the website where the environmental statement may be inspected;
 - (vib) the place on the website where the environmental statement may be inspected;
 - (vic) a telephone number which can be used to contact the applicant for enquiries in relation to the environmental statement;"; and
 - (c) in paragraph (6)(b)(vii), after "available for inspection" there were inserted "on the website".
- (3) Regulation 20 (accepted application-effect of environmental statement being inadequate) has effect as if—
 - (a) paragraph (3)(b)(vi)(aa) were omitted;
 - (b) before paragraph (3)(b)(vii) there were inserted—

- "(via) the address of the website where the environmental statement and the further information and any other information may be inspected;
- (vib) the place on the website where the environmental statement and the further information and any other information may be inspected;
- (vic) a telephone number which can be used to contact the applicant for enquiries in relation to the environmental statement and the further information and any other information;"; and
- (c) in paragraph (3)(b)(vii), after "available for inspection" there were inserted "on the website".
- (4) Regulation 22 (subsequent application for EIA development) has effect as if—
 - (a) paragraph (3)(a)(vi)(aa) were omitted;
 - (b) before paragraph (3)(a)(vii) there were inserted—
 - "(via) the address of the website where the environmental statement and supporting documents may be inspected;
 - (vib) the place on the website where the environmental statement and supporting documents may be inspected;
 - (vic) a telephone number which can be used to contact the applicant for enquiries in relation to the environmental statement and supporting documents;"; and
 - (c) in paragraph (3)(a)(vii), after "available for inspection" there were inserted "on the website".
- (5) Regulation 24 (subsequent application not complying with EIA requirements) has effect as if—
 - (a) paragraph (3)(b)(vi)(aa) were omitted;
 - (b) before paragraph (3)(b)(vii) there were inserted—
 - "(via) the address of the website where the updated environmental statement and supporting documents may be inspected;
 - (vib) the place on the website where the updated environmental statement and supporting documents may be inspected;
 - (vic) a telephone number which can be used to contact the applicant for enquiries in relation to the updated environmental statement and supporting documents;"; and
 - (c) in paragraph (3)(b)(vii), after "available for inspection" there were inserted "on the website".
- (6) Regulation 27 (availability of copies of environmental statements) has effect as if paragraph (1) were omitted.".