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WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING, WALES**

**[<sup>F1</sup>The Town and Country Planning (Environmental  
Impact Assessment) (Wales) Regulations 2016**

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with regulation 1*

**THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL  
IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (WALES) REGULATIONS 2016**

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the *The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Wales) Regulations 2016 (revoked)*. (See end of Document for details)

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SCHEDULE	Descriptions of development for the purposes of the definition of “Schedule 1 development”
1	Interpretation
	Descriptions of development
SCHEDULE	Descriptions of development and applicable thresholds and criteria for the purposes of the definition of “Schedule 2 development”
2	1. In the table below— “area of the works” (“arwynebedd gwaith”)...
	2. The table below sets out the descriptions of development and...
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	1. Characteristics of development
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	3. Characteristics of the potential impact
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	1. Description of the development, including in particular—
	2. An outline of the main alternatives studied by the applicant...
	3. A description of the aspects of the environment likely to...
	4. A description of the likely significant effects of the development...
	5. A description of the measures envisaged to prevent, reduce and...
	6. A non-technical summary of the information provided under paragraphs 1...
	7. An indication of any difficulties (technical deficiencies or lack of...
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	8. A description of the development comprising information on the site,...
	9. A description of the measures envisaged in order to avoid,...
	10. The data required to identify and assess the main effects...
	11. An outline of the main alternatives studied by the applicant...
	12. A non-technical summary of the information provided under paragraphs 8...
SCHEDULE	Local Development Orders
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	1. In a case to which this Schedule has effect, these...
	2. Regulations 3, 5 to 12, 18 and 19 do not...
	3. In regulation 4— (a) paragraph (2)(a) does not apply;
	4. Regulation 13 is to be read as if it provided—...
	5. Regulation 15 is to be read as if it provided—...
	6. Regulation 16 is to be read as if it provided—...
	7. Regulation 17 is to be read as if—

8. Regulation 20 is to be read as if it provided—...
9. Regulation 22 is to be read as if—
10. Regulation 23 is to be read as if paragraphs (1)...
11. Regulation 24 is to be read as if—
12. Regulation 53 is to be read as if—
- SCHEDULE 6  
Section 97 and 102 Orders under the 1990 Act
1. In this Schedule “initiating body” (“corff cychwyn”) means the local...
2. In a case to which this Schedule has effect, these...
3. Regulations 3, 5 to 12 and 19 do not apply....
4. In regulation 4— (a) paragraph (2)(a) does not apply;
5. Regulation 13 is to be read as if it provided—...
6. Regulation 14 is to be read as if—
7. Regulation 15 is to be read as if it provided—...
8. Regulation 16 is to be read as if it provided—...
9. Regulation 17 is to be read as if—
10. Regulation 18 is to be read as if it provided—...
11. Regulation 20 is to be read as if it provided—...
12. Regulation 22 must be read as if—
13. Regulation 23 is to be read as if paragraphs (1)...
14. Regulation 24 is to be read as if it provided—...
15. Regulation 53 is to be read as if—
- SCHEDULE 7  
ROMP Applications
1. Modification of provisions on prohibition of granting planning permission or subsequent consent
2. Modification of provisions on application to local planning authority without an environmental statement
3. Disapplication of Regulations and modifications of provisions on application referred to or appealed to the Welsh Ministers without an environmental statement
4. Substitution of references to section 78 of the 1990 Act right of appeal and modification of provisions on appeal to the Welsh Ministers without an environmental statement
5. Modification of provisions on preparation, publicity and procedures on submission of environmental statements
6. Modification of provisions on application to the High Court and giving of directions
7. Suspension of minerals development
8. Determination of conditions and right of appeal on non-determination
9. ROMP application by a mineral planning authority
10. ROMP applications: duty to make a prohibition order after two years suspension of permission
- SCHEDULE 8  
Statutory instruments revoked
- SCHEDULE 9  
Consequential amendments
1. The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995
2. The Gas Transporter Pipe-line Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 1999

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3. The Environmental Impact Assessment (Forestry) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999
4. The Planning (National Security Directions and Appointed Representatives) (Wales) Regulations 2006
5. The Environmental Impact Assessment (Agriculture) (Wales) Regulations 2007
6. The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Undetermined Reviews of Old Mineral Permissions) (Wales) 2009
7. The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011
8. The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012  
Explanatory Note

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Wales) Regulations 2016 (revoked).