



# Infrastructure Act 2015

## 2015 CHAPTER 7

### PART 1

#### STRATEGIC HIGHWAYS COMPANIES

##### *Oversight*

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- (1) The Passengers' Council must carry out activities to protect and promote the interests of users of highways for which a strategic highways company is the highway authority.
- (2) Those activities may include investigating, publishing reports or giving advice to the Secretary of State on—
  - (a) how a strategic highways company's exercise of its functions or achievement of its objectives under a Road Investment Strategy affects users of highways for which it is the highway authority, and
  - (b) any other matters—
    - (i) relating to highways for which a strategic highways company is the highway authority, and
    - (ii) which the Council considers to be of interest to users of such highways.
- (3) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide that those activities may not relate to a matter—
  - (a) to the extent specified;
  - (b) subject to compliance with specified conditions.
- (4) The Secretary of State must consult the Council before making regulations under subsection (3).
- (5) The Secretary of State must, in exercising functions under this Part, have regard to any advice given to him or her by the Council under this section.

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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- (6) The Council may by agreement with a local highway authority carry out activities to protect and promote the interests of users of highways for which the authority is the highway authority.
- (7) Those activities may include investigating, publishing reports or giving advice to the local highway authority on any matters—
  - (a) relating to highways for which the authority is the highway authority, and
  - (b) which the authority and the Council consider to be of interest to users of such highways.
- (8) In Part 6 of Schedule 1 to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (other public bodies and offices: general), at the appropriate place insert—
  - “The Passengers’ Council.”