

Infrastructure (Wales) Act 2024

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PART 3

APPLYING FOR INFRASTRUCTURE CONSENT

Application procedure

34 Notice of accepted applications and publicity

- (1) This section applies where the Welsh Ministers accept an application for infrastructure consent as a valid application.
- (2) The Welsh Ministers must give notice of the application—
 - (a) in the case of an application for development in Wales—
 - (i) to each planning authority for an area in which the proposed development is located;
 - (ii) if the proposed development is located in an area for which there is a community council, to the community council;
 - (iii) to each Member of the Senedd representing an area in which the proposed development is situated;
 - (iv) to each Member of the House of Commons representing an area in which the proposed development is situated;
 - (b) in the case of an application for development in the Welsh marine area—
 - (i) to Natural Resources Wales;
 - (ii) to each planning authority and community council they consider appropriate;
 - (iii) to each Member of the Senedd and Member of the House of Commons they consider appropriate;
 - (c) to any person or person of a description specified in regulations.
- (3) The Welsh Ministers must publicise the application in the way specified in regulations.
- (4) The Welsh Ministers must-

- (a) specify in any notice or publicity under this section, and
- (b) in any direction under subsection (10), require the applicant to specify in any notice or publicity required by the direction,

a deadline by which the Welsh Ministers must receive representations on the application.

- (5) The deadline must be after the end of the minimum representation period specified in regulations.
- (6) The Welsh Ministers must make available to the examining authority any representations they receive within the deadline specified in the publicity.
- (7) The Welsh Ministers may—
 - (a) extend the deadline before it expires;
 - (b) extend the deadline more than once.
- (8) Where the Welsh Ministers extend the deadline in respect of the application, they must—
 - (a) give a further notice under subsection 34(2) to the same persons,
 - (b) undertake further publicity under subsection (3), and
 - (c) if a direction was given under subsection (10), give a further direction under subsection (10) requiring the applicant to—
 - (i) give a further notice to the same persons, and
 - (ii) undertake further publicity in the same way.
- (9) The Welsh Ministers must-
 - (a) specify in any further notice or further publicity, and
 - (b) in any further direction, require the applicant to specify in any further notice or further publicity,

the reasons for extending the deadline.

- (10) The Welsh Ministers may direct the applicant to-
 - (a) notify a person or person of a description specified in the direction of the application;
 - (b) publicise the application in the way specified in the direction.
- (11) The duties in subsections (2) and (3) do not require the Welsh Ministers to do anything an applicant is required to do by a direction under subsection (10).