STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Neighbourhood Planning (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2015

Amendment of the 2012 Regulations

2.—(1) The 2012 Regulations are amended as follows.

- (2) In regulation 6 for paragraph (c) substitute—
 - "(c) the date by which those representations must be received, being—
 - (i) in the case of an application to which paragraph (2)(b) of regulation 6A applies, not less than four weeks from the date on which the area application is first publicised;
 - (i) in all other cases, not less than six weeks from the date on which the area application is first publicised."
- (3) After regulation 6 insert—

"Prescribed date for determination of an area application

6A.—(1) Where a local planning authority receive an area application from a relevant body the authority must determine the application by the date prescribed in paragraph (2).

- (2) The date prescribed in this paragraph is—
 - (a) in a case where the area to which the application relates falls within the areas of two or more local planning authorities, the date 20 weeks from the date immediately following that on which the application is first publicised;
 - (b) in other cases, where the relevant body is a parish council and the area to which the application relates is the whole of the area of the parish council, the date eight weeks from the date immediately following that on which the application is first publicised;
 - (c) in all other cases, the date 13 weeks from the date immediately following that on which the application is first publicised."
- (4) In regulation 15—
 - (a) at the end of paragraph (1)(c) omit "and";
 - (b) at the end of paragraph (1)(d) omit the full stop and insert—

"; and

- (e) (i) an environmental report prepared in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3) of regulation 12 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004(1); or
 - (ii) where it has been determined under regulation 9(1) of those Regulations that the plan proposal is unlikely to have significant environmental effects (and, accordingly, does not require an environmental assessment), a statement of reasons for the determination."

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