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SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2023 No. 123**

**The Heat Networks (Heat Network Zones and Building Assessment Reports) (Scotland) Regulations 2023**

**Part 2**

**Heat Network Zones**

**Publication and notice of review statement**

**2.—**(1) The statement to be published by the local authority under section 47(6) of the Act (“the review statement”) is to be published in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) Publication is to be by—

- (a) publishing the review statement on the local authority’s website,
- (b) making the review statement available for inspection at the local authority’s principal office and at public libraries in their area, and
- (c) publishing in a local newspaper circulating in the area and on the internet a notice stating that the review statement is available for inspection free of charge and the times and places at which, and the means by which the review statement is available for inspection.

**Designation of heat network zone by local authority: consultation**

**3.—**(1) For the purposes of section 48(2) of the Act the persons to be consulted are as specified in paragraph (2) and the manner of consultation is as specified in paragraph (3).

(2) The persons specified are—

- (a) where any part of the boundary of a proposed heat network zone would adjoin any part of the boundary of a neighbouring local authority, that local authority, and
- (b) in the case of a heat network zone within the area of a National Park, the National Park authority.

(3) The local authority must publish—

- (a) a map showing the proposed heat network zone on their website, and
- (b) a notice in a local newspaper circulating in the area and on the internet which states—
  - (i) which area the local authority proposes to designate as a heat network zone, and
  - (ii) how and by what date (being a date no fewer than 28 days after the notice is published) representations can be made.

**Publication and notification of designation**

**4.—**(1) The document to be published by the local authority under section 48(4) of the Act (“the designation document”) is to be published in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) Publication is to be by—

- (a) publishing the designation document on the local authority’s website,
- (b) making the designation document available for inspection at the local authority’s principal office and at public libraries in their area, and
- (c) publishing in a local newspaper circulating in the area and the internet a notice stating that the designation document is available for inspection free of charge and the times and places at which, and the means by which the designation document is available for inspection.

**Variation of heat network zone by local authority: consultation**

5.—(1) For the purposes of section 50(3) of the Act the persons to be consulted are as specified in paragraph (2) and the manner of consultation is as specified in paragraph (3).

- (2) The persons specified are—
  - (a) any person who holds a heat network zone permit under section 56 of the Act in respect of that heat network zone,
  - (b) in the case of a heat network zone where any part of the boundary of the heat network zone as varied would adjoin any part of the boundary of a neighbouring local authority, that local authority, and
  - (c) in the case of a heat network zone which as varied would be within the area of a National Park, the National Park authority.
- (3) The local authority must publish—
  - (a) a map showing the proposed varied heat network zone on their website, and
  - (b) a notice in a local newspaper circulating in the area and on the internet which states—
    - (i) which heat network zone the local authority proposes to vary, and
    - (ii) how and by what date (being a date no fewer than 28 days after the notice is published) representations can be made.

**Publication and notification of variation**

6.—(1) The document to be published by the local authority under section 50(5) of the Act (“the variation document”) is to be published in accordance with paragraph (2).

- (2) Publication is to be by—
  - (a) publishing the variation document on the local authority’s website,
  - (b) making the variation document available for inspection at the local authority’s principal office and at public libraries in their area, and
  - (c) publishing in a local newspaper circulating in the area and the internet a notice stating that the variation document is available for inspection free of charge and the times and places at which, and the means by which the designation document is available for inspection.