

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Part 7 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 applied the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to the Crown. Crown land is defined in section 293 of the 1990 Act as land in which there is a Crown interest or Duchy interest. Crown interest is defined as an interest belonging to Her Majesty in right of the Crown or in right of Her private estates, an interest belonging to a government department or held in trust for Her Majesty for the purposes of a government department and such other interest as the Secretary of State specifies by order.

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 made similar changes to the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and to the Planning (Hazardous Substances) Act 1990.

This Order specifies as Crown interests the interests of the two Speakers and one or both of the Corporate Officers in particular parts of the Palace of Westminster and its precincts and provides that the appropriate authority in relation to that land is one or both of the Corporate Officers, as the case may be.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no impact on the costs of business, charities, voluntary bodies or the public sector.