



# Acquisition of Land Act 1981

## 1981 CHAPTER 67

### PART II **E+W**

#### PURCHASES BY LOCAL AND OTHER AUTHORITIES

##### *Confirmation of order*

#### [<sup>F1</sup>13 **Confirmation of order: no objections** **E+W**

- (1) The confirming authority may confirm a compulsory purchase order with or without modifications if it is satisfied—
  - (a) that the notice requirements have been complied with, and
  - (b) that one of the conditions in subsection (2) is satisfied.
- (2) The conditions are—
  - (a) no relevant objection is made;
  - (b) every relevant objection made is either withdrawn or disregarded.
- (3) The confirming authority may require every person who makes a relevant objection to state the grounds of the objection in writing.
- (4) If the confirming authority is satisfied that an objection relates exclusively to matters which can be dealt with by the tribunal by whom the compensation is to be assessed it may disregard the objection.
- (5) The notice requirements are the requirements under sections 11 and 12 to publish, affix and serve notices in connection with the compulsory purchase order.
- (6) A relevant objection is an objection by a person who is a qualifying person for the purposes of section 12(2), but if such a person qualifies only by virtue of section 12(2A)(b) and the confirming authority thinks that he is not likely to be entitled to make a relevant claim his objection is not a relevant objection.

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- (7) Disregarded means disregarded under subsection (4) or under any other power to disregard a relevant objection contained in the enactment providing for the compulsory purchase.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 13-13C substituted for s. 13 (6.8.2004 for specified purposes, 31.10.2004 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 \(c. 5\)](#), [s. 100\(6\)](#) (with [s. 100\(8\)](#)); [S.I. 2004/2097, art. 2](#); [S.I. 2004/2593, art. 2\(a\)](#)

### 13A Confirmation of order: remaining objections **E+W**

- (1) This section applies to the confirmation of a compulsory purchase order if a relevant objection is made which is neither—
- (a) withdrawn, nor
  - (b) disregarded,
- (a remaining objection).
- [ The confirming authority must cause a public local inquiry to be held if—
- F2**(1A)
  - (a) the order is subject to special parliamentary procedure, or
  - (b) in the case of an order to which section 16 applies, a certificate has been given under subsection (2) of that section.
- (1B) If subsection (1A) does not apply, the confirming authority must either—
- (a) cause a public local inquiry to be held, or
  - (b) follow the representations procedure.
- (1C) In deciding between those options, the confirming authority must have regard to the scale and complexity of what is proposed by the order.
- (1D) The representations procedure is a procedure to be prescribed.
- (1E) The regulations prescribing the procedure must include—
- (a) provision enabling each person who has made a remaining objection to make representations—
    - (i) in writing to the confirming authority, or
    - (ii) if the person so requests, at a hearing, and
  - (b) provision enabling the acquiring authority, and any other person the confirming authority thinks appropriate, to make representations—
    - (i) in writing to the confirming authority, or
    - (ii) if applicable, at a hearing held as mentioned in paragraph (a)(ii).
- (1F) The regulations may provide for hearings to be held by the confirming authority or by a person appointed by the confirming authority.
- (1G) In subsection (1E), “representations” means representations as to whether the order should be confirmed.
- (1H) Before confirming the order, the confirming authority must consider—
- (a) each remaining objection;
  - (b) if a public local inquiry was held, the report of the person who held it;

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- (c) if the representations procedure was followed and the confirming authority held a hearing, the representations made at the hearing;
  - (d) if the representations procedure was followed and a person appointed by the confirming authority held a hearing, the report of that person;
  - (e) if the representations procedure was followed and written representations were made, those representations.
- (11) The confirming authority may confirm the order with or without modifications.]
- (7) Relevant objection and disregarded must be construed in accordance with section 13.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 13-13C substituted for s. 13 (6.8.2004 for specified purposes, 31.10.2004 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 \(c. 5\)](#), **s. 100(6)** (with s. 100(8)); S.I. 2004/2097, art. 2; S.I. 2004/2593, art. 2(a)
- F2** S. 13A(1A)-(1I) substituted for s. 13A(2)-(6) (31.3.2024 for specified purposes) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), **ss. 182(2)**, 255(7) (with s. 247); S.I. 2024/389, reg. 2(i)

### 13B [<sup>F3</sup>Written] representations procedure: supplementary **E+W**

- (1) This section applies where the confirming authority decides under section 13A to follow the [<sup>F4</sup>written] representations procedure.
- (2) The confirming authority may make orders as to the costs of the parties to the [<sup>F5</sup>written] representations procedure, and as to which party must pay the costs.
- (3) An order under subsection (2) may be made a rule of the High Court on the application of any party named in the order.
- (4) The costs incurred by the confirming authority in connection with the [<sup>F6</sup>written] representations procedure must be paid by the acquiring authority, if the confirming authority so directs.
- (5) The confirming authority may certify the amount of its costs, and any amount so certified and directed to be paid by the acquiring authority is recoverable summarily by the confirming authority as a civil debt.
- (6) Section 42(2) of the Housing and Planning Act 1986 (recovery of Minister's costs in connection with inquiries) applies to the [<sup>F7</sup>written] representations procedure as if the procedure is an inquiry specified in section 42(1) of that Act.
- (7) Regulations under section [<sup>F8</sup>13A(6)][<sup>F8</sup>13A(1D)] may make provision as to the giving of reasons for decisions taken in cases where the [<sup>F9</sup>written] representations procedure is followed.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 13-13C substituted for s. 13 (6.8.2004 for specified purposes, 31.10.2004 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 \(c. 5\)](#), **s. 100(6)** (with s. 100(8)); S.I. 2004/2097, art. 2; S.I. 2004/2593, art. 2(a)
- F3** Word in s. 13B heading omitted (31.3.2024 for specified purposes) by virtue of [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), **ss. 182(3)(a)**, 255(7) (with s. 247); S.I. 2024/389, reg. 2(i)

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- F4** Word in s. 13B(1) omitted (31.3.2024 for specified purposes) by virtue of [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\), ss. 182\(3\)\(b\)\(i\), 255\(7\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2024/389, reg. 2(i)
- F5** Word in s. 13B(2) omitted (31.3.2024 for specified purposes) by virtue of [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\), ss. 182\(3\)\(b\)\(ii\), 255\(7\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2024/389, reg. 2(i)
- F6** Word in s. 13B(4) omitted (31.3.2024 for specified purposes) by virtue of [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\), ss. 182\(3\)\(b\)\(iii\), 255\(7\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2024/389, reg. 2(i)
- F7** Word in s. 13B(6) omitted (31.3.2024 for specified purposes) by virtue of [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\), ss. 182\(3\)\(b\)\(iv\), 255\(7\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2024/389, reg. 2(i)
- F8** Word in s. 13B(7) substituted (31.3.2024 for specified purposes) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\), ss. 182\(3\)\(c\), 255\(7\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2024/389, reg. 2(i)
- F9** Word in s. 13B(7) omitted (31.3.2024 for specified purposes) by virtue of [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\), ss. 182\(3\)\(b\)\(v\), 255\(7\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2024/389, reg. 2(i)

**Conditional confirmation** E+W

<sup>F10</sup>13BA

- (1) The confirming authority may confirm a compulsory purchase order conditionally.
- (2) The effect of conditional confirmation is that the order—
  - (a) does not become operative until the confirming authority has decided, on an application by the acquiring authority, that certain conditions have been met, and
  - (b) expires if the confirming authority—
    - (i) has not received an application for the purposes of subsection (2)(a) by a certain time, or
    - (ii) having received such an application by that time, decides that the conditions have not been met.
- (3) The conditions and the time are to be specified by the confirming authority when it confirms the order.
- (4) The procedure to be followed in relation to an application under this section is to be prescribed.
- (5) The regulations prescribing the procedure must include provision for each relevant objector—
  - (a) to be given notice of the application (or for steps to be taken with a view to notifying them), and
  - (b) to have the opportunity to make written representations in response to the application.
- (6) In subsection (5), “relevant objector” means a person who made an objection to the order that—
  - (a) was a remaining objection for the purposes of section 13A, and
  - (b) had not been withdrawn by the time the order was confirmed.
- (7) The regulations may include provision as to the giving of reasons for the decision on the application.
- (8) Subsections (2) to (6) of section 13B apply to proceedings on an application under this section as they apply to the representations procedure.]

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- F10** [S. 13BA](#) inserted (31.3.2024 for specified purposes) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), [ss. 183\(2\)](#), [255\(7\)](#) (with [s. 247](#)); [S.I. 2024/389](#), reg. 2(j)

### 13C Confirmation in stages **E+W**

- (1) The confirming authority may confirm an order (with or without modifications) so far as it relates to part of the land comprised in the order (the “relevant part”) if each of the conditions in subsection (2) is met.
- (2) The conditions are—
  - (a) the confirming authority is satisfied that the order ought to be confirmed so far as it relates to the relevant part but has not for the time being determined whether the order ought to be confirmed so far as it relates to the remaining part;
  - (b) the confirming authority is satisfied that the notice requirements have been complied with.
- (3) If there is a remaining objection in respect of the order, the confirming authority may only act under subsection (1) after complying with section [\[<sup>F11</sup>13A\(2\) or \(3\)\]](#)[\[<sup>F11</sup>13A\(1A\) or \(1B\)\]](#) (as the case may be).
- (4) But it may act under subsection (1) without complying with those provisions if it is satisfied that all remaining objections relate solely to the remaining part of the land.
- (5) If the confirming authority acts under subsection (1)—
  - (a) it must give a direction postponing consideration of the order, so far as it relates to the remaining part, until such time as may be specified by or under the direction;
  - (b) the order so far as it relates to each part of the land must be treated as a separate order.
- (6) The notices to be published, affixed and served under section 15 must include a statement as to the effect of the direction given under subsection (5)(a).
- (7) Notice requirements must be construed in accordance with section 13.
- (8) Remaining objection must be construed in accordance with section 13A.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 13-13C substituted for s. 13 (6.8.2004 for specified purposes, 31.10.2004 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 \(c. 5\)](#), [s. 100\(6\)](#) (with [s. 100\(8\)](#)); [S.I. 2004/2097](#), art. 2; [S.I. 2004/2593](#), art. 2(a)
- F11** Words in [s. 13C\(3\)](#) substituted (31.3.2024 for specified purposes) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), [ss. 182\(4\)](#), [255\(7\)](#) (with [s. 247](#)); [S.I. 2024/389](#), reg. 2(i)

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**[<sup>F12</sup>13D Power to extend time limit for implementation E+W]**

- (1) The confirming authority may, when it confirms a compulsory purchase order, include provision in the order specifying a period longer than three years for the purposes of section 4 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 (time limit for notice to treat) and section 5A of the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981 (time limit for general vesting declaration).
- (2) No such provision is to be included by the acquiring authority in the order submitted for confirmation.]

**Textual Amendments**

**F12** S. 13D inserted (31.1.2024) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), **ss. 185(1)(a)**, 255(7) (with s. 247); S.I. 2024/92, reg. 2(1) (with reg. 6(1))

**14 Land not originally included in order. E+W**

The order as confirmed by the confirming authority shall not, unless all persons interested consent, authorise the acquiring authority to purchase compulsorily any land which the order would not have authorised that authority to purchase compulsorily if it had been confirmed without modification.

**[<sup>F13</sup>14A Confirmation by acquiring authority E+W]**

- (1) The power to confirm an order may be exercised by the acquiring authority (instead of the confirming authority) if—
  - (a) the confirming authority has notified the acquiring authority to that effect, and
  - (b) the notice has not been revoked.
- (2) But this section does not apply to an order in respect of land—
  - (a) falling within section 16(1) or paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 3, or
  - (b) forming part of a common, open space or fuel or field garden allotment for the purposes of section 19.

[Nor does it apply to an order directing that compensation is to be assessed in <sup>F14</sup>(2A) accordance with section 14A of the Land Compensation Act 1961 (see section 15A).]

- (3) The confirming authority may give notice under subsection (1) if it is satisfied—
  - (a) that the notice requirements have been complied with,
  - (b) that no objection has been made in relation to the proposed confirmation or that all objections have been withdrawn, and
  - (c) that the order is capable of being confirmed without modification.
- (4) An objection is an objection made by any person (whether or not a person mentioned in section 12(2)), including an objection which is disregarded.
- (5) The power to confirm an order under subsection (1) does not include any power—
  - (a) to confirm the order with modifications, or
  - (b) to confirm only a part of the order.
- (6) The acquiring authority must notify the confirming authority as soon as reasonably practicable after it has determined whether or not to confirm the order.

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- (7) The confirming authority may revoke a notice given by it under subsection (1).
- (8) But a notice may not be revoked if the determination has already been made and notified by the acquiring authority under subsection (6).
- (9) An order confirmed by the acquiring authority under subsection (1) is to have the same effect as if it were confirmed by the confirming authority.
- (10) Notices under this section must be in writing.
- (11) Notice requirements and disregarded must be construed in accordance with section 13.]

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**Textual Amendments**

- F13** S. 14A inserted (31.10.2004) by [Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 \(c. 5\), s. 102\(2\)](#) (with s. 102(3)); S.I. 2004/2593, art. 2(a)
- F14** S. 14A(2A) inserted (31.3.2024 for W. for specified purposes, 30.4.2024 for E.) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\), ss. 190\(1\)\(b\), 255\(7\)](#) (with s. 247); S.I. 2024/92, reg. 4 (with reg. 6(6)); S.I. 2024/389, reg. 2(l)

**[<sup>F15</sup>14B Timetables for confirmation of CPOs except by Welsh Ministers E+W**

- (1) The Secretary of State must publish one or more timetables in relation to steps to be taken by confirming authorities, other than the Welsh Ministers, in confirming a compulsory purchase order.
- (2) Different timetables may be published in relation to—
  - (a) different confirming authorities, or
  - (b) different types of compulsory purchase order.
- (3) The Secretary of State may at any time revise a timetable published under this section.
- (4) The validity of an order is not affected by any failure to comply with a timetable published under this section.
- (5) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament an annual report showing the extent to which confirming authorities have complied with any applicable timetable published under this section.
- (6) A report laid by the Secretary of State under this section need not include information about a confirming authority if the number of compulsory purchase orders submitted to it is lower than a minimum specified by the Secretary of State in the report.

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**Textual Amendments**

- F15** Ss. 14B, 14C inserted (6.4.2018) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\), ss. 180, 216\(3\)](#); S.I. 2018/251, reg. 4(a) (with reg. 5)

**14C Timetables for confirmation of CPOs by Welsh Ministers E+W**

- (1) The Welsh Ministers may publish one or more timetables in relation to steps to be taken by them in confirming a compulsory purchase order.

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- (2) Different timetables may be published in relation to different types of compulsory purchase order.
- (3) The Welsh Ministers may at any time revise a timetable published under this section.
- (4) The validity of an order is not affected by any failure to comply with a timetable published under this section.
- (5) The Welsh Ministers must lay before the National Assembly for Wales an annual report showing the extent to which they have complied with any applicable timetable published under this section.]

#### Textual Amendments

**F15** Ss. 14B, 14C inserted (6.4.2018) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), ss. 180, 216(3); S.I. 2018/251, reg. 4(a) (with reg. 5)

#### [<sup>F16</sup>14D Power to appoint inspector **E+W**

- (1) A confirming authority may appoint a person (“an inspector”) to act instead of it in relation to the confirmation of a compulsory purchase order to which section 13A applies.
- (2) An inspector may be appointed to act in relation to—
  - (a) a specific compulsory purchase order, or
  - (b) a description of compulsory purchase orders.
- (3) An inspector—
  - (a) has the same functions as a confirming authority under this Part (excluding this section),
  - (b) retains those functions even if all remaining objections are withdrawn after the inspector has begun to act in relation to a compulsory purchase order, and
  - (c) may hold a public local inquiry under section [<sup>F17</sup>13A(3)(a) or act as the person appointed to hear remaining objections under section 13A(3)(b)] [<sup>F17</sup>13A].
- (4) Where an inspector is to act in relation to a compulsory purchase order, the confirming authority must inform—
  - (a) every person who has made a remaining objection, and
  - (b) the acquiring authority.
- (5) Where an inspector decides whether or not to confirm the whole or part of a compulsory purchase order, the inspector's decision is to be treated as that of the confirming authority.
- (6) The confirming authority may at any time—
  - (a) revoke its appointment of an inspector, and
  - (b) appoint another inspector.
- (7) If the confirming authority revokes its appointment of an inspector while the inspector is acting in relation to a compulsory purchase order and does not replace the inspector, the authority must give its reasons—
  - (a) to the inspector whose appointment has been revoked, and



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- (b) to all those informed under subsection (4).
- (8) Where in any enactment there is a provision that applies in relation to a confirming authority acting under this Part, that provision is to be read as applying equally in relation to an inspector so far as the context permits.
- (9) In this section “remaining objection” is to be construed in accordance with section 13A.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F16** S. 14D inserted (6.4.2018 for specified purposes, 6.4.2019 in so far as not already in force) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), **ss. 181(2)**, 216(3); S.I. 2018/251, **reg. 4(b)** (with **reg. 5**); S.I. 2019/427, **reg. 3** (with **reg. 4**)
- F17** Word in [s. 14D\(3\)\(c\)](#) substituted (31.3.2024 for specified purposes) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), **ss. 182(5)**, 255(7) (with **s. 247**); S.I. 2024/389, **reg. 2(i)**

### [<sup>F18</sup>15 Notices after confirmation of order **E+W**

- (1) After the order has been confirmed, the acquiring authority must—
- serve a confirmation notice and a copy of the order as confirmed on each person on whom a notice was required to be served under section 12, and
  - affix a confirmation notice to a conspicuous object or objects on or near the land comprised in the order.
- (2) The notice under subsection (1)(b) must—
- be addressed to persons occupying or having an interest in the land;
  - so far as practicable, be kept in place by the acquiring authority until the expiry of a period of six weeks beginning with the [<sup>F19</sup>date when the order becomes operative][<sup>F19</sup>day on which the authority takes the final step needed to comply with subsection (1)(a)].
- (3) [<sup>F20</sup>Unless the order was confirmed conditionally,] The acquiring authority must also publish a confirmation notice—
- [<sup>F21</sup>(a)] in one or more local newspapers circulating in the locality in which the land comprised in the order is situated [<sup>F22</sup>, and
  - (b) on an appropriate website, until the end of the period of 6 weeks beginning with the day on which the authority takes the final step needed to comply with subsection (1)(a).]
- [ The acquiring authority must comply with subsections (1) and [<sup>F24</sup>(3)][<sup>F24</sup>(3)(a)] before [<sup>F23</sup>(3A) the end of—
- the period of 6 weeks beginning with the day on which the order is confirmed, or
  - such longer period beginning with that day as may be agreed in writing between the acquiring authority and the confirming authority.
- (3B) If the acquiring authority fails to comply with subsections (1) and [<sup>F25</sup>(3)][<sup>F25</sup>(3)(a)] in accordance with subsection (3A), [<sup>F26</sup>or with subsection (3)(b),] the confirming authority may—
- take any steps that the acquiring authority was required but has failed to take to comply with those subsections, and

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- (b) recover the reasonable costs of doing so from the acquiring authority.]
- (4) A confirmation notice is a notice—
- (a) describing the land;
  - (b) stating that the order has been confirmed;
    - [ if the order was confirmed conditionally, stating the conditions and time
  - <sup>F27</sup>(ba) specified under section 13BA(3);]
  - (c) (except in the case of a notice under subsection (1)(a)) naming a place where a copy of the order as confirmed and of the map referred to there may be inspected at all reasonable hours;
    - [ specifying a website on which those copies may be viewed;]
  - <sup>F28</sup>(ca) (d) that a person aggrieved by the order may apply to the High Court as mentioned in section 23.
  - <sup>F29</sup>(e) [ containing a prescribed statement about the effect of Parts 2 and 3 of the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981;
  - (f) inviting any person who would be entitled to claim compensation if a declaration were executed under section 4 of that Act to give the acquiring authority information about the person's name, address and interest in land, using a prescribed form.]
- [ If the confirming authority is satisfied that, because of special circumstances, it
- <sup>F30</sup>(4A) is impracticable for the acquiring authority to make the copies referred to in subsection (4)(c) available for inspection at an appropriate place, the confirming authority may direct that the requirement in subsection (4)(c) is not to apply.]
- [ If the order was confirmed conditionally and the confirming authority decides under
- <sup>F31</sup>(4B) section 13BA that the conditions have been met, the acquiring authority must serve—
- (a) a copy of the order, and
  - (b) a fulfilment notice,
- on each person on whom a notice was required to be served under section 12.
- (4C) Where subsection (4B) applies, the acquiring authority must also—
- (a) affix a fulfilment notice to a conspicuous object or objects on or near the land comprised in the order, and
  - (b) publish a fulfilment notice—
    - (i) in one or more local newspapers circulating in the locality in which the land comprised in the order is situated, and
    - (ii) on an appropriate website, until the end of the period of 6 weeks beginning with the day on which the acquiring authority takes the final step needed to comply with subsection (4B).
- (4D) The acquiring authority must comply with subsections (4B) and (4C)(a) and (b)(i) before the end of—
- (a) the period of 6 weeks beginning with the day on which the decision under section 13BA is made, or
  - (b) such longer period beginning with that day as may be agreed in writing between the acquiring authority and the confirming authority.
- (4E) If the acquiring authority fails to comply with those provisions before the end of that period, or fails to comply with subsection (4C)(b)(ii), the confirming authority may—

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- (a) take any steps that the acquiring authority was required but has failed to take to comply, and
  - (b) recover the reasonable costs of doing so from the acquiring authority
- (4F) A fulfilment notice is a notice—
- (a) stating that the conditions subject to which the order was confirmed have been met and that the order will therefore become operative, and
  - (b) annexing the information that was contained in the confirmation notice.]
- (5) A confirmation notice [<sup>F32</sup>or fulfilment notice] must be in the prescribed form.
- [ The acquiring authority must send the confirmation notice [<sup>F34</sup>, and any fulfilment <sup>F33</sup>(6) notice,] to the Chief Land Registrar and [<sup>F35</sup>it][<sup>F35</sup>each such notice] shall be a local land charge.]]

#### Textual Amendments

- F18** S. 15 substituted (6.8.2004 for specified purposes, 31.10.2004 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 \(c. 5\)](#), **s. 100(7)** (with [s. 100\(8\)](#)); S.I. 2004/2097, [art. 2](#); S.I. 2004/2593, [art. 2\(a\)](#)
- F19** Words in [s. 15\(2\)\(b\)](#) substituted (31.3.2024 for specified purposes) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), **ss. 183(3)(a)**, [255\(7\)](#) (with [s. 247](#)); S.I. 2024/389, [reg. 2\(j\)](#)
- F20** Words in [s. 15\(3\)](#) inserted (31.3.2024 for specified purposes) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), **ss. 183(3)(b)**, [255\(7\)](#) (with [s. 247](#)); S.I. 2024/389, [reg. 2\(j\)](#)
- F21** Words in [s. 15\(3\)](#) renumbered as [s. 15\(3\)\(a\)](#) (31.1.2024 for specified purposes, 30.4.2024 for E. in so far as not already in force) by [Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), **ss. 181(6)(a)(i)**, [255\(7\)](#) (with [s. 247](#)); S.I. 2024/92, [reg. 2\(j\)](#); S.I. 2024/389, [reg. 3\(a\)](#) (with [reg. 4](#))
- F22** [S. 15\(3\)\(b\)](#) and word inserted (31.1.2024 for specified purposes, 30.4.2024 for E. in so far as not already in force) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), **ss. 181(6)(a)(ii)**, [255\(7\)](#) (with [s. 247](#)); S.I. 2024/92, [reg. 2\(j\)](#); S.I. 2024/389, [reg. 3\(a\)](#) (with [reg. 4](#))
- F23** [S. 15\(3A\)\(3B\)](#) inserted (22.9.2017) by [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 34(1)**, [46\(1\)](#) (with [s. 34\(2\)](#)); S.I. 2017/936, [reg. 3\(d\)](#)
- F24** Word in [s. 15\(3A\)](#) substituted (31.1.2024 for specified purposes, 30.4.2024 for E. in so far as not already in force) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), **ss. 181(6)(b)**, [255\(7\)](#) (with [s. 247](#)); S.I. 2024/92, [reg. 2\(j\)](#); S.I. 2024/389, [reg. 3\(a\)](#) (with [reg. 4](#))
- F25** Word in [s. 15\(3B\)](#) substituted (31.1.2024 for specified purposes, 30.4.2024 for E. in so far as not already in force) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), **ss. 181(6)(c)(i)**, [255\(7\)](#) (with [s. 247](#)); S.I. 2024/92, [reg. 2\(j\)](#); S.I. 2024/389, [reg. 3\(a\)](#) (with [reg. 4](#))
- F26** Words in [s. 15\(3B\)](#) inserted (31.1.2024 for specified purposes, 30.4.2024 for E. in so far as not already in force) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), **ss. 181(6)(c)(ii)**, [255\(7\)](#) (with [s. 247](#)); S.I. 2024/92, [reg. 2\(j\)](#); S.I. 2024/389, [reg. 3\(a\)](#) (with [reg. 4](#))
- F27** [S. 15\(4\)\(ba\)](#) inserted (31.3.2024 for specified purposes) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), **ss. 183(3)(c)**, [255\(7\)](#) (with [s. 247](#)); S.I. 2024/389, [reg. 2\(j\)](#)
- F28** [S. 15\(4\)\(ca\)](#) inserted (31.1.2024 for specified purposes, 30.4.2024 for E. in so far as not already in force) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), **ss. 181(6)(d)**, [255\(7\)](#) (with [s. 247](#)); S.I. 2024/92, [reg. 2\(j\)](#); S.I. 2024/389, [reg. 3\(a\)](#) (with [reg. 4](#))
- F29** [S. 15\(4\)\(e\)\(f\)](#) inserted (1.10.2016 for specified purposes, 3.2.2017 for specified purposes, 6.4.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), [s. 216\(3\)](#), **Sch. 15 para. 2(2)**; S.I. 2016/956, [reg. 2\(b\)\(i\)](#); S.I. 2017/75, [reg. 3\(i\)](#); S.I. 2017/281, [reg. 4\(j\)](#)
- F30** [S. 15\(4A\)](#) inserted (31.1.2024 for specified purposes, 30.4.2024 for E. in so far as not already in force) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), **ss. 181(6)(e)**, [255\(7\)](#) (with [s. 247](#)); S.I. 2024/92, [reg. 2\(j\)](#); S.I. 2024/389, [reg. 3\(a\)](#) (with [reg. 4](#))

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- F31** S. 15(4B)-(4F) inserted (31.3.2024 for specified purposes) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), **ss. 183(3)(d)**, 255(7) (with s. 247); S.I. 2024/389, reg. 2(j)
- F32** Words in s. 15(5) inserted (31.3.2024 for specified purposes) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), **ss. 183(3)(e)**, 255(7) (with s. 247); S.I. 2024/389, reg. 2(j)
- F33** S. 15(6) inserted (3.2.2017 for specified purposes, 6.4.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 216(3), **Sch. 15 para. 2(3)**; S.I. 2017/75, reg. 3(i) (with reg. 5); S.I. 2017/281, reg. 4(j)
- F34** Words in s. 15(6) inserted (31.3.2024 for specified purposes) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), **ss. 183(3)(f)(i)**, 255(7) (with s. 247); S.I. 2024/389, reg. 2(j)
- F35** Words in s. 15(6) substituted (31.3.2024 for specified purposes) by [Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023 \(c. 55\)](#), **ss. 183(3)(f)(ii)**, 255(7) (with s. 247); S.I. 2024/389, reg. 2(j)

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 15 modified (10.11.1993) by [1993 c. 28](#), s. 169, **Sch. 20 para. 2(2)**; S.I. 1993/2762, **art. 3**.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Act applied by [2023 asc 3 s. 43\(2\)](#)
- Act applied by [2023 asc 3 s. 50\(13\)](#)
- Act applied by [2023 asc 3 s. 137\(6\)](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 7(4) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 18 para. 3\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 26(1A)-(3) substituted for s. 26(1)(2) by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 18 para. 3\(3\)](#)