



Acquisition of Land Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 67

PART II

PURCHASES BY LOCAL AND OTHER AUTHORITIES

Confirmation of order

[^{F1}14D Power to appoint inspector

- (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 - (b) retains those functions even if all remaining objections are withdrawn after the inspector has begun to act in relation to a compulsory purchase order, and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 [^{F2}13A(3)(a) or act as the person appointed to hear remaining objections under section 13A(3)(b)] [^{F2}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.

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- (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- (a) to the inspector whose appointment has been revoked, and
 - (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

- F1** 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)
- F2** 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)

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