



# Town and Country Planning Act 1990

## 1990 CHAPTER 8

### PART I

#### PLANNING AUTHORITIES

#### **[<sup>F1</sup>2A The Mayor of London: applications of potential strategic importance**

- (1) Where an application to which this section applies is made to a local planning authority—
- (a) for planning permission [<sup>F2</sup>or permission in principle] (see section 70), or
  - (b) for planning permission without complying with conditions subject to which a previous planning permission was granted (see section 73),
- the Mayor of London may direct that he is to be the local planning authority for the purposes of determining the application.

[ Subsection (1) does not apply if the local planning authority is a Mayoral development <sup>F3</sup>(1A) corporation.]

[ Where this section applies to an application for planning permission [<sup>F5</sup>or permission <sup>F4</sup>(1B) in principle] made to the Secretary of State under section 62A, the Mayor of London may direct—

- (a) that the application is to be treated as having been made to the local planning authority (and not to the Secretary of State under section 62A), and
  - (b) that the Mayor of London is to be the local planning authority for the purposes of determining the application.]
- (2) The circumstances in which, and the conditions subject to which, the Mayor may give a direction under subsection (1) [<sup>F6</sup>or (1B)] may be prescribed by, or by directions given under, an order under this section.
- (3) This section applies to an application if—
- (a) the land to which the application relates is in Greater London (but is not in an area of Greater London prescribed by an order under this section), and
  - (b) the application is an application of potential strategic importance.

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- (4) For the purposes of this section “application of potential strategic importance” is to be construed in accordance with an order under this section.
- (5) So far as the context requires, in relation to—
- (a) the determination of an application by virtue of this section, or
  - (b) the determination of a connected application by virtue of section 2B,
- any reference in an enactment to a local planning authority or a hazardous substances authority includes a reference to the Mayor of London.
- This subsection is subject to any provision made by an order under this section by virtue of section 2D(2).
- (6) An order under this section—
- (a) may make different provision for different cases or different [<sup>F7</sup> areas;
  - (aa) may prescribe matters by reference to the spatial development strategy, or a development plan document (within the meaning of Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004), as it has effect from time to time;]
  - (b) may make provision for exceptions or exclusions.
- (7) Sections 2B to 2D and 2F contain provisions supplementing this section.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 2A-2D inserted (6.4.2008) by [Greater London Authority Act 2007 \(c. 24\), ss. 31\(2\), 59; S.I. 2008/582, art. 2\(a\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 2A(1)(a) inserted (13.7.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\), s. 216\(3\), Sch. 12 para. 2; S.I. 2016/733, reg. 3\(d\)](#)
- F3** S. 2A(1A) inserted (15.1.2012) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\), s. 240\(1\)\(l\), Sch. 22 para. 31](#)
- F4** S. 2A(1B) inserted (9.5.2013 for E. for specified purposes, 1.10.2013 for specified purposes, 1.10.2014 in so far as not already in force) by [Growth and Infrastructure Act 2013 \(c. 27\), s. 35\(1\), Sch. 1 para. 2\(1\); S.I. 2013/1124, art. 2; S.I. 2013/2143, art. 2\(1\)\(a\); S.I. 2014/1531, art. 2](#)
- F5** Words in s. 2A(1B) inserted (13.7.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\), s. 216\(3\), Sch. 12 para. 2; S.I. 2016/733, reg. 3\(d\)](#)
- F6** Words in s. 2A(2) inserted (9.5.2013 for E. for specified purposes, 1.10.2013 for specified purposes, 1.10.2014 in so far as not already in force) by [Growth and Infrastructure Act 2013 \(c. 27\), s. 35\(1\), Sch. 1 para. 2\(2\)\(a\); S.I. 2013/1124, art. 2; S.I. 2013/2143, art. 2\(1\)\(a\); S.I. 2014/1531, art. 2](#)
- F7** S. 2A(6)(aa) and word substituted for words (12.5.2016) by [Housing and Planning Act 2016 \(c. 22\), ss. 149\(1\), 216\(1\)\(d\)](#)

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

- C1** S. 2A excluded (6.4.2008) by [The Town and Country Planning \(Mayor of London\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/580\), art. 3](#)
- C2** S. 2A applied (8.5.2017) by [The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority \(Functions and Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/430\), arts. 1\(3\), 5\(2\)](#)
- C3** S. 2A applied (with modifications) (8.5.2018) by [The West of England Combined Authority Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/126\), arts. 1\(5\), 12\(2\)\(3\)](#)

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