

These notes refer to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (c.5) which received Royal Assent on 13th May 2004

PLANNING AND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT 2004

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2: Local Development

Section 20: Independent examination

43. **Section 20** requires the local planning authority to submit every development plan document to the Secretary of State for independent examination and provides for the arrangements and procedures for the examination. The purpose of the examination will be to determine whether the development plan document is sound and whether it satisfies the requirements relating to its preparation. Any person who makes representations which ask for any matter in the development plan document to be changed has a right to appear in person at the examination. The examination must be carried out by a person appointed by the Secretary of State and that person must make recommendations, which the local planning authority must publish.