



Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 5

PART 6

WALES

Plans

72 Joint local development plans

[^{F1}(A1) The Welsh Ministers may direct two or more local planning authorities to prepare a joint local development plan.

(A2) But a direction under subsection (A1) may not be given to a National Park authority.]

(1) Two or more local planning authorities may [^{F2}, in the absence of a direction to any of them under subsection (A1),] agree to prepare a joint local development plan.

[^{F3}(1A) If the Welsh Ministers give a direction under subsection (A1), they must state their reasons for doing so.

(1B) The authorities to which a direction is given must, subject to any withdrawal or variation of the direction, act jointly in exercising their functions under this Part relating to local development plans.]

(2) This Part applies for the purposes of the preparation, revision, adoption, withdrawal and revocation of a joint local development plan as it applies for the purposes of the preparation, revision, adoption, withdrawal and revocation of a local development plan.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (2) anything which must be done by or in relation to a local planning authority in connection with a local development plan must be done by or in relation to each of the authorities mentioned in subsection [^{F4}(A1) or] (1) in connection with a joint local development plan.

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- (4) Subsections (5) to (7) apply if ^{F5}—
- (a) the Welsh Ministers withdraw a direction under subsection (A1) or vary such a direction so that it ceases to apply to a local planning authority, or
 - (b) a local planning authority withdraw from an agreement mentioned in subsection (1).
- (5) Any step taken in relation to the plan must be treated as a step taken by—
- (a) an authority ^{F6}to which the direction was given or] which was a party to the agreement for the purposes of any corresponding plan prepared by them;
 - (b) two or more other authorities ^{F7}to which the direction was given or which] were parties to the agreement for the purposes of any corresponding joint local development plan.
- (6) Any independent examination of a local development plan to which the ^{F8}direction or] agreement relates must be suspended.
- (7) If before the end of the period prescribed for the purposes of this subsection an authority ^{F9}to which the direction was given or] which was a party to the agreement requests the Assembly to do so it may direct that—
- (a) the examination is resumed in relation to the corresponding plan;
 - (b) any step taken for the purposes of the suspended examination has effect for the purposes of the resumed examination.
- ^{F10}(7A) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations—
- (a) specify circumstances in which subsections (5) and (7) are not to apply in relation to an authority;
 - (b) make provision as to what is a corresponding plan or corresponding joint local development plan.]
- (8) A joint local development plan is a local development plan prepared jointly by two or more local planning authorities.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 72(A1)(A2) inserted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.1.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 14(2)**, 58(2)(b)(4)(b); S.I. 2015/1987, art. 3(d)
- F2** Words in s. 72(1) inserted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.1.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 14(3)**, 58(2)(b)(4)(b); S.I. 2015/1987, art. 3(d)
- F3** S. 72(1A)(1B) inserted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.1.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 14(4)**, 58(2)(b)(4)(b); S.I. 2015/1987, art. 3(d)
- F4** Words in s. 72(3) inserted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.1.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 14(5)**, 58(2)(b)(4)(b); S.I. 2015/1987, art. 3(d)
- F5** Words in s. 72(4) inserted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.1.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 14(6)**, 58(2)(b)(4)(b); S.I. 2015/1987, art. 3(d)
- F6** Words in s. 72(5)(a) inserted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.1.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 14(7)(a)**, 58(2)(b)(4)(b); S.I. 2015/1987, art. 3(d)
- F7** Words in s. 72(5)(b) substituted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.1.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 14(7)(b)**, 58(2)(b)(4)(b); S.I. 2015/1987, art. 3(d)
- F8** Words in s. 72(6) inserted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.1.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 14(8)**, 58(2)(b)(4)(b); S.I. 2015/1987, art. 3(d)
- F9** Words in s. 72(7) inserted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.1.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 14(9)**, 58(2)(b)(4)(b); S.I. 2015/1987, art. 3(d)

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F10 S. 72(7A) inserted (6.9.2015 for specified purposes, 4.1.2016 in so far as not already in force) by [Planning \(Wales\) Act 2015 \(anaw 4\)](#), **ss. 14(10)**, [58\(2\)\(b\)\(4\)\(b\)](#); [S.I. 2015/1987](#), [art. 3\(d\)](#)

Commencement Information

I1 S. 72 in force at 30.4.2005 by [S.I. 2005/1229](#), **art. 2(c)** (with [art. 4](#), [Sch.](#)) (which transitional provisions in [art. 4](#) are revoked (15.10.2005) by [S.I. 2005/2722](#), [art. 4](#))

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2006/1061 art. 4 by [S.I. 2010/321 art. 3](#)
- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2007/1369 art. 3 by [S.I. 2010/321 art. 4](#)

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

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

- s. 15A-15LH and cross-heading substituted for s. 15-37 and cross-heading by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 7](#)
- s. 38(2A) substituted for s. 38(2)(3) by [2023 c. 55 s. 92\(3\)](#)
- s. 38(5A)-(5C) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 93\(2\)](#)
- s. 38(9A) substituted for s. 38(9) by [2023 c. 55 s. 92\(4\)](#)
- s. 38(9B) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 93\(4\)](#)
- s. 38B(A1) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 98\(2\)](#)
- s. 38B(2B)(2C) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 98\(3\)](#)
- s. 38C(5)(d)(i)-(iii) and word substituted for words by [2023 c. 55 s. 99\(2\)](#)
- s. 39(1)(ba) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 21\(b\)](#)
- s. 39A and cross-heading inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 100](#)
- s. 45(A1) inserted by [2011 c. 20 Sch. 8 para. 14\(2\)](#)
- s. 113(1)(bb)-(bd) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 23\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 113(9)(f)(g) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 23\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 113(13) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 23\(5\)](#)
- s. 122(5)(za)(zb) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 25\(a\)](#)
- Sch. A2 para. 11(2)(da) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 99\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. A1 para. 2(1A) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. A1 para. 6(1A) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26\(7\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. A1 para. 7ZC(1A) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26\(11\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. A1 para. 7C(1A) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26\(14\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. A1 para. 8(7A) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26\(16\)\(g\)](#)
- Sch. A1 para. 1 substituted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26\(2\)](#)
- Sch. A1 para. 2(4) substituted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. A1 para. 3(1) substituted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. A1 para. 5 substituted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26\(6\)](#)
- Sch. A1 para. 6(4) substituted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26\(7\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. A1 para. 7(1) substituted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26\(8\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. A1 para. 7ZB substituted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26\(10\)](#)
- Sch. A1 para. 7ZC(4) substituted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26\(11\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. A1 para. 7ZD(1) substituted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26\(12\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. A1 para. 7B substituted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26\(13\)](#)
- Sch. A1 para. 7C(4) substituted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26\(14\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. A1 para. 7D(1) substituted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26\(15\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. A1 para. 10 substituted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26\(18\)](#)
- Sch. A2 para. 11(2)(ca) substituted for Sch. A2 para. 11(2)(c) by [2023 c. 55 s. 99\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. A1 para. 7ZA word substituted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26\(9\)](#)
- Sch. A1 para. 8(2)(a) word substituted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26\(16\)\(b\)\(ii\)](#)

- Sch. A1 para. 8(3)(b) word substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(16)(c)
- Sch. A1 para. 8(6) word substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(16)(e)
- Sch. A1 para. 8(7) word substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(16)(f)(iii)
- Sch. A1 para. 9 word substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(17)
- Sch. A1 para. 13(1) word substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(20)(a)(iii)
- Sch. A1 para. 13(2) word substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(20)(b)
- Sch. A1 para. 13(3) word substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(20)(c)
- Sch. A1 para. 13(1) words inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(20)(a)(ii)
- Sch. A1 para. 3(3)(a) words omitted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(4)(b)
- Sch. A1 para. 7(3)(a) words omitted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(8)(b)
- Sch. A1 para. 7ZD(3)(a) words omitted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(12)(b)
- Sch. A1 para. 7D(3)(a) words omitted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(15)(b)
- Sch. A1 para. 2(1) words substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(3)(a)
- Sch. A1 para. 3(4) words substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(4)(c)(i)
- Sch. A1 para. 3(4) words substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(4)(c)(ii)
- Sch. A1 para. 4 words substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(5)
- Sch. A1 para. 6(1) words substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(7)(a)
- Sch. A1 para. 7(4) words substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(8)(c)(i)
- Sch. A1 para. 7(4) words substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(8)(c)(ii)
- Sch. A1 para. 7ZC(1) words substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(11)(a)
- Sch. A1 para. 7ZD(4) words substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(12)(c)(i)
- Sch. A1 para. 7ZD(4) words substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(12)(c)(ii)
- Sch. A1 para. 7C(1) words substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(14)(a)
- Sch. A1 para. 7D(4) words substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(15)(c)(i)
- Sch. A1 para. 7D(4) words substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(15)(c)(ii)
- Sch. A1 para. 8(1) words substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(16)(a)(i)
- Sch. A1 para. 8(1) words substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(16)(a)(ii)
- Sch. A1 para. 8(2) words substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(16)(b)(i)
- Sch. A1 para. 8(2)(a) words substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(16)(b)(iii)
- Sch. A1 para. 8(5) words substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(16)(d)(i)
- Sch. A1 para. 8(5) words substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(16)(d)(ii)
- Sch. A1 para. 8(5) words substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(16)(d)(iii)
- Sch. A1 para. 8(7)(a) words substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(16)(f)(i)
- Sch. A1 para. 8(7)(b) words substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(16)(f)(ii)
- Sch. A1 para. 11 words substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(19)
- Sch. A1 para. 13(1) words substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 8 para. 26(20)(a)(i)