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# Planning Act 2008

### **2008 CHAPTER 29**

#### PART 9

CHANGES TO EXISTING PLANNING REGIMES

#### **CHAPTER 2**

OTHER CHANGES TO EXISTING PLANNING REGIMES

Determination of procedure

# 196 Determination of procedure for certain proceedings

(1) After section 319 of TCPA 1990 insert—

"Determination of procedure

#### 319A Determination of procedure for certain proceedings

- (1) The Secretary of State must make a determination as to the procedure by which proceedings to which this section applies are to be considered.
- (2) A determination under subsection (1) must provide for the proceedings to be considered in whichever of the following ways appears to the Secretary of State to be most appropriate—
  - (a) at a local inquiry;
  - (b) at a hearing;
  - (c) on the basis of representations in writing.
- (3) The Secretary of State must make a determination under subsection (1) in respect of proceedings to which this section applies before the end of the prescribed period.

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- (4) A determination under subsection (1) may be varied by a subsequent determination under that subsection at any time before the proceedings are determined.
- (5) The Secretary of State must notify the appellant or applicant (as the case may be) and the local planning authority of any determination made under subsection (1).
- (6) The Secretary of State must publish the criteria that are to be applied in making determinations under subsection (1).
- (7) This section applies to—
  - (a) an application referred to the Secretary of State under section 77 instead of being dealt with by a local planning authority in England;
  - (b) an appeal under section 78 against a decision of a local planning authority in England;
  - (c) an appeal under section 174 against an enforcement notice issued by a local planning authority in England;
  - (d) an appeal under section 195 against a decision of a local planning authority in England; and
  - (e) an appeal under section 208 against a notice under section 207(1) issued by a local planning authority in England.
- (8) But this section does not apply to proceedings if they are referred to a Planning Inquiry Commission under section 101; and on proceedings being so referred, any determination made in relation to the proceedings under subsection (1) of this section ceases to have effect.
- (9) The Secretary of State may by order amend subsection (7) to—
  - (a) add proceedings to, or remove proceedings from, the list of proceedings to which this section applies, or
  - (b) otherwise modify the descriptions of proceedings to which this section applies.
- (10) An order under subsection (9) may—
  - (a) contain incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional and transitory provision and savings;
  - (b) amend, repeal or revoke any provision made by or under this Act or by or under any other Act."
- (2) After section 88C of the Listed Buildings Act insert—

#### "88D Determination of procedure for certain proceedings

- (1) The Secretary of State must make a determination as to the procedure by which proceedings to which this section applies are to be considered.
- (2) A determination under subsection (1) must provide for the proceedings to be considered in whichever of the following ways appears to the Secretary of State to be most appropriate—
  - (a) at a local inquiry;
  - (b) at a hearing;
  - (c) on the basis of representations in writing.

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- (3) The Secretary of State must make a determination under subsection (1) in respect of proceedings to which this section applies before the end of the prescribed period.
- (4) A determination under subsection (1) may be varied by a subsequent determination under that subsection at any time before the proceedings are determined.
- (5) The Secretary of State must notify the appellant or applicant (as the case may be) and the local planning authority of any determination made under subsection (1).
- (6) The Secretary of State must publish the criteria that are to be applied in making determinations under subsection (1).
- (7) This section applies to—
  - (a) an application referred to the Secretary of State under section 12 instead of being dealt with by a local planning authority in England;
  - (b) an appeal under section 20 against a decision of a local planning authority in England; and
  - (c) an appeal under section 39 against a listed building enforcement notice issued by a local planning authority in England.
- (8) The Secretary of State may by order amend subsection (7) to—
  - (a) add proceedings under this Act to, or remove proceedings under this Act from, the list of proceedings to which this section applies, or
  - (b) otherwise modify the descriptions of proceedings under this Act to which this section applies.
- (9) An order under subsection (8) may—
  - (a) contain incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional and transitory provision and savings;
  - (b) amend, repeal or revoke any provision made by or under this Act or by or under any other Act."
- (3) After section 21 of the Hazardous Substances Act insert—

# "21A Determination by Secretary of State of procedure for certain proceedings

- (1) The Secretary of State must make a determination as to the procedure by which proceedings to which this section applies are to be considered.
- (2) A determination under subsection (1) must provide for the proceedings to be considered in whichever of the following ways appears to the Secretary of State to be most appropriate—
  - (a) at a local inquiry;
  - (b) at a hearing;
  - (c) on the basis of representations in writing.
- (3) The Secretary of State must make a determination under subsection (1) in respect of proceedings to which this section applies before the end of the prescribed period.

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- (4) A determination under subsection (1) may be varied by a subsequent determination under that subsection at any time before the proceedings are determined.
- (5) The Secretary of State must notify the appellant or applicant (as the case may be) and the hazardous substances authority of any determination made under subsection (1).
- (6) The Secretary of State must publish the criteria that are to be applied in making determinations under subsection (1).
- (7) This section applies to—
  - (a) an application referred to the Secretary of State under section 20 instead of being dealt with by a hazardous substances authority in England;
  - (b) an appeal under section 21 against a decision of a hazardous substances authority in England.
- (8) The Secretary of State may by order amend subsection (7) to—
  - (a) add proceedings under this Act to, or remove proceedings under this Act from, the list of proceedings to which this section applies, or
  - (b) otherwise modify the descriptions of proceedings under this Act to which this section applies.
- (9) An order under subsection (8) may—
  - (a) contain incidental, supplementary, consequential, transitional and transitory provision and savings;
  - (b) amend, repeal or revoke any provision made by or under this Act or by or under any other Act.
- (10) The power to make an order under subsection (8) is exercisable by statutory instrument.
- (11) No order may be made under subsection (8) unless a draft of the instrument containing the order has been laid before, and approved by resolution of, each House of Parliament."
- (4) Schedule 10 (further provisions as to the procedure for certain proceedings) has effect.

#### **Commencement Information**

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