



Planning Act 2008

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PART 3

NATIONALLY SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

General

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- (1) In this Act “nationally significant infrastructure project” means a project which consists of any of the following—
- (a) the construction or extension of a generating station;
 - (b) the installation of an electric line above ground;
 - (c) development relating to underground gas storage facilities;
 - (d) the construction or alteration of an LNG facility;
 - (e) the construction or alteration of a gas reception facility;
 - (f) the construction of a pipe-line by a gas transporter;
 - (g) the construction of a pipe-line other than by a gas transporter;
 - (h) highway-related development;
 - (i) airport-related development;
 - (j) the construction or alteration of harbour facilities;
 - (k) the construction or alteration of a railway;
 - (l) the construction or alteration of a rail freight interchange;
 - (m) the construction or alteration of a dam or reservoir;
 - (n) development relating to the transfer of water resources;
 - (o) the construction or alteration of a waste water treatment plant;
 - (p) the construction or alteration of a hazardous waste facility.
- (2) Subsection (1) is subject to sections 15 to 30.
- (3) The Secretary of State may by order—

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (a) amend subsection (1) to add a new type of project or vary or remove an existing type of project;
 - (b) make further provision, or amend or repeal existing provision, about the types of project which are, and are not, within subsection (1).
- (4) An order under subsection (3)(b) may amend this Act.
- (5) The power conferred by subsection (3) may be exercised to add a new type of project to subsection (1) only if—
 - (a) a project of the new type is a project for the carrying out of works in one or more of the fields specified in subsection (6), and
 - (b) the works are to be carried out wholly in one or more of the areas specified in subsection (7).
- (6) The fields are—
 - (a) energy;
 - (b) transport;
 - (c) water;
 - (d) waste water;
 - (e) waste.
- (7) The areas are—
 - (a) England;
 - (b) waters adjacent to England up to the seaward limits of the territorial sea;
 - (c) in the case of a project for the carrying out of works in the field of energy, a Renewable Energy Zone, except any part of a Renewable Energy Zone in relation to which the Scottish Ministers have functions.