



Localism Act 2011

2011 CHAPTER 20

PART 6 **E+W+S**

PLANNING

CHAPTER 3 **E+W**

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

120 Financial assistance in relation to neighbourhood planning **E+W**

- (1) The Secretary of State may do anything that the Secretary of State considers appropriate—
 - (a) for the purpose of publicising or promoting the making of neighbourhood development orders or neighbourhood development plans and the benefits expected to arise from their making, or
 - (b) for the purpose of giving advice or assistance to anyone in relation to the making of proposals for such orders or plans or the doing of anything else for the purposes of, or in connection with, such proposals or such orders or plans.
- (2) The things that the Secretary of State may do under this section include, in particular—
 - (a) the provision of financial assistance (or the making of arrangements for its provision) to any body or other person, and
 - (b) the making of agreements or other arrangements with any body or other person (under which payments may be made to the person).
- (3) In this section—
 - (a) the reference to giving advice or assistance includes providing training or education,
 - (b) any reference to the provision of financial assistance is to the provision of financial assistance by any means (including the making of a loan and the giving of a guarantee or indemnity),

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- (c) any reference to a neighbourhood development order is to a neighbourhood development order under section 61E of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, and
- (d) any reference to a neighbourhood development plan is to a neighbourhood development plan under section 38A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

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

- s. 158(8)-(9B) substituted for s. 158(8)(9) by [2016 c. 22 s. 121\(2\)\(e\)](#)
- s. 202(3A) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 176\(2\)](#)