



Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 55

PART 3

PLANNING

CHAPTER 2

DEVELOPMENT PLANS ETC

Development plans and national policy

PROSPECTIVE

93 Role of development plan and national policy in England

(1) Section 38 of PCPA 2004 (development plan) is amended as follows.

(2) After subsection (5) insert—

“(5A) For the purposes of any area in England, subsections (5B) and (5C) apply if, for the purposes of any determination to be made under the planning Acts, regard is to be had to—

- (a) the development plan, and
- (b) any national development management policies.

(5B) Subject to subsections (5) and (5C), the determination must be made in accordance with the development plan and any national development management policies, taken together, unless material considerations strongly indicate otherwise.

(5C) If to any extent the development plan conflicts with a national development management policy, the conflict must be resolved in favour of the national development management policy.”

Status: Point in time view as at 31/03/2024. This version of this provision is prospective.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023, Section 93. (See end of Document for details)

- (3) In subsection (6), for “IF” substitute “For the purposes of any area in Wales, if”.
- (4) After [subsection \(9A\)](#) (inserted by [section 92\(4\)](#)) of this Act insert—
 - “(9B) National development management policy must be construed in accordance with [section 38ZA](#).”
- (5) [Schedule 6](#) amends various Acts relating to planning so that they provide that, in making a determination, regard is to be had to the development plan and any national development management policies.

Commencement Information

- II** S. 93 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 255\(3\)\(b\)](#)

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