



Land Compensation Act 1961

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PART V

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

38 Services of notices.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, any notice or other document required or authorised to be served or given under Part III ^{F1}... of this Act may be served or given either—
- (a) by delivering it to the person on whom it is to be served or to whom it is to be given; or
 - (b) by leaving it at the usual or last known place of abode of that person, or, in a case in which an address for service has been furnished by that person, at that address; or
 - (c) by sending it in a pre-paid registered letter addressed to that person at his usual or last known place of abode, or, in a case in which an address for service has been furnished by that person, at that address; or
 - (d) in the case of an incorporated company or body, by delivering it to the secretary or clerk of the company or body at their registered or principal office, or sending it in a pre-paid registered letter addressed to the secretary or clerk of the company or body at that office.
- (2) Where the notice or document is required or authorised to be served on any person as having an interest in premises, and the name of that person cannot be ascertained after reasonable inquiry, the notice shall be deemed to be duly served if—
- (a) being addressed to him either by name or by the description of “the owner” of the premises (describing them) it is delivered or sent in the manner mentioned in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of subsection (1) of this section; or
 - (b) being addressed as aforesaid and marked in the manner for the time being prescribed by regulations under [^{F2}the ^{M1}Town and Country Planning Act 1971], for securing that notices thereunder are plainly identifiable as a communication of importance, it is sent in a pre-paid registered letter to the

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premises and is not returned to the authority sending it, or is delivered to some person on those premises or is affixed conspicuously to some object on those premises.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 38(1) omitted (22.9.2017) by virtue of [Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 33(2), 46(1)**; S.I. 2017/936, reg. 3(c)
- F2** Words substituted by virtue of [Town and Country Planning Act 1971 \(c. 78\)](#), **Sch. 24 para. 2**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** References to registered letter to be construed as including references to letter sent by recorded delivery service: [Recorded Delivery Service Act 1962 \(c. 27\)](#), s. 1(1)(2), **Sch. para. 1**

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1971 c. 78.

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

- Act applied by [2023 asc 3 s. 142\(5\)](#)
- Act excluded by [2023 asc 3 s. 140\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- Act modified by [S.I. 2020/1297 art. 36](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2020/1297 was withdrawn following a request from the Department of Transport dated 9th August 2021 which followed the decision of the High Court of Justice to quash this Order in the judgement dated 2nd August 2021 (High Court of Justice — Planning Court — The Queen (on the application of Save Stonehenge World Heritage Site) v. Secretary of State for Transport — Case No. CO/4844/2020))
- Act modified by [S.I. 2020/1297 Sch. 5 para. 2](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2020/1297 was withdrawn following a request from the Department of Transport dated 9th August 2021 which followed the decision of the High Court of Justice to quash this Order in the judgement dated 2nd August 2021 (High Court of Justice — Planning Court — The Queen (on the application of Save Stonehenge World Heritage Site) v. Secretary of State for Transport — Case No. CO/4844/2020))
- Act modified by [S.I. 2021/51 Sch. 6 para. 2](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. S.I. 2021/51 removed from the website by request from the Department of Transport dated 12th July 2021 which followed the decision of the High Court of Justice to quash these Regulations in the judgement dated 8th July 2021 (High Court of Justice — Planning Court — The Queen (on the application of Mair Bain) v. Secretary of State for Transport — Case No. CO/642/2021).)

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

- s. 14(2A)(2B) substituted for s. 14(3)(4) by [2023 c. 55 s. 189\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 17(1A)-(1C) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 189\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 17(3)(ba) substituted for s. 17(3)(a)(b) by [2023 c. 55 s. 189\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 17(5A)-(5C) substituted for s. 17(5)-(8) by [2023 c. 55 s. 189\(3\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 18(2)(b)(iia) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 189\(4\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 18(2)(aa) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 189\(4\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 18(2A)(2B) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 189\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 22(2A) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 189\(7\)](#)