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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING,  
ENGLAND AND WALES**
**The Town and Country Planning (Structure and Local  
Plans) (Amendment) Regulations 1979**

*Made - - - -* 19th December 1979

*Laid before Parliament* 10th January 1980

*Coming into Operation* 31st January 1980

The Secretary of State for the Environment (in relation to England) and the Secretary of State for Wales (in relation to Wales) in exercise of their powers under sections 7(3), 9(3)(a)(a), 18(1) and (2) and 287 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971(b), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations:—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Town and Country Planning (Structure and Local Plans) (Amendment) Regulations 1979, and shall come into operation on 31st January 1980. The Town and Country Planning (Structure and Local Plans) Regulations 1974(c) and these regulations may be cited together as the Town and Country Planning (Structure and Local Plans) Regulations 1974 to 1979.

2. The Town and Country Planning (Structure and Local Plans) Regulations 1974 are hereby amended as follows:—

(a) In regulation 9, subparagraph (3) shall be omitted;  
and

(b) In Schedule 3 (Footnotes to forms 1 to 6), for footnote (6) there shall be substituted the following footnote—

“(6) Specify date which is—

(a) in the case of Form 5, six weeks;

and

(b) in every other case, not less than six weeks,  
after date on which notice first published in local newspaper.”.

17th December 1979.

*Michael R. D. Heseltine,*  
Secretary of State for the Environment.

19th December 1979.

*Nicholas Edwards,*  
Secretary of State for Wales.

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(a) Substituted by section 3 of the Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Act 1972 (c. 42).      (b) 1971 c. 78.      (c) S.I. 1974/1486.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations make the following amendments to the Town and Country Planning (Structure and Local Plans) Regulations 1974:—

- (a) Regulation 9(3) of the 1974 Regulations requires that a structure plan written statement shall include, as part of the plan, a reasoned justification of the policy and general proposals formulated therein. These regulations revoke the sub-paragraph, and accordingly the reasoned justification need no longer be included in the structure plan written statement;
- (b) by virtue of Regulation 25 of the 1974 Regulations the county planning authority are required to advertise (in the appropriate form, Form 5 of Schedule 3) modifications which the Secretary of State proposes to make to the structure plan when approving it. Form 5 requires specification of a date before which objections to the proposed modifications may be made, and footnote (6) to the form formerly required that the date should be not less than six weeks after the date on which notice of the proposed modifications is first published. The footnote is amended to provide that the date must now be exactly six weeks after the date of first publication.

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