
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Town and Country Planning General Development Order 1988. The main changes are—

1. amendments to Part 20 of Schedule 2 to the 1988 Order (British Coal mining development)—
 - (i) to limit development under Class A (underground development) to development in a designated seam area or development required in order to gain access to and work coal or coal-related minerals in a designated seam area. The designated seam area is to be identified in a plan deposited with the mineral planning authority before 30 September 1993;
 - (ii) repealing Class D (prospecting for coal workable by opencast methods), (article 2);
2. the alteration of Class B in Part 22 of Schedule 2 to the 1988 Order (mineral exploration) to allow development to be carried on for a period not exceeding 6 months unless the mineral planning authority have otherwise agreed (article 3);
3. the substitution of Part 24 of Schedule 2 to the 1988 Order (development by telecommunications code system operators). Part 24 as substituted—
 - (i) introduces permitted development rights for radio equipment housing and development ancillary to radio equipment housing;
 - (ii) amends restrictions on the number, size and location of antennas; and
 - (iii) imposes conditions in respect of development on article 1(5) land, and of certain other types of development, requiring developers to apply to the local planning authority for a determination as to whether prior approval is required to the siting and appearance of the development,(article 4).