STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 314

The Infrastructure Planning Fees (Amendment) Regulations 2017

Amendment to the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011

- **3.**—(1) The Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011(1) are amended as follows.
 - (2) For regulation 71, substitute—
 - "71.—(1) The Secretary of State must from time to time—
 - (a) carry out a review of Schedule 2, and
 - (b) publish a report setting out the conclusions of the review.
 - (2) The first report must be published before 6th April 2022.
 - (3) Subsequent reports must be published at intervals not exceeding 5 years.
 - (4) Section 30(4) of the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 requires that a report published under this regulation must, in particular—
 - (a) set out the objectives intended to be achieved by the regulatory provision referred to in paragraph (1)(a);
 - (b) assess the extent to which those objectives are achieved;
 - (c) assess whether those objectives remain appropriate; and
 - (d) if those objectives remain appropriate, assess the extent to which they could be achieved in another way which involves less onerous regulatory provision.
 - (5) In this regulation, "regulatory provision" has the same meaning as in sections 28 to 32 of the Small Business, Enterprise and Employment Act 2015 (see section 32 of that Act.)"
 - (3) In paragraph 2(3) of Schedule 2, for "£4,500" substitute "£6,750".
 - (4) In paragraph 3 of Schedule 2, for sub-paragraph (3) substitute—
 - "(3) The pre-examination fee is—
 - (a) where a single appointed person will handle the application, £12,750;
 - (b) where two appointed persons will handle the application, £25,500;
 - (c) where three appointed persons will handle the application, £38,250;
 - (d) where more than three appointed persons will handle the application, £57,750."
- (5) In paragraph 5 of Schedule 2, for the definition of "initial payment" in sub-paragraph (2) substitute—
 - ""initial payment" in relation to a notice under sub-paragraph (1) means—

- (a) where the examination is to be handled by a single appointed person, £923 for each estimated relevant day;
- (b) where the examination is to be handled by two appointed persons, £1,467 for each estimated relevant day;
- (c) where the examination is to be handled by three appointed persons, £2,010 for each estimated relevant day;
- (d) where the examination is to be handled by more than three appointed persons, £3,060 for each estimated relevant day."
- (6) In paragraph 6 of Schedule 2, for sub-paragraph (2) substitute—
 - "(2) The final payment is—
 - (a) where a single appointed person has examined the application, £1,845 for each relevant day;
 - (b) where two appointed persons have examined the application, £2,933 for each relevant day;
 - (c) where three appointed persons have examined the application, £4,020 for each relevant day;
 - (d) where more than three appointed persons have examined the application, £6,120 for each relevant day

less the initial payment referred to in paragraph 5."

(7) After paragraph 7 in Schedule 2, insert—

"Fees payable on or after 1st April 2018

- **8.**—(1) Each relevant fee is increased by the appropriate percentage on 1st April 2018, and on 1st April in any subsequent year, if the appropriate percentage is greater than zero.
- (2) The appropriate percentage is the CPI 12-month percentage rate published for the preceding September.
- (3) The amount of any increase is in pounds sterling, rounded up or down to the nearest pound.
- (4) In any year, the increase in a relevant fee described in paragraph (1) applies only where the obligation to pay that fee arises on or after 1st April in that year.
 - (5) In this regulation—

"the CPI 12-month percentage rate" means the measure of the change in prices between one month and the same month in the subsequent year, published by the Statistics Board, a body corporate established by section 1 of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007(2); and

"relevant fee" means any fee prescribed in any of paragraphs 2, 3, 5 or 6 of this Schedule."