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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

Development in Wales is of national significance if it meets criteria specified in regulations<sup>(1)</sup> or is specified as such in the National Development Framework<sup>(2)</sup>.

This Order makes provision for the manner in which applications for planning permission in respect of such development are to be dealt with by the Welsh Ministers.

This Order includes provision in relation to—

- Notification of proposed development and the acceptance of such notification by the Welsh Ministers (articles 5 and 6);
- Pre-application publicity and consultation (articles 7 to 11);
- General requirements applicable to the making of an application (article 12);
- Acceptance of applications by the Welsh Ministers (article 15);
- Requirements applicable to the giving of notice before an application is made (article 16);
- Publicity requirements applicable following the making of an application (articles 18 and 19);
- Requirements related to the register of applications maintained by local planning authorities (article 20);
- Local impact reports (articles 25 and 26);
- Variation of applications (article 27);
- Notice to be given by the Welsh Ministers in respect of their decision on applications and the revision of such notices (articles 29 and 30);
- Requirements related to notification of initiation of development and display of notices (article 31).

An impact assessment has been prepared in relation to this Order. Copies are available from the Planning Division of the Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ and on the Welsh Government's website at [www.wales.gov.uk](http://www.wales.gov.uk).

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(1) See section 62D(3) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (c. 8) and the Developments of National Significance (Specified Criteria and Prescribed Secondary Consents) (Wales) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/53) (W.25) ("Specified Criteria and Prescribed Secondary Consents Regulations").

(2) See section 62D(4) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.