#### WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2017 No. 544

# The Town and Country Planning (Referred Applications and Appeals Procedure) (Wales) Regulations 2017

## PART 1

### General

#### **Further information**

- 9.—(1) The Welsh Ministers may request further representations from—
  - (a) the appellant;
  - (b) the local planning authority;
  - (c) any interested person who made representations in relation to the appeal within 4 weeks of the starting date.
- (2) In particular, the Welsh Ministers may in writing request—
  - (a) from the person making any representation, a specified number of additional copies of that representation;
  - (b) responses to questions posed by the Welsh Ministers about the matters contained in any representation.
- (3) Each representation on any particular matter submitted following a request must not exceed 3,000 words and must be submitted in the time and manner specified by the Welsh Ministers.
  - (4) The Welsh Ministers may disregard any representation which—
    - (a) is received out of time or in a manner other than that specified;
    - (b) exceeds 3,000 words;
    - (c) they regard as vexatious or frivolous; or
    - (d) relates to the merits of policy set out in a development plan or any relevant policy statement made or published by the Welsh Ministers.
- (5) In the event that a written representation exceeds 3,000 words, the Welsh Ministers may return the representation to the person submitting it with a request that the representation is re-submitted so that it does not exceed 3,000 words and within such time as the Welsh Ministers may specify when returning the representation.
- (6) The Welsh Ministers may increase the number of words in paragraph (3) in any particular case and accordingly references to a maximum number of words are to such increased number.
- (7) Where the Welsh Ministers exercise their discretion under paragraph (6) the written representation must be accompanied by a written summary containing no more than 1,500 words.
- (8) The Welsh Ministers must make all written representations, and written responses to questions, received by them available in such manner as the Welsh Ministers think appropriate as soon as reasonably practicable.