



# Planning (Wales) Act 2015

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## PART 3

### DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

#### *Local development plans*

#### **14 Welsh Ministers' power to direct preparation of joint local development plan**

- (1) Section 72 of PCPA 2004 (joint local development plans) is amended as follows.
- (2) Before subsection (1) insert—
  - “(A1) The Welsh Ministers may direct two or more local planning authorities to prepare a joint local development plan.
  - (A2) But a direction under subsection (A1) may not be given to a National Park authority.”
- (3) In subsection (1), after “may” insert “, in the absence of a direction to any of them under subsection (A1),”.
- (4) After subsection (1) insert—
  - “(1A) If the Welsh Ministers give a direction under subsection (A1), they must state their reasons for doing so.
  - (1B) The authorities to which a direction is given must, subject to any withdrawal or variation of the direction, act jointly in exercising their functions under this Part relating to local development plans.”
- (5) In subsection (3), after “mentioned in subsection” insert “ (A1) or ”.
- (6) In subsection (4), after “if” insert “—
  - (a) the Welsh Ministers withdraw a direction under subsection (A1) or vary such a direction so that it ceases to apply to a local planning authority, or

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(b)”.

(7) In subsection (5)—

- (a) in paragraph (a), after “authority” insert “ to which the direction was given or ”;
- (b) in paragraph (b), for “who” substitute “ to which the direction was given or which ”.

(8) In subsection (6), after “to which the” insert “ direction or ”.

(9) In subsection (7), after “authority” insert “ to which the direction was given or ”.

(10) After subsection (7) insert—

“(7A) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations—

- (a) specify circumstances in which subsections (5) and (7) are not to apply in relation to an authority;
- (b) make provision as to what is a corresponding plan or corresponding joint local development plan.”

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**Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 14 partly in force; s. 14 in force for specified purposes at 6.9.2015, see s. 58(2)(b)(4)(b)
- I2** S. 14 in force at 4.1.2016 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2015/1987](#), **art. 3(d)**

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