



Planning (Wales) Act 2015

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PART 3

DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Strategic planning

6 Preparing and revising strategic development plans

In PCPA 2004, after section 60H (as inserted by section 5) insert—

“60I Strategic development plan

- (1) A strategic planning panel must prepare a plan for its strategic planning area, to be known as a strategic development plan.
- (2) The plan must set out—
 - (a) the panel’s objectives in relation to the development and use of land in its area;
 - (b) the panel’s policies for the implementation of those objectives.
- (3) A strategic development plan must be in general conformity with the National Development Framework for Wales.
- (4) The plan must specify the period for which it is to have effect.
- (5) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations make provision about—
 - (a) the period that may be specified under subsection (4);
 - (b) the form and content of the plan.
- (6) In preparing a strategic development plan, the strategic planning panel must have regard to—
 - (a) current national policies;
 - (b) the National Development Framework for Wales;

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (c) the strategic development plan for any strategic planning area that adjoins the panel's area;
 - (d) the local development plan for each area all or part of which is included in the panel's area;
 - (e) the resources likely to be available for implementing the strategic development plan;
 - (f) any other matters prescribed by the Welsh Ministers in regulations.
- (7) The panel must also—
- (a) carry out an appraisal of the sustainability of the plan;
 - (b) prepare a report of the findings of the appraisal.
- (8) The appraisal must include an assessment of the likely effects of the plan on the use of the Welsh language in the strategic planning area.
- (9) A plan is a strategic development plan only in so far as it is—
- (a) adopted by resolution of the strategic planning panel as a strategic development plan, or
 - (b) approved by the Welsh Ministers under section 65 or 71 (as they apply by virtue of section 60J).
- (10) The plan ceases to be a strategic development plan on the expiry of the period specified under subsection (4).

60J Strategic development plan: application of provisions of this Part

- (1) The provisions specified in subsection (3) apply in relation to a strategic development plan as they apply in relation to a local development plan.
- (2) Accordingly, where a provision specified in subsection (3) confers power for the Welsh Ministers to make provision by regulations in respect of a local development plan, that power is also exercisable so as to make provision in respect of a strategic development plan.
- (3) The provisions are sections 63 to 68, 68A(1), 69 to 71, 73 and 75 to 77.
- (4) In those provisions as they apply by virtue of subsection (1)—
 - (a) references to a local planning authority are to be construed as references to a strategic planning panel;
 - (b) references to a local development plan are to be construed as references to a strategic development plan.
- (5) In section 64(5)(a) as it applies by virtue of this section, the reference to section 62 is to be construed as a reference to section 60I.
- (6) In section 77(2)(a) as it applies by virtue of this section, the reference to section 62(6) is to be construed as a reference to section 60I(7)."