



# New Towns Act 1981

## CHAPTER 64

### NEW TOWNS ACT 1981

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*Acquisitions by development corporations and local highway authorities*

- 1 An application by a development corporation or local highway authority...
- 2 As soon as may be after submitting the application to...
- 3 (1) If— (a) no objection is duly made by any...
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- 4 (1) If the acquiring authority have, in respect of any...
- 4A (1) This paragraph applies where— (a) an acquiring authority have...
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SCHEDULE 8 — Procedure for Dealing with Objections to Orders Under sections 23, 28 and 30

- 1 In this Schedule, “the relevant Minister” means—
- 2 Unless the relevant Minister decides apart from the objection not...
- 3 In so far as the relevant Minister, after considering the...
- 4 If— (a) after considering the grounds of the objection as...
- 5 Subject to paragraphs 3 and 4 above, the relevant Minister—...
- 6 (1) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this Schedule,...

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- 1 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this Schedule, where...
- 2 (1) Any such order as aforesaid may, if the appropriate...
- 3 (1) Subject to the following provisions of this Schedule, on...
- 4 (1) In respect of expenditure of a development corporation on...
- 5 (1) The Secretary of State’s power to make advances to...
- 6 In this Schedule “enactment” means any Act of Parliament and...

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- 1 Where any period of time specified in or under an...
- 2 (1) Any provision of this Act relating to anything done...

### *Advances to Commission and to development corporations under previous enactments*

- 3 For the purposes of section 58(6) above—
- 4 For the purposes of section 60 above—
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- 7 Notwithstanding the repeal by this Act of the New Towns...

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- 8 Section 24(2) of and Part I of Schedule 6 to...
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### *Land Compensation Act 1973*

- 11 Nothing in this Act affects the operation of the savings...

### *House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975*

- 12 Notwithstanding the repeal by this Act of the New Towns...

### *Schedule 25 to the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980*

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#### *National Loans Act 1968 c. 13*

- 2 In Schedule 1 to the National Loans Act 1968, in...

#### *New Towns (Scotland) Act 1968 c. 16*

- 3 In the New Towns (Scotland) Act 1968—

#### *Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1968 c. 34*

- 4 In section 13(2) of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1968,...

#### *Post Office Act 1969 c. 48*

- 5 In paragraph 93(1)(xxv) and (4)(e) of Part II of Schedule...
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*Land Compensation Act 1973 c. 26*

9 In section 51 of the Land Compensation Act 1973—  
10 In section 57(2) of the Land Compensation Act 1973, for...  
11 .....

*Water Act 1973 c. 37*

12 In section 15(10) of the Water Act 1973 for “New...  
13–14 .....

*House of Commons Disqualification Act 1975 c. 24*

15 In Part II of Schedule 1 to the House of...  
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*Community Land Act 1975 c. 77*

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18 In section 6(1) of the Community Land Act 1975 (in...  
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*Development of Rural Wales Act 1976 c. 75*

20 .....  
21 .....  
22 .....

*Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976 c. 80*

23 In section 5(3)(e) of the Rent (Agriculture) Act 1976, for...

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24 In section 14(e) of the Rent Act 1977, for “New...  
25 .....

*National Health Service Act 1977 c. 49*

26 In section 123(1) of the National Health Service Act 1977,...

*Housing Act 1980 c. 51*

27 In the Housing Act 1980— (a) . . . . .

*Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 c. 65*

28 In the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980—  
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