



New Towns Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 64

PART V

GENERAL AND SUPPLEMENTAL

Miscellaneous

73 Rights of entry.

- (1) Where an authority, being either a development corporation or a local highway authority or the Secretary of State, are—
 - (a) authorised to acquire any land compulsorily under this Act, ^{F1}...
 - ^{F1}(b)
any person, being an officer of the Valuation Office or a person authorised in writing by such authority, may at any reasonable time enter upon the land for the purpose of surveying it or estimating its value.
- (2) Any person, being an officer of the Valuation Office or a person authorised in writing by the Secretary of State, may at any reasonable time enter upon any land for the purpose of surveying it or estimating its value in connection with any proposals relating to the land submitted or to be submitted under section 7(1) above.
- (3) A person authorised under the foregoing provisions of this section to enter upon any land shall, if so required, produce evidence of his authority before entering, and shall not demand admission as of right to any land which is occupied unless 24 hours' notice of the intended entry has been given to the occupier.
- (4) Any person who obstructs a person acting in the exercise of his powers under this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding [^{F2}level 2 on the standard scale].

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Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 73(1)(b) and preceding word omitted (13.7.2016) by virtue of [Housing and Planning Act 2016](#) (c. 22), s. 216(3), [Sch. 14 para. 13](#); S.I. 2016/733, reg. 3(h) (with reg. 6)
- F2** Words substituted by virtue of [Criminal Justice Act 1982](#) (c. 48, SIF 39:1), s. 46
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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 73(2) functions made exercisable (E.) (24.7.2018) by [The New Towns Act 1981 \(Local Authority Oversight\) Regulations 2018](#) (S.I. 2018/891), regs. 1, [3\(1\)](#) (with reg. 3(2))

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- s. 1A(1) omitted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 16 para. 7\(3\)](#)
- s. 1A(2) omitted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 16 para. 7\(3\)](#)
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- s. 1A(4) words substituted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 16 para. 7\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 1A(5)(a) words substituted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 16 para. 7\(5\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 1ZA1ZB inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 172\(2\)](#)
- s. 2(1A) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 16 para. 8](#)
- s. 3(2B)-(2D) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 172\(3\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 3(2ZA)(2ZB) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 178\(2\)\(b\)](#)
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- s. 60(1A) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 179\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 77(3E) inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 17 para. 1\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 3 para. 10A10B and cross-heading inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 175\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 4 para. 5A inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 190\(3\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 5 para. 5A inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 190\(3\)\(b\)](#)