



# Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

## 2004 CHAPTER 5

### PART 2

#### LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

##### *Documents*

#### **27 Secretary of State's default power**

- (1) This section applies if the Secretary of State thinks that a local planning authority are failing or omitting to do anything it is necessary for them to do in connection with the preparation, revision or adoption of a development plan document.
- (2) The Secretary of State must hold an independent examination and section 20(4) to (7) applies accordingly.
- (3) The Secretary of State must publish the recommendations and reasons of the person appointed to hold the examination.
- (4) The Secretary of State may—
  - (a) prepare or revise (as the case may be) the document, and
  - (b) approve the document as a local development document.
- (5) The Secretary of State must give reasons for anything he does in pursuance of subsection (4).
- (6) The authority must reimburse the Secretary of State for any expenditure he incurs in connection with anything—
  - (a) which is done by him under subsection (4), and
  - (b) which the authority failed or omitted to do as mentioned in subsection (1).