



Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 5

PART 4

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

Applications

43 Power to decline to determine applications

- (1) For section 70A of the principal Act (power of local planning authority to decline to determine application) there are substituted the following sections—

“70A Power to decline to determine subsequent application

- (1) A local planning authority may decline to determine a relevant application if—
- any of the conditions in subsections (2) to (4) is satisfied, and
 - the authority think there has been no significant change in the relevant considerations since the relevant event.
- (2) The condition is that in the period of two years ending with the date on which the application mentioned in subsection (1) is received the Secretary of State has refused a similar application referred to him under section 76A or 77.
- (3) The condition is that in that period the Secretary of State has dismissed an appeal—
- against the refusal of a similar application, or
 - under section 78(2) in respect of a similar application.
- (4) The condition is that—

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- (a) in that period the local planning authority have refused more than one similar application, and
 - (b) there has been no appeal to the Secretary of State against any such refusal.
- (5) A relevant application is—
- (a) an application for planning permission for the development of any land;
 - (b) an application for approval in pursuance of section 60(2).
- (6) The relevant considerations are—
- (a) the development plan so far as material to the application;
 - (b) any other material considerations.
- (7) The relevant event is—
- (a) for the purposes of subsections (2) and (4) the refusal of the similar application;
 - (b) for the purposes of subsection (3) the dismissal of the appeal.
- (8) An application for planning permission is similar to another application if (and only if) the local planning authority think that the development and the land to which the applications relate are the same or substantially the same.

70B Power to decline to determine overlapping application

- (1) A local planning authority may decline to determine an application for planning permission for the development of any land which is made at a time when any of the conditions in subsections (2) to (4) applies in relation to a similar application.
- (2) The condition is that a similar application is under consideration by the local planning authority and the determination period for that application has not expired.
- (3) The condition is that a similar application is under consideration by the Secretary of State in pursuance of section 76A or 77 or on an appeal under section 78 and the Secretary of State has not issued his decision.
- (4) The condition is that a similar application—
- (a) has been granted by the local planning authority,
 - (b) has been refused by them, or
 - (c) has not been determined by them within the determination period,
- and the time within which an appeal could be made to the Secretary of State under section 78 has not expired.
- (5) An application for planning permission is similar to another application if (and only if) the local planning authority think that the development and the land to which the applications relate are the same or substantially the same.
- (6) The determination period is—
- (a) the period prescribed by the development order for the determination of the application, or

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- (b) such longer period as the applicant and the authority have agreed for the determination of the application.”
- (2) In section 78(2)(aa) of that Act after “70A” there is inserted “or 70B”.
- (3) After section 81 of the listed buildings Act (authorities with functions under the Act) there are inserted the following sections—

“Power to decline to determine application

81A Power to decline to determine subsequent application

- (1) A local planning authority may decline to determine an application for a relevant consent if—
 - (a) one or more of the conditions in subsections (2) to (4) is satisfied, and
 - (b) the authority think there has been no significant change in any material considerations since the relevant event.
- (2) The condition is that in the period of two years ending with the date on which the application mentioned in subsection (1) is received the Secretary of State has refused a similar application referred to him under section 12.
- (3) The condition is that in that period the Secretary of State has dismissed an appeal—
 - (a) against the refusal of a similar application, or
 - (b) under section 20(2) in respect of a similar application.
- (4) The condition is that—
 - (a) in that period the local planning authority have refused more than one similar application, and
 - (b) there has been no appeal to the Secretary of State against any such refusal.
- (5) Relevant consent is—
 - (a) listed building consent, or
 - (b) conservation area consent.
- (6) The relevant event is—
 - (a) for the purposes of subsections (2) and (4) the refusal of the similar application;
 - (b) for the purposes of subsection (3) the dismissal of the appeal.
- (7) An application for relevant consent is similar to another application if (and only if) the local planning authority think that the building and works to which the applications relate are the same or substantially the same.
- (8) For the purposes of an application for conservation area consent a reference to a provision of this Act is a reference to that provision as excepted or modified by regulations under section 74.

81B Power to decline to determine overlapping application

- (1) A local planning authority may decline to determine an application for a relevant consent which is made at a time when any of the conditions in subsections (2) to (4) applies in relation to a similar application.
 - (2) The condition is that a similar application is under consideration by the local planning authority and the determination period for that application has not expired.
 - (3) The condition is that a similar application is under consideration by the Secretary of State in pursuance of section 12 or on an appeal under section 20 and the Secretary of State has not issued his decision.
 - (4) The condition is that a similar application—
 - (a) has been granted by the local planning authority,
 - (b) has been refused by them, or
 - (c) has not been determined by them within the determination period, and the time within which an appeal could be made to the Secretary of State under section 20 has not expired.
 - (5) Relevant consent is—
 - (a) listed building consent, or
 - (b) conservation area consent.
 - (6) An application for relevant consent is similar to another application if (and only if) the local planning authority think that the building and works to which the applications relate are the same or substantially the same.
 - (7) The determination period is—
 - (a) the period prescribed for the determination of the application, or
 - (b) such longer period as the applicant and the authority have agreed for the determination of the application.
 - (8) For the purposes of an application for conservation area consent a reference to a provision of this Act is a reference to that provision as excepted or modified by regulations under section 74.”
- (4) Section 20(2) of that Act (appeals) is amended as follows—
- (a) for “neither” there is substituted “done none of the following”;
 - (b) after paragraph (a) for “nor” there is substituted—
 - “(aa) given notice to the applicant that they have exercised their power under section 81A or 81B to decline to determine the application;”.
- (5) This section has effect only in relation to applications made under the principal Act or the listed buildings Act which are received by the local planning authority after this section comes into force.