



Planning Act 2008

2008 CHAPTER 29

PART 6

DECIDING APPLICATIONS FOR ORDERS GRANTING DEVELOPMENT CONSENT

CHAPTER 4

EXAMINATION OF APPLICATIONS UNDER CHAPTER 2 OR 3

88 Initial assessment of issues, and preliminary meeting

- (1) The Examining authority must make such an initial assessment of the principal issues arising on the application as the Examining authority thinks appropriate.
- (2) After making that assessment, the Examining authority must hold a meeting.
- (3) The Examining authority must invite to the meeting—
 - (a) the applicant, ^{F1}...
 - (b) each other interested party,
 - ^{F2}(c) each statutory party, and
 - (d) each local authority that is within section 88A,]whether or not the Examining authority is required by rules under section 97, or chooses, also to invite other persons.

^{F3}(3A) In subsection (3)(c) “statutory party” means a person specified in, or of a description specified in, regulations made by the Secretary of State.]

- (4) The purposes of the meeting are—
 - (a) to enable invitees present at the meeting to make representations to the Examining authority about how the application should be examined,
 - (b) to discuss any other matter that the Examining authority wishes to discuss, and
 - (c) any other purpose that may be specified in rules under section 97.

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- (5) Subsections (2) to (4) do not prevent the Examining authority holding other meetings.
- (6) Rules under section 97—
- (a) may (in particular) make provision supplementing subsections (1) to (4), and
 - (b) must make provision as to when the assessment under subsection (1) is to be made and as to when the meeting required by subsection (2) is to be held.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 88(3)(a) repealed (15.1.2012 for specified purposes, 1.4.2012 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), ss. 138(5)(a), 240(2), [Sch. 25 Pt. 21](#) (with s. 144); [S.I. 2012/57](#), art. 2(c); [S.I. 2012/628](#), art. 7(a)
- F2** S. 88(3)(c)(d) inserted (15.1.2012 for specified purposes, 1.4.2012 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), ss. [138\(5\)\(b\)](#), 240(2) (with s. 144); [S.I. 2012/57](#), art. 2(c); [S.I. 2012/628](#), art. 7(a)
- F3** S. 88(3A) inserted (15.1.2012 for specified purposes, 1.4.2012 in so far as not already in force) by [Localism Act 2011 \(c. 20\)](#), ss. [138\(5\)\(c\)](#), 240(2) (with s. 144); [S.I. 2012/57](#), art. 2(c); [S.I. 2012/628](#), art. 7(a)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 88 in force at 1.3.2010 by [S.I. 2010/101](#), [art. 3\(d\)](#) (with [art. 6](#))

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- Pt. 10A inserted by [2023 c. 55 Sch. 12 para. 1](#)
- s. 37(3A) inserted by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 15 para. 7](#)
- s. 37(3A) inserted by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 15 para. 7](#)
- s. 103(1A) inserted by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 15 para. 2](#)
- s. 103(1A) inserted by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 15 para. 2](#)
- s. 104(3)-(3B) substituted for s. 104(3) by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 15 para. 3\(2\)](#)
- s. 104(3)-(3B) substituted for s. 104(3) by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 15 para. 3\(2\)](#)
- s. 105(3)(4) inserted by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 15 para. 4\(1\)](#)
- s. 105(3)(4) inserted by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 15 para. 4\(1\)](#)
- s. 120(2)(c) inserted by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 15 para. 8](#)
- s. 120(2)(c) inserted by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 15 para. 8](#)
- s. 223(1)(za) inserted by [2023 c. 55 s. 139\(6\)](#)
- s. 232(5)(f) inserted by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 15 para. 9\(2\)](#)
- s. 232(5)(f) inserted by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 15 para. 9\(2\)](#)
- Sch. 2A inserted by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 15 para. 5](#)
- Sch. 2A inserted by [2021 c. 30 Sch. 15 para. 5](#)