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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2014 No. 3038**

**The Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2014**

**PART 3**

**Applications and proposals to amend the Registers**

**Changes of procedure**

**34.**—(1) This regulation applies where notice has been given under regulation 28 that a public inquiry or (where the Planning Inspectorate is the determining authority) a hearing is to be held in relation to the application or proposal.

(2) Where a registration authority is the determining authority it may, subject to paragraph (3), decide at any time before the start of a public inquiry to cancel the inquiry and determine the application without holding an inquiry.

(3) The registration authority must consult the applicant before deciding to cancel a public inquiry in relation to an application.

(4) Where the Planning Inspectorate is the determining authority it may, subject to paragraph (5), decide at any time before the start of a public inquiry or hearing—

- (a) to cancel the inquiry or hearing and determine the application without holding an inquiry or hearing; or
- (b) to hold a hearing instead of an inquiry, or vice versa.

(5) The Planning Inspectorate must consult—

- (a) the applicant, before deciding to change the procedure for determining an application; or
- (b) the referring authority, before deciding to change the procedure for determining a proposal.