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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2017 No. 571**

**The Town and Country Planning (Environmental  
Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017**

**PART 4**

**Preparation of environmental statements**

**Procedure to facilitate preparation of environmental statements**

**17.**—(1) Any person who intends to submit an environmental statement to the relevant planning authority or the Secretary of State under these Regulations may give notice in writing to that authority or the Secretary of State under this paragraph.

(2) A notice under paragraph (1) must include the information necessary to identify the land and the nature and purpose of the development, and must indicate the main environmental consequences to which the person giving the notice proposes to refer in their environmental statement.

(3) The recipient of—

- (a) such notice as is mentioned in paragraph (1); or
- (b) a written statement made pursuant to regulation 11(4)(a), 12(6), 13(6) or 14(7),

must—

- (i) notify the consultation bodies in writing of the name and address of the person who intends to submit an environmental statement and of the duty imposed on the consultation bodies by paragraph (4) to make information available to that person; and
- (ii) inform in writing the person who intends to submit an environmental statement of the names and addresses of the bodies so notified.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5), the relevant planning authority and any body notified in accordance with paragraph (3) must, if requested by the person who intends to submit an environmental statement, consult that person to determine whether the authority or body has in its possession any information which that person or they consider relevant to the preparation of the environmental statement and, if they have, the authority or body must make that information available to that person.

(5) A planning authority or other body which receives a request for information under paragraph (4) must treat it as a request for information under regulation 5(1) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004<sup>(1)</sup> (duty to make available environmental information on request).

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(1) [S.I. 2004/3391](#) to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations.