

Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee
Statutory Instruments with Clear Reports
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CLA452 – The Town and Country Planning (Compensation) (Wales) (No.2) Regulations 2014

Procedure: Negative

Some minor developments can be undertaken without planning permission. These permitted development rights (PDRs) can however be withdrawn by the Welsh Ministers or local planning authorities. Such withdrawals do not prevent the development, but require planning permission to be obtained.

These Regulations provide that:

- when PDRs are withdrawn; and
- a subsequent application for planning permission is refused or approved subject to new conditions,

the Welsh Ministers or the local planning authorities are, in certain circumstances, not liable to pay compensation for losses directly attributable to the withdrawal.

CLA453 – The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (Wales) (No.2) Order 2014

Procedure: Negative

This Order amends the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 in relation to Wales. Specifically, it amends the ‘permitted development rights’ that apply to electronic communications operators in Wales. The Order contains many detailed amendments. Some of the main changes are:

- existing mobile phone masts may be altered or replaced to increase their height from up to 15 metres to up to 20 metres, and they may be increased in width by up to a third,
- an increase in the number and size of antennas that can be attached to certain buildings,
- the placing of telegraph poles, cabinets or broadband lines will not prior require approval in areas such as National Parks and AONBs, provided that certain conditions are met.

CLA454 – The Education (Pupil Referral Units) (Management Committees etc.) (Wales) Regulations 2014

Procedure: Negative

These Regulations, which come into force on 31 October 2014, require local authorities to establish management committees to run pupil referral units in their area, and make provision for the constitution and procedures of such committees.

CLA455 – The Official Feed and Food Controls (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014

Procedure: Negative

Usually, sprouts seeds imported from third countries (i.e. countries outside the EU) must satisfy general EC hygiene standards. However, the EC has noted that third countries are failing to meet those standards. Therefore, the EC has decided to provide derogation until 1 July 2015. Until then, sprouts seeds need only satisfy specific microbiological tests, carried out in the third countries prior to export.

These Regulations implement that derogation in Wales.

