



# Highways Act 1980

## 1980 CHAPTER 66

### [<sup>F1</sup>PART VA

#### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

##### [<sup>F1</sup>]~~[<sup>F2</sup>105~~ Screening of projects for constructing or improving highways

- (1) If a project authority is considering a project for constructing or improving a highway for which it is the highway authority, the project authority must, before details of the project are published, determine—
  - (a) whether or not the project [<sup>F3</sup>is of a type specified in] Annex I or Annex II, and
  - (b) if it considers the project is a relevant project [<sup>F4</sup>of a type specified in] Annex II, whether it should be made subject to an environmental impact assessment.
- (2) In this Part “project authority” means—
  - (a) the Secretary of State,
  - (b) the Welsh Ministers, or
  - (c) a strategic highways company.
- (3) When making a determination under subsection (1)(b), a project authority must have regard to the following—
  - (a) the information [<sup>F5</sup>described in] Annex II.A,
  - (b) the selection criteria [<sup>F6</sup>set out] in Annex III,
  - (c) any features of the project or measures envisaged to avoid or prevent what might otherwise be significant adverse effects on the environment, and
  - (d) the results of any relevant environmental assessment which are reasonably available to the authority.
- (4) The project authority must make a determination under subsection (1)(b)—
  - (a) as soon as possible, and
  - (b) in any event within the period of 90 days beginning with the day on which it has access to the information mentioned in paragraphs (a), (c) and (d) of subsection (3).

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- (5) If the project authority is satisfied that it is appropriate to do so by reason of exceptional circumstances relating to a project (including circumstances relating to the nature, complexity, location or size of project), it may extend the period specified in subsection (4)(b).]]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Pt. VA substituted (13.3.1999) by [S.I. 1999/369](#), **reg.2**
- F2** Ss. 105A-105AB substituted for s. 105A (5.12.2017) by [The Environmental Impact Assessment \(Miscellaneous Amendments Relating to Harbours, Highways and Transport\) Regulations 2017](#) (S.I. 2017/1070), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 2 para. 3** (with Sch. 6 paras. 4, 5, 6)
- F3** Words in s. 105A(1)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Harbours and Highways \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020](#) (S.I. 2020/460), regs. 1, **3(4)(a)**
- F4** Words in s. 105A(1)(b) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Harbours and Highways \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020](#) (S.I. 2020/460), regs. 1, **3(4)(b)**
- F5** Words in s. 105A(3)(a) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Harbours and Highways \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020](#) (S.I. 2020/460), regs. 1, **3(4)(c)**
- F6** Words in s. 105A(3)(b) inserted (31.12.2020) by [The Harbours and Highways \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2020](#) (S.I. 2020/460), regs. 1, **3(4)(d)**

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 105A-105C functions exercisable jointly (1.4.2018) by [The Sub-national Transport Body \(Transport for the North\) Regulations 2018](#) (S.I. 2018/103), regs. 1(2), **9(2)**, 10(b)

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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):

- s. 79(15)(aa) inserted by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 54\(b\)](#)
- s. 90B(1A) inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 10 para. 15\(3\)](#)
- s. 90C(2)(2A) substituted for s. 90C(2) by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 10 para. 16\(3\)](#)
- s. 90FA inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 10 para. 20](#)
- s. 118ZA(5)(a) words inserted by [2015 c. 20 s. 25\(3\)](#)
- s. 120(3ZA) inserted by [2000 c. 37 Sch. 6 para. 13\(6\)](#)
- s. 121E(1A)(1B) inserted by [2015 c. 20 s. 23\(5\)](#)
- s. 146(6) inserted by [2015 c. 20 s. 24\(6\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 147(1A) inserted by [2015 c. 20 s. 24\(3\)](#)
- s. 147(5A) inserted by [2015 c. 20 s. 24\(5\)](#)
- s. 203(2)(b)(ia) inserted by [S.I. 2023/908 reg. 6\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 219(1)(a)(i)(ii) inserted by [S.I. 2023/908 reg. 6\(3\)](#)
- s. 220(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2023/908 reg. 6\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 223(1A) inserted by [S.I. 2023/908 reg. 6\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 223(5A) inserted by [S.I. 2023/908 reg. 6\(5\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 223(5B)-(6) s. 223(6) renumbered as s. 223(5B)(6) by [S.I. 2023/908 reg. 6\(5\)\(e\)](#)
- s. 322(5)(ab) inserted by [2004 c. 18 s. 64\(2\)](#)
- s. 325(2B) inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 10 para. 21](#)
- Sch. 6 para. 1(3ZA) inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 8\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 6 para. 2(2ZA)-(2ZE) inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 8\(3\)](#)
- Sch. 6 para. 2(4) inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 8\(4\)](#)
- Sch. 6 para. 2(5)(6) inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 8\(5\)](#)
- Sch. 6 para. 2ZZA inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 8\(6\)](#)
- Sch. 6 para. 4A(2) inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 8\(7\)\(c\)](#)
- Sch. 6 para. 5(ba) inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 8\(8\)](#)
- Sch. 6 para. 4A(1) words renumbered as Sch. 6 para. 4A(1) by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 8\(7\)\(a\)](#)
- Sch. 6 para. 4A(1) words substituted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 8\(7\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 6 Pt. 1 para. 2B(4) inserted by [2015 c. 20 s. 25\(6\)](#)