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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2003 No. 956**

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING, ENGLAND  
TRIBUNALS AND INQUIRIES, ENGLAND**

**The Town and Country Planning (Electronic  
Communications) (England) Order 2003**

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**THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ELECTRONIC  
COMMUNICATIONS) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2003**

1. Citation, commencement and application
  2. Interpretation
  3. Use of electronic communications for appealing against enforcement notices
  4. Use of electronic communications for service of notices
  5. Postal addresses to be provided in response to certain notices requiring information
  6. Insertion of definitions and interpretation provisions
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  8. Use of electronic communications for service of notices under the Listed Buildings Act
  9. Insertion of definitions and interpretation into the Listed Buildings Act
  10. Amendment of the Environment Act 1995 in relation to applications to the mineral planning authority
  11. Amendment of the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
  12. Amendment of certain rules relating to planning inquiries
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  16. Amendment of regulations and rules relating to enforcement appeals
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**SCHEDULE 1 — Amendment of the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995**

1. In paragraph (2) of article 1 (citation, commencement and interpretation)  
—...
2. At the end of article 1, add—
3. In article 4 (applications for approval of reserved matters), in...
4. In article 6 (notice of applications for planning permission)—
5. In article 23 (appeals), at the end add—
6. In article 25 (register of applications)— (a) in paragraphs (3),...
7. After article 27 (directions) insert— Withdrawal of consent to use...
8. In Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the Order—
9. In Schedule 3 to the Order, in both forms of...

**SCHEDULE 2 — Amendment of the Town and Country Planning (Inquiries Procedure) (England) Rules 2000**

1. The existing provisions of rule 2 (interpretation) shall become paragraph...
2. After rule 2(1), add— (2) In these Rules, and in...
3. In rule 6 (receipt of statements of case etc.)—
4. In rule 10 (date and notification of inquiry)—
5. In rule 13 (proofs of evidence), at the end add—...
6. In rule 14 (statement of common ground), at the end...
7. In rule 18 (notification of decision)— (a) after paragraph (1),...
8. For rule 22 (notices by post), substitute— Sending of notices...
9. After rule 22, insert— Withdrawal of consent to use of...

**SCHEDULE 3 — Amendment of the Town and Country Planning Appeals (Determination by Inspectors) (Inquiries Procedure) (England) Rules 2000**

1. The existing provisions of rule 2 (interpretation) shall become paragraph...
2. After rule 2(1), add— (2) In these Rules, and in...
3. In rule 6 (receipt of statements of case etc.)—
4. In rule 10 (date and notification of inquiry)—
5. In rule 14 (proofs of evidence), at the end add—...
6. In rule 15 (statement of common ground), at the end...
7. In rule 19 (notification of decision)— (a) after paragraph (1),...
8. For rule 23 (notices by post) substitute— Sending of notices...
9. After rule 23, insert— Withdrawal of consent to use of...

**SCHEDULE 4 — Amendment of the Town and Country Planning (Hearings Procedure) (England) Rules 2000**

1. The existing provisions of rule 2 (interpretation) shall become paragraph...
2. After rule 2(1) add— (2) In these Rules, and in...
3. In rule 6 (receipt of hearing statements etc.), after paragraph...
4. In rule 7 (date and notification of hearing)—
5. Rule 15 (notification of decision—non-transferred appeals) is amended as follows—...
6. In rule 16 (notification of decision—transferred appeals) after paragraph (3),...
7. For rule 19 (notices by post) substitute— Sending of notices...
8. After rule 19, insert— Withdrawal of consent to use of...

**SCHEDULE 5 — Amendment of the Town and Country Planning (Applications) Regulations 1988**

1. In regulation 2 (interpretation) insert the following definitions at the...
2. In regulation 3 (applications for planning permission), for paragraph (a)...
3. After regulation 4 (directions by the local planning authority), at...

**SCHEDULE 6 — Amendment of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995**

1. In article 1 (citation, commencement and interpretation), in paragraph (2)...
2. At the end of article 1, add—
3. In article 3 (permitted development) at the end add—

**SCHEDULE 7 — Amendment of the Town and Country Planning (Appeals) (Written Representations Procedure)(England) Regulations 2000**

1. The existing provisions of regulation 2 (interpretation) shall become paragraph...
2. After regulation 2(1), add— (2) In these Regulations, and in...
3. In regulation 3 (application), after paragraph (2) insert—
4. In regulation 7 (representations) at the end add—
5. After regulation 11, insert— Withdrawal of consent to use of...

**SCHEDULE 8 — Amendment of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990**

1. The existing provisions of regulation 2 (interpretation) shall become paragraph...
2. After regulation 8 (appeals), insert— Use of electronic communications (1) Paragraphs (2) and (3) of this regulation apply where...

**SCHEDULE 9 — Amendment of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990**

1. In regulation 3 (interpretation) before the definition of “enforcement notice”...
2. In regulation 5 (explanatory note to accompany copy of enforcement...
3. After regulation 10 (notice of receipt of all required documents)...

**SCHEDULE 10 — Amendment of the Town and Country Planning (Enforcement) (Inquiries Procedure) (England) Rules 2002**

1. The existing provisions of rule 2 (interpretation) shall become paragraph...
2. After rule 2(1), add— (2) In these Rules, and in...
3. In rule 8 (service of statements of case etc.)—
4. In rule 11 (date and notification of inquiry)—
5. In rule 16 (proofs of evidence) at the end add—...
6. In rule 17 (statement of common ground), after paragraph (2)...
7. In rule 21 (notification of decision)— (a) after paragraph (1),...
8. For rule 25 (service of notices by post), substitute— Sending...
9. After rule 25, insert— Withdrawal of consent to use of...

**SCHEDULE 11 — Amendment of the Town and Country Planning (Enforcement) (Determination by Inspectors)(Inquiries Procedure) (England) Rules 2002**

1. The existing provisions of rule 2 (interpretation) shall become paragraph...
2. After rule 2(1), add— (2) In these Rules, and in...
3. In rule 6 (service of statements of case etc.)—

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4. In rule 9 (date and notification of inquiry)—
5. In rule 15 (proofs of evidence), at the end add—...
6. In rule 16 (statement of common ground), at the end...
7. In rule 20 (notification of decision)— (a) after paragraph (1),...
8. For rule 24 (service of notices by post), substitute— Sending...
9. After rule 24, insert— Withdrawal of consent to use of...

**SCHEDULE 12 — Amendment of the Town and Country Planning (Enforcement) (Hearings Procedure)(England) Rules 2002**

1. The existing provisions of rule 2 (interpretation) shall become paragraph...
2. After rule 2(1), add— (2) In these Rules, and in...
3. In rule 5 (hearing statements), after paragraph (6) insert—
4. In rule 6 (date and notification of hearing)—
5. Rule 15 (notification of decision—non-transferred appeals) is amended as follows—...
6. In rule 16 (notification of decision—transferred appeals) after paragraph (3),...
7. For rule 19 (notices by post), substitute— Sending of notices...
8. After rule 19, add— Withdrawal of consent to use of...

**SCHEDULE 13 — Amendment of the Town and Country Planning (Enforcement) (Written Representations Procedure) (England) Regulations 2002**

1. The existing provisions of regulation 2 (interpretation) shall become paragraph...
2. After regulation 2(1), add— (2) In these Regulations, and in...
3. In regulation 3 (application), after paragraph (2 ) insert—
4. In regulation 7 (representations) at the end add—
5. After regulation 10, insert— Withdrawal of consent to use of...

Explanatory Note