



Heads of Planning
Local Planning Authorities in Wales

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Dear Colleagues

CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 RESPONSE
AMENDMENTS TO PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION PROCEDURES,
DEVELOPMENTS OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE AND COMMUNITY AND TOWN
COUNCIL CONSULTATION
THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS (TEMPORARY MODIFICATIONS AND
DISAPPLICATION) (NO.3) (WALES) (CORONAVIRUS) ORDER 2020

The Planning Applications (Temporary Modifications and Disapplication) (Wales) (Coronavirus) Order 2020 introduced temporary amendments to pre-application consultation procedure, Development of National Significant (DNS) submission requirements and Community Council consultation. The aforementioned Order prescribed an emergency period beginning with 19 May and ending with 18 September 2020 during which the temporary amendments would be in effect. This period was extended to 8 January 2021 by the Planning Applications (Temporary Modifications and Disapplication) (No. 2) (Wales) (Coronavirus) Order 2020.

The COVID-19 emergency remains in effect in the United Kingdom. To provide certainty as we move into 2021, the Planning Applications (Temporary Modifications and Disapplication) (No. 3) (Wales) (Coronavirus) Order 2020 has been made and extends the emergency period during which the temporary amendments to the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012 and the Developments of National Significance (Procedure) (Wales) Order 2016 apply to 8 October 2021.

A consultation will be published in the New Year on a permanent, long-term solution.

Please publicise this to all local agents to ensure they remain up to date with current legislative requirements.

Yours sincerely

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