

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990  
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (CONTROL OF ADVERTISEMENTS)  
(ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2007  
APPLICATIONS TO THE HIGH COURT

1. Under the provisions of section 288 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 a person who is aggrieved by the decision given in the accompanying letter may challenge its validity by an application made to the High Court within 6 weeks from the date of the accompanying letter.
2. The grounds upon which an application may be made to the Court are:
  - a) that the decision is not within the powers of the Act (that is, the Secretary of State has exceeded his powers); or
  - b) that any of the relevant requirements have not been complied with, and that the applicant's interests have been substantially prejudiced by the failure to comply.
3. The "relevant requirements" are defined in section 288 of the Act as any requirements of that Act and the Tribunals and Inquiries Act 1992, or of any order, regulations or rules made under either Act which are applicable (s.288(9)). These include the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007 (SI 2007 No. 783), as amended, and the Town and Country Planning (Inquiries Procedure) (England) Rules 2000 (SI 2000 No. 1624), as amended.
4. A person who thinks he may have grounds for challenging the decision should seek legal advice before taking any action.

INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS – APPLICABLE ONLY TO APPEALS WHICH  
WERE THE SUBJECT OF A HEARING

5. Under the provisions of Rule 15(4) and (5) of the Town and Country Planning (Hearings Procedure) (England) Rules 2000 (SI 2000 No. 1626), any person entitled to be notified of the decision given in the letter may apply to the Secretary of State in writing within 6 weeks of the notification to him of the decision or the supply to him of the report, whichever is the later, for the opportunity of inspecting any documents, photographs and plans appended to the report. Any application under this provision should be sent to the address from which the decision was issued, quoting the Ministry's reference number shown on the decision letter and stating the date and time (in normal office hours) when it is proposed to make the inspection. At least three days' notice should be given, if possible.



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REGULATION 7: DIRECTION RESTRICTING DEEMED CONSENT**

The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government ('the Secretary of State') is satisfied, upon a proposal made to him by Durham County Council, as the local planning authority, that the display of advertisements relating to the letting of premises as specified in Class 3A of Schedule 3, Part 1, to the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) (England) Regulations 2007 (the 'Regulations') should not be undertaken without express consent in the Durham City Conservation Area.

The proposal has been the subject of site visits and a formal hearing, having been publicly advertised and representations made to the Secretary of State in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations.

This Direction shall have effect for a period of five years from the date on which it comes into force in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations.

## Schedule

This Direction relates to the display of advertisements relating to the letting of premises as specified under Class 3A of Part 1 of Schedule 3 to the Regulations in the Durham City Conservation Area.

The reasons for the Secretary of State's decision are set out in his letter of 13 September 2019 to the Council, a copy of which is attached.

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Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government  
Authorised by the Secretary of State to sign on that behalf