

Circular 15/1998: The town and country planning (notification of applications) (Scotland) amendment direction 1998 notification of planning applications

The Chief Executive Local Authorities
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Copy to: The Director of Planning

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Dear Sir or Madam

Introduction

1. This Circular amends a requirement set out in The Scottish Office Development Department Circular No 4/1997 relating to the notification of planning applications to the Secretary of State. It incorporates, at Annex A, the Town and Country Planning (Notification of Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Direction 1998, which gives force to the amended requirements and is issued to coincide with the publication of the revised National Planning Policy Guideline on Retailing.

Major retail development

2. The existing arrangements for notification to the Secretary of State is revised so that the Secretary of State is informed about proposals which are in excess of 10,000 square metres of gross retail floor space (reduced from the present 20,000 square metres threshold).

Effective date

3. The Direction which gives statutory effect to this change (The Town and Country Planning (Notification of Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Direction 1998 is incorporated within and shall have effect from the date of this Circular.

Enquiries and Further Copies

4. Any enquiries about the content of this Circular should be addressed to Mr Ed Swanney (0131-244-7069) or Mr Ian Stage (0131-244-7070). Further copies of the Circular and a list of current planning circulars may be obtained from The Scottish Office Development Department, Planning Division, Area 2-H, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ (Telephone 0131-244-7066).

Yours faithfully

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Articles 17, 19 and 22(3) of the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure)

(Scotland) Order 1992 **(a)** and all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby gives the following Direction:

1. The Town and Country Planning (Notification of Applications) (Scotland) Direction 1997 shall be amended as follows:
In paragraph 6(a) of the Schedule in place of "20,000" substitute "10,000"
2. This Direction may be cited as the Town and Country Planning (Notification of Applications) (Scotland) Amendment Direction 1998.

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