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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING, ENGLAND

The Business and Planning Act 2020 (London Spatial Development Strategy) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020

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The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the power conferred by section 21(3) of the Business and Planning Act 2020(**a**) ("the 2020 Act").

The Secretary of State considers it reasonable to substitute the date specified in section 21(2) of the 2020 Act with a later date in order to mitigate an effect of coronavirus(**b**).

A draft of this instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament pursuant to section 23(6) of the 2020 Act.

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Business and Planning Act 2020 (London Spatial Development Strategy) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020.

(2) These Regulations come into force on the day after the day on which they are made.

Amendment of the Business and Planning Act 2020

2. In section 21(2) of the Business and Planning Act 2020 (Mayor of London's spatial development strategy: electronic inspection), for "31 December 2020" substitute "31 December 2021".

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government

Name
Minister of State
Date Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

(**a**) 2020 c.16.
(**b**) "Coronavirus" has the meaning given by section 21(4) of the Business and Planning Act 2020 (c.16).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend section 21(2) of the Business and Planning Act 2020 (c. 16) ("the 2020 Act") to substitute the date of 31st December 2020, the date specified as being when that section expires, with 31st December 2021.

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, section 21(1) of the 2020 Act temporarily modifies section 43 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29) ("the GLA Act"). It temporarily disapplies the requirement on the Mayor of London to keep his current spatial development strategy available for inspection at the Greater London Authority's principal offices and at such other places as the Mayor considers appropriate, if the strategy is available for inspection free of charge by appropriate electronic means. It also temporarily disapplies the requirement on the Mayor to provide a hard copy of the strategy on request, if the strategy is available for inspection free of charge by appropriate electronic means.

Section 21(2) of the 2020 Act provides that this modification of section 43 of the GLA Act expires at the end of 31st December 2020. These Regulations extend the application of the modification to the end of 31st December 2021.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private or voluntary sector is foreseen.

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