

PLANNING CONTROLS AND THEIR ENFORCEMENT

Foreword by The Rt. Hon. Lord Justice Carnwath CVO

In this the 20th anniversary year of my 1989 report on Enforcement of Planning Control, I am delighted to welcome this new Edition of this important work. Since I wrote that report there has been many changes to the detail of the planning legislation. However, the framework of enforcement powers introduced following my report seems to have proved reasonably resilient. My emphasis was on providing a flexible range of powers to Local Authorities to match the very different categories of breaches of planning control with which Local Planning Authorities had to deal, but with real teeth when required. As this work shows, the volume of case law has continued to grow, but the main areas of potential uncertainty seem to have been sorted out by authoritative decisions in the Court of Appeal or the House of Lords. I congratulate Jim Little on this excellent work and commend it to practitioners and students in this challenging area of the law.

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