TOWN PLANNING (AMENDMENT) BILL 2003

COMMITTEE STAGE

Amendments to be moved by the Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands

Clause

Amendment Proposed

- In the proposed section 12A -
 - (a) in subsection (3)(a) -
 - (i) by deleting "where the
 applicant is not the current
 land owner,";
 - (ii) by deleting "given notification
 to, the" and substituting
 "given notification to, each
 person (other than himself) who
 is a";
 - (iii) in subparagraph (ii), by
 deleting "the current land
 owner" and substituting "such
 person";
 - (b) in subsection (4), by deleting "At any time after" and substituting "Where";
 - (c) in subsection (5)(b) -
 - (i) in subparagraph (i), by
 deleting "to, the" and

- substituting "to, each person
 (other than the applicant) who
 is a";
- (ii) in subparagraph (ii), by
 deleting "the current land
 owner" and substituting "such
 person";
- (d) by deleting subsection (7) and
 substituting -
 - "(7) In respect of any application referred to in subsection (6), the Board
 - that complies with
 subsections (8) and
 (8A) to be posted in
 a prominent position
 on or near the land
 to which the
 application relates,
 or on any premises or
 structure on the
 land, at the
 beginning of the
 period during which

- the application is available for public inspection under subsection (6); or
- (b) shall cause a notice
 that complies with
 subsection (8) to be
 published once a week
 in a local newspaper
 during the first 3
 weeks of the period
 referred to in
 paragraph (a).";
- (e) in subsection (8) -
 - (i) by adding "(a) or (b)" after
 "(7)";
 - (ii) in paragraph (b), by adding
 "and specify the place and
 hours at which any comments so
 made will be available for
 public inspection under
 subsection (11A) " before the
 full stop;
- (f) by adding -
 - "(8A) A notice referred to in

subsection (7)(a) shall be printed
in a visible and legible form.";

(g) by adding -

"(11A) The Board shall, as soon as reasonably practicable after the expiration of the period of 3 weeks referred to in subsection (9), make all comments made to it under that subsection available for public inspection at reasonable hours, and shall continue to do so until the application in question has been considered at a meeting under subsection (14).";

- (h) in subsection (13) -
 - (i) in paragraph (b) -
 - (A) by deleting "subsections
 (6), (7), (8), (9), (10)
 and (11)" and substituting
 "subsection (6)";
 - (B) by deleting "they apply"
 and substituting "it
 applies";
 - (ii) in paragraph (c), by adding
 before "for" -

"subject to any exemption under subsection (13A) -

- (i) subsections (7),
 - (8), (8A), (9),
 - (10), (11) and
 - (11A) shall

further apply,

with necessary

modifications,

to and in

relation to the

further

information as

they apply to

and in relation

to the

application; and

(ii)";

(i) by adding -

"(13A) Where the Board is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds to do so, it may exempt any further information accepted by it for the purposes of an application under subsection (12) from

subsection (13)(c).";

- (j) in subsection (23) -
 - (i) in the definition of "current
 land owner", by deleting "the
 person who immediately before
 the application is made is the
 land" and substituting "any
 person who immediately before
 the application is made appears
 from the records at the Land
 Registry to be an";
 - (ii) in the definition of "relevant
 approved plan", by adding "(b)
 or" before "(c)".

14(c) By adding -

"(4A) The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, and any public officer authorized by the Secretary in that behalf, may in any particular case waive or reduce any fees prescribed under subsection (2) as the Secretary or the public officer, as the case may be, thinks fit.".

- 16(a) In the proposed section 16(2)(a) -
 - (a) by deleting "where the applicant is not
 the current land owner,";
 - (b) by deleting "given notification to, the"
 and substituting "given notification to,
 each person (other than himself) who is
 a";
- 16(b) (a) In the proposed section 16(2A), by deleting "At any time after" and substituting "Where".
 - (b) In the proposed section 16(2B)(b) -
 - (i) in subparagraph (i), by deleting "to,
 the" and substituting "to, each
 person (other than the applicant) who
 is a";
 - (ii) in subparagraph (ii), by deleting
 "the current land owner" and
 substituting "such person".
 - (c) By deleting the proposed section 16(2D) and substituting -
 - "(2D) In respect of any application

referred to in subsection (2C), the Board -

- (a) shall cause a notice that
 complies with subsections
 (2E) and (2EA) to be posted
 in a prominent position on
 or near the land to which
 the application relates, or
 on any premises or
 structure on the land, at
 the beginning of the period
 during which the
 application is available
 for public inspection under
 subsection (2C); or
- (b) shall cause a notice that
 complies with subsection
 (2E) to be published once a
 week in a local newspaper
 during the first 3 weeks of
 the period referred to in
 paragraph (a).".
- (d) In the proposed section 16(2E) -
 - (i) by adding "(a) or (b)" after "(2D)";
 - (ii) in paragraph (b), by adding "and

specify the place and hours at which any comments so made will be available for public inspection under subsection (2HA)" before the full stop.

(e) By adding -

"(2EA) A notice referred to in subsection (2D)(a) shall be printed in a visible and legible form.".

(f) By adding -

"(2HA) The Board shall, as soon as reasonably practicable after the expiration of the period of 3 weeks referred to in subsection (2F), make all comments made to it under that subsection available for public inspection at reasonable hours, and shall continue to do so until the application in question has been considered under subsection (3).".

- (g) In the proposed section 16(2J) -
 - (i) in paragraph (b) -

- (B) by deleting "they apply" and
 substituting "it applies";
- (ii) in paragraph (c), by adding before
 "for" -

"subject to any exemption under subsection (2K) -

- (i) subsections (2D),
 (2E), (2EA), (2F),
 (2G), (2H) and (2HA)
 shall further apply,
 with necessary
 modifications, to and
 in relation to the
 further information as
 they apply to and in
 relation to the
 application; and
- (h) By adding -
 - "(2K) Where the Board is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds to do so, it may exempt any further information accepted by it for the purposes of an application under subsection (2I) from subsection (2J)(c).".

(ii)".

16 By adding -

"(ba) in subsection (3), by repealing "in the absence of the applicant";".

In the proposed section 16(8), by deleting "the person who immediately before the application is made is the land" and substituting "any person who immediately before the application is made appears from the records at the Land Registry to be an".

- (a) by deleting subsection (1) and substituting -
 - "(1) Where any permission is granted under section 16, the permission may, apart from being read as it is, be read as having effect subject to any amendments which are Class A amendments.";
- (b) in subsection (2), by deleting "permission to have effect subject to certain amendments which are Class B amendments" and substituting "Board to accept any amendments which are Class B amendments in relation to the permission for the purposes of this section";
- (c) by deleting subsections (5) and (6);
- (d) in subsection (7), by deleting "in the absence of the applicant";
- (e) by deleting subsection (9) and
 substituting -
 - "(9) Where the Board has under subsection (7) accepted any application or applications in

respect of any permission granted under section 16, the permission may, apart from being read as it is, be read as having effect subject to the amendments which are the subject of -

- (a) where only one such
 application has been
 accepted, the
 application; or
- (b) where two or more such
 applications have been
 accepted, any one of
 the applications.";
- (f) by deleting subsection (11) and substituting -
 - "(11) Notwithstanding anything in this section, in construing any reference in this section to a permission granted under section 16 (however described), any amendments taking effect in relation to the permission under this section shall be disregarded.".

18(b) (a) By deleting the proposed section 17(2B) and substituting -

"(2B) In respect of any application referred to in subsection (2A), the Board -

- (a) shall cause a notice that
 complies with subsections
 (2C) and (2CA) to be posted
 in a prominent position on
 or near the land to which
 the application relates, or
 on any premises or
 structure on the land, at
 the beginning of the period
 during which the
 application is available
 for public inspection under
 subsection (2A); or
- (b) shall cause a notice that
 complies with subsection
 (2C) to be published once a
 week in a local newspaper
 during the first 3 weeks of
 the period referred to in

paragraph (a).".

- (b) In the proposed section 17(2C) -
 - (i) by adding "(a) or (b)" after "(2B)";
 - (ii) in paragraph (b), by adding "and specify the place and hours at which any comments so made will be available for public inspection under subsection (2FA)" before the full stop.
- (c) By adding -
 - "(2CA) A notice referred to in subsection (2B)(a) shall be printed in a visible and legible form.".
- (d) By adding -
 - "(2FA) The Board shall, as soon as reasonably practicable after the expiration of the period of 3 weeks referred to in subsection (2D), make all comments made to it under that subsection available for public inspection at reasonable hours, and shall continue to do so until the decision in question has been reviewed under this section.".
- (e) In the proposed section 17(2H) -
 - (i) in paragraph (b) -

- (A) by deleting "subsections (2A),
 (2B), (2C), (2D), (2E) and (2F)"
 and substituting "subsection
 (2A)";
- (B) by deleting "they apply" and
 substituting "it applies";
- (ii) in paragraph (c) -
 - - (i) where the
 application is an
 application for a
 review of the
 Board's decision
 under section 16,
 subsections (2B),
 (2C), (2CA),
 (2D), (2E), (2F)
 and (2FA) shall
 further apply,
 with necessary
 modifications, to
 and in relation
 to the further

information as
they apply to and
in relation to
the application;
and

(ii)";

- (B) by deleting "(i) the" and
 substituting "(A) the";
- (C) by deleting "(ii) anything done
 under that subsection" and
 substituting "(B) anything done
 under subsection (2)".
- (f) By adding -
 - "(2I) Where the Board is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds to do so, it may exempt any further information accepted by it for the purposes of an application under subsection (2G) from subsection (2H)(c).".