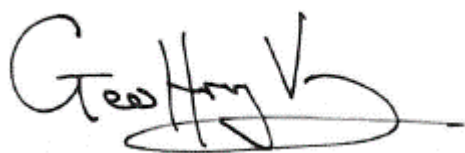


188TH UPDATE – PRACTICE DIRECTION AMENDMENTS

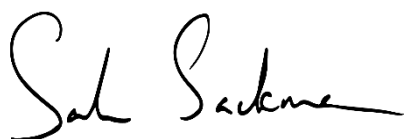
The amendments to the Practice Directions which supplement the Civil Procedure Rules 1998 are made by the Master of the Rolls under the powers delegated to him by the Lord Chief Justice under Schedule 2, Part 1, paragraph 2(2) of the Constitutional Reform Act 2005, and are approved by Sarah Sackman KC, Minister of State, by the authority of the Lord Chancellor.

The amendments to the existing Practice Directions come into force as follows, and subject to the transitional provisions in this Update—	
Practice Direction 52D – Statutory Appeals and Appeals Subject to Special Provision	1 st October 2025
Practice Direction 54D – Planning Court Claims and Appeals to the Planning Court	1 st October 2025



The Right Honourable Sir Geoffrey Vos
Master of the Rolls and Head of Civil Justice

Signed by authority of the Lord Chancellor:



Sarah Sackman KC

Minster of State

Ministry of Justice

Date: 28/07/2025

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

- 1) The amendments in this Update to Practice Direction 52D apply only where the appellant's notice is filed on or after 1st October 2025.
- 2) The amendments in this Update to Practice Direction 54D apply only where the claim form is filed on or after 1st October 2025.

PRACTICE DIRECTION 52D – STATUTORY APPEALS AND APPEALS SUBJECT TO SPECIAL PROVISION

- 1) In the table of contents, after the entry for paragraph 17.2 insert—

"Appeals concerning claims brought within section 13 or 118 of the Planning Act 2008 (Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project Appeals)	Para. 17.3".
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- 2) In paragraph 5.1, in the table, after the entry for the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 insert—

"Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project appeals – concerning claims brought within section 13 or 118 of the Planning Act 2008	CA	17.3".
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- 3) After paragraph 17.2 insert—

"Appeals concerning claims brought within section 13 or 118 of the Planning Act 2008 (Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project Appeals)
17.3

- (1) The target timescale for determining an application for permission to appeal in a nationally significant infrastructure project appeal is four weeks from the filing of an appellant's notice.
- (2) Where permission to appeal is sought in a nationally significant infrastructure project appeal—
 - (a) the appellant's notice is to be filed within seven days of the decision being appealed;
 - (b) the appellant's notice and appellant's skeleton argument are to be served on the respondent within seven days of the appellant's notice being sealed;
 - (c) the appellant is to file a core bundle and serve a core bundle index on the respondent within seven days of the appellant's notice being sealed; and
 - (d) the respondent may file and serve reasons why permission to appeal should not be granted, if so advised, within seven days of service of the appellant's notice and appellant's skeleton argument.
- (3) The target timescale for the hearing of nationally significant infrastructure project appeals, which the parties should be prepared to meet, is four months from the filing of an appellant's notice.”.

PRACTICE DIRECTION 54D - PLANNING COURT CLAIMS AND APPEALS TO THE PLANNING COURT

- 1) In the table of contents, after the entry for paragraph 3.6 insert—

“Nationally significant infrastructure project challenges	Para. 3.7”.
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- 2) After paragraph 1.3 insert—

“1.4 In this Practice Direction “nationally significant infrastructure project challenge” means a claim brought within sections 13 or 118 of the Planning Act 2008.”.
- 3) In paragraph 3.2—
 - a) at the end of sub-paragraph (c) omit “or”;
 - b) at the end of sub-paragraph (d) for “.” substitute “; or”; and
 - c) after sub-paragraph (d) insert—

“(e) concern a nationally significant infrastructure project challenge.”.
- 4) After paragraph 3.6 insert—

“Nationally significant infrastructure project challenges

3.7 The Planning Court will consider any disputed question of permission in nationally significant infrastructure project challenges at an oral permission hearing only.

3.8 Where the Planning Court grants permission in a nationally significant infrastructure project challenge, the court may give directions about the future management of the claim immediately or convene a case management conference on an application or of its own initiative.”.