

Appendix 2

The main changes that will affect LPAs are summarised in the table below:

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS
<p>From 25 February LPAs must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Determine planning applications for changes of use to Class C4: Houses in Multiple Occupation• Take action against unauthorised changes of use that are unacceptable in planning terms in relation to the new use class.
<p>From 1 March LPAs must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use the new screening thresholds for industrial estate and urban development projects• Apply the revised project categories for changes or extensions to EIA projects and for projects concerning the geological storage of Carbon Dioxide• Provide reasons for negative screening opinions• Check whether additional environmental information is required at the subsequent consent stage• Consider the need for EIA when preparing modification and discontinuance orders
<p>From 16 March LPAs must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide pre-application services when requested to do so• Issue a notice if an application is found to be invalid• Apply the revised thresholds for statutory consultees including the addition of water and sewerage undertakers• Charge for post-submission amendments• Revise decision notices to reflect any subsequent consents• Receive notification from developers that they intended to commence development on site and pursue enforcement action where necessary
<p>From 16 March LPAs may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consult statutory consultees in respect of applications for the approval of conditions or reserved matters• Decline to determine retrospective applications where an enforcement notice has been served• Serve an enforcement warning notice• Grant an LDO for a category of development falling under Schedule 2 of the EIA Regulations
<p>From 1 August developers must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Undertake pre-application consultation for planning applications for major development• Provide a report of pre-application consultation in order to submit a valid planning application for major development