



DEFA Delegation No. 2018/08

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ACT 1987

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Delegation of Functions relating to

**THE DETERMINATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND SIGNING OF NOTICES
BY PRINCIPAL PLANNERS**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3(2) of the Government Departments Act 1987¹, I authorise

**Miss Sarah Elizabeth Corlett and Mr Christopher Richard Leonard Balmer -
Principal Planners**

in the **Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture** until further notice to exercise the functions of the Department relating to Planning specified in the Schedule to this authorisation subject to any standing orders made by the Department under section 3(4) of that Act.

Nothing in the Schedule shall be taken to impinge on the authority of the Chief Executive to manage the staff of the Department, nor to execute his responsibilities as Departmental Accounting Officer.

The authorisation contained in DEFA delegation no. 17/16 is revoked.

Made:

Date... 4/7/18

Signed.....

**Hon. G Boot, MHK
Minister for Environment, Food and Agriculture**

Schedule

¹ 1987 c.13

**FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT RELATING TO PLANNING AND TO THE
DETERMINATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND THE SIGNING OF NOTICES
BY PRINCIPAL PLANNERS**

- (1) The functions of the Department, whether created by statute or otherwise, in connection with Planning including the powers, duties and responsibilities of the Department arising from those functions.
- (2) Those functions include the functions of the Department under the following Acts —
Town and Country Planning Act 1999 (other than those delegated to the body known as the Planning Committee unless further delegated by that Committee).
- (3) Those functions also include —
 - (a) power to determine planning applications submitted under the Town and Country Planning Act 1999 other than those delegated to the body known as the Planning Committee unless further delegated by that Committee;
 - (b) power to sign planning decision notices;
 - (c) power to sign enforcement notices;
 - (d) power to sign stop notices; and
 - (e) power to sign registered building enforcement notices.

Exceptions

- (4) The Principal Planners must not determine an application for which authorisation would otherwise be given by this instrument —
 - (a) in which the Principal Planner has a personal interest (whether or not a pecuniary interest);
 - (b) in which a member of the immediate family of the Principal Planner is the applicant;
 - (c) in which any member or officer of Planning and Building Control or a member of the immediate family of such a member or officer, is involved; or
 - (d) in which the Principal Planner(s) consider(s) should properly be determined by the Department Member responsible for Planning or the Minister of the Department.