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PARTY WALL ETC. ACT 1996

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS ACT 2000

- **ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF NOTICES AND DOCUMENTS
GIVEN UNDER THE PARTY WALL ETC. ACT 1996**

INTRODUCTION

1. I am directed by the Secretary of State to draw your attention to the Party Wall etc. Act 1996 (Electronic Communication) Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/335) (“the Order”), which was made on 10 March 2016 and will come into force on 6 April 2016.
2. The purpose of this Circular is to:
 - draw attention to the Order and explain the changes it makes to the Party Wall etc. Act 1996.
3. This Circular does not give advice on the technical requirements in the Party Wall etc. Act 1996 as these are matters covered by the guidance in the *Party Wall etc. Act 1996: Explanatory Booklet*” available from the GOV.UK website at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/party-wall-etc-act-1996-guidance>.

APPLICATION OF THE REGULATIONS

4. The changes made by the Order apply to England and Wales.

TRANSMISSION OF DOCUMENTS ELECTRONICALLY

5. Article 2(1) allows a notice or other document required or authorised to be served under the Party Wall etc. Act 1996 to be served on a person by means of an electronic communication to an electronic address specified by the recipient, if the recipient has stated a willingness to receive it by those means, and not withdrawn that statement.

ENQUIRIES

6. All enquiries on matters covered by this Circular should be addressed to:

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