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Make provision about planning applications for onshore wind installations.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Onshore wind application

- (1) Within six months of this Act coming into force, the Secretary of State must revise national planning guidance on onshore wind in accordance with the objective under subsection (2).
- (2) The objective in this subsection is to ensure that guidance permits local planning authorities to grant onshore wind applications for the purposes of—
 - (a) meeting the United Kingdom’s carbon account target under section 1 of the Climate Change Act 2008;
 - (b) installing new sites not previously used for generating wind energy; and
 - (c) repowering existing onshore wind installations.
- (3) In this section—

“national planning guidance” includes but is not limited to—

 - (a) the National Planning Policy Framework and any subordinate, subsequent or successor guidance for local planning authorities;
 - (b) the Planning Practice Guidance on Renewable and Low Carbon Energy;
 - (c) the National Planning Policy Statement for Renewable Energy Infrastructure;

“repowering existing onshore wind installations” means the replacement of turbines, or parts thereof, at existing onshore wind installations, or the extension of the period of permitted operation of such installations.

2 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.

- (3) This Act may be cited as the Onshore Wind Act 2021.

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