

## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS.

S.I. No. 270 of 2017

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I, Eoghan Murphy, Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 1(3) of the Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016 (No. 17 of 2016), hereby order as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016 (Commencement of Certain Provisions) (No. 3) Order 2017.

2. The 3rd day of July 2017 is appointed as the day on which the following provisions of the Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016 (No. 17 of 2016) come into operation:

- (a) in Chapter 1 of Part 2—
  - (i) section 3, to the extent that it has not already been commenced,
  - (ii) sections 4 to 18,
  - (iii) section 19, to the extent that it has not already been commenced, and
  - (iv) sections 20 to 25;
- (b) in Chapter 3 of Part 2, section 29;
- (c) Part 4 (section 51).



GIVEN under my Official Seal, 23 June 2017.

EOGHAN MURPHY, Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government.

Notice of the making of this Statutory Instrument was published in "Iris Oifigiúil" of 27th June, 2017.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation)

This Order brings Chapter 1 of Part 2 of the Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016, relating to strategic housing developments, fully into operation on 3 July 2017. The Order also brings into operation on the same date—

- section 29 of the 2016 Act, which provides for the streamlining of the approval process operated by local authorities for their own development proposals, including social housing projects and infrastructure servicing both public and private developments;
- Part 4 (section 51) of the 2016 Act, which amends the Housing Finance Agency Act 1981 to empower the Agency to lend funds to Institutes of Higher Education for the provision or management of student accommodation, including the acquisition of land for this purpose. The enactment also empowers the Agency to lend funds to the Housing Agency, subject to the approval of the Ministers for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government and Public Expenditure and Reform.

The reference numbers for previous commencement orders relating to the 2016 Act are S.I. Nos. 7 and 31 of 2017.

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