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## **Freedom of Information Request – Compulsory Purchase Orders**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Request, dated 6 May 2010.

Your request to SEEDA is:

We recently undertook a review of Compulsory Purchase Order usage and practice on behalf of The Northern Way. Our review focused on Planning and Housing Compulsory Purchase Orders. We are presently expanding our research to include Orders made under other powers. Regional Development Agencies possess powers under S20 Regional Development Agencies Act 1998.

We should be obliged if you could provide the following information in respect of each year 2000 – 2010:

1. How many CPOs were made by South East England Development Agency?
2. How many were confirmed with and without modification respectively?
3. How many were not confirmed?
4. How many were withdrawn?
5. How many were considered invalid?
6. How many were subject to objection?

### **Information requested**

We can confirm that SEEDA has used its powers under S20 Regional Development Agencies Act 1998 on three occasions between 2000 and 2010.

1. *How many Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs) were made by SEEDA?*

SEEDA made the first CPO in 2001, commencing in 2002. The Agency made two further CPOs in 2007 and 2008.

2. *How many were confirmed with and without modification respectively?*

The CPO made in 2001 was confirmed without modification. The 2007 CPO was confirmed with a modification after a public inquiry.

3. *How many were not confirmed?*

None.

4. *How many were withdrawn?*



The 2008 CPO was initially made to cover the eventuality that the Secretaries of State did not authorise the 2007 CPO in respect of the modification made following the public enquiry. In such case, the second CPO would pick up that point. The Secretaries of State agreed the modification, so the 2008 CPO was not required.

5. *How many were considered invalid?*

None

6. *How many were subject to objections?*

The CPOs made in 2001 and 2007 were subject to objections. In the case of the 2001 CPO, the objections were resolved through settlement; objections against the 2007 CPO led to the abovementioned public inquiry which resulted in the modification to the CPO.