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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This annex provides guidance on non-site specific directions. Currently this annex only includes The Town and Country Planning (Notification) (Underground Coal Gasification) (Wales) Direction 2016. Guidance for other directions can be found in the documents referred to in Figure 7 of the [Manual](#).

2.0 The Town and Country Planning (Notification) (Underground Coal Gasification) (Wales) Direction 2016

- 2.1 The [direction](#) has been issued to require that any planning application connected to the gasification of coal underground within rock strata must be referred to Welsh Ministers where local planning authorities (LPAs) are minded to approve them. This direction applies to any relevant application for planning permission registered as valid on or after 25th March 2016

Underground Coal Gasification

- 2.2 Underground coal gasification is a process by which air, oxygen, and steam are injected into coal seams at depth in order to partially combust the coal to create a gas known as Syngas.

Notification requirements

- 2.3 The notification requires that where an LPA do not propose to refuse an application for underground coal gasification, the authority must notify the Welsh Ministers. Where an LPA are required to give such notification to the Welsh Ministers, the authority must not grant planning permission on the application until the expiry of the period of 21 days beginning with the date which the Welsh

Ministers tell the authority in writing is the date upon which they received information specified in the Direction. However, the LPA may proceed to determine the application if before the expiry of that 21 day period, the Welsh Ministers notify the authority that the Welsh Ministers do not intend to call-in the application in question under section 77 of the 1990 Act in respect of that application, or if the Welsh Ministers do not consider the development to be unconventional oil and gas development.

- 2.4 The requirements are the same as those contained in the Town and Country Planning (Notification) (Unconventional Oil and Gas) (Wales) Direction 2015, where its accompanying [guidance](#) document is also of relevance to this Direction.