**Annex A Local Plan Intervention: summary of SoS powers**

Section references related to Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

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| Timetable | Preparation | Examination |
| Plan timetables formally set out in ‘Local Development Scheme’ | From early stages to the point of ‘submission for examination | Plan tested by independent person appointed by SofS via PINS |
| Impose a plan timetable, if LPA do not have one, to ensure full & effective coverage of planning policies (s15 (3A)) | Make plan-related directions, if LPA is failing (s27(2)(b)) | Direct LPA to change a plan if it is unsatisfactory (s21(1)) |
| Direct changes to a plan timetable to ensure full & effective coverage of planning policies (s15(4)) | SoS steps into LPA shoes to take over plan preparation if LPA is failing (s27(2) (a)) or plan is unsatisfactory (s21(4)) | Freeze examination process (s20 (6a)(b)) |
| Invite an upper tier authority to step into LPA shoes and take over plan preparation if plan is failing (s27a) | Require Inspector to consider certain matters (s20(6a)(b)) |
| Freeze plan preparation to consider intervention where a plan is unsatisfactory (s21a) | SoS steps into the LPAs shoes and respond to Examiner  (s21 (4)) |
| Direct two or more LPAs to prepare a joint plan to facilitate more effective planning (s28a) | Make plan- related directions, if LPA is failing (s27(2)(b)) |
| Direct LPA to change a plan if it is unsatisfactory (s21(1) | SoS steps into LPA shoes and takes over plan preparation if LPA  is failing (s27 (2)9a)) |