



Department for Levelling Up,
Housing & Communities

Permanent Pavement Licencing regime

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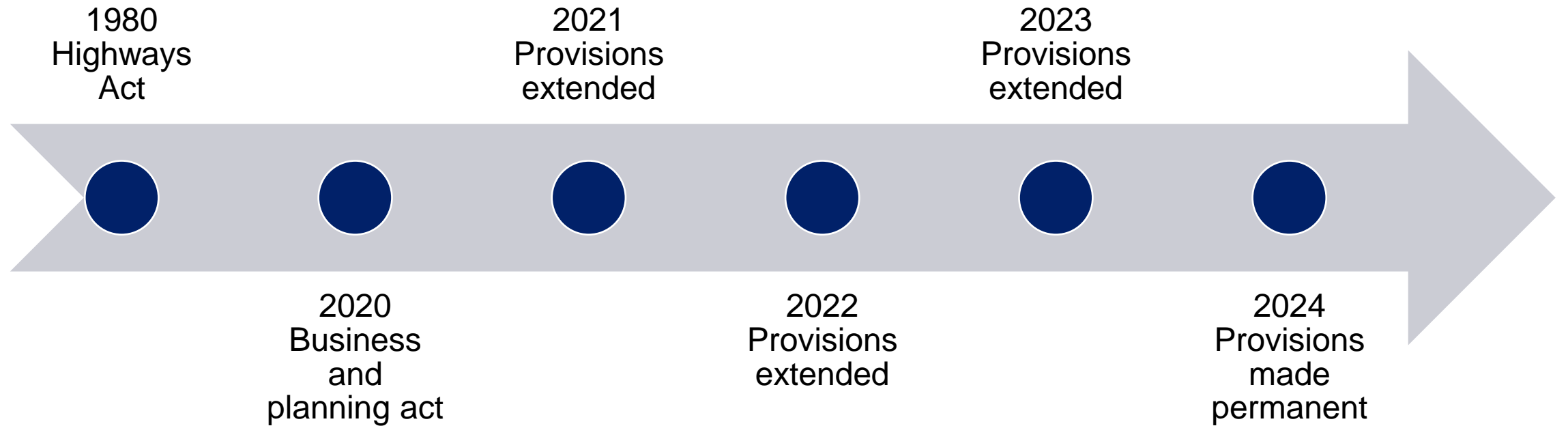


The Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill was enacted on the 26 October 2023 and became the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act.

- The Act is intended to transform struggling towns and cities by **strengthening powers for local regeneration**, ending the blight of empty shops on high streets and delivering the quality homes that communities need.
- This includes **improving the planning process** so that it gives local communities control over what is built, where it is built, and what it looks like, and so creates an incentive to welcome development provided it meets the standards which are set.
- The Act **makes permanent the pavement licencing regime** set out in the Business and Planning Act 2020 in England– with a few changes.



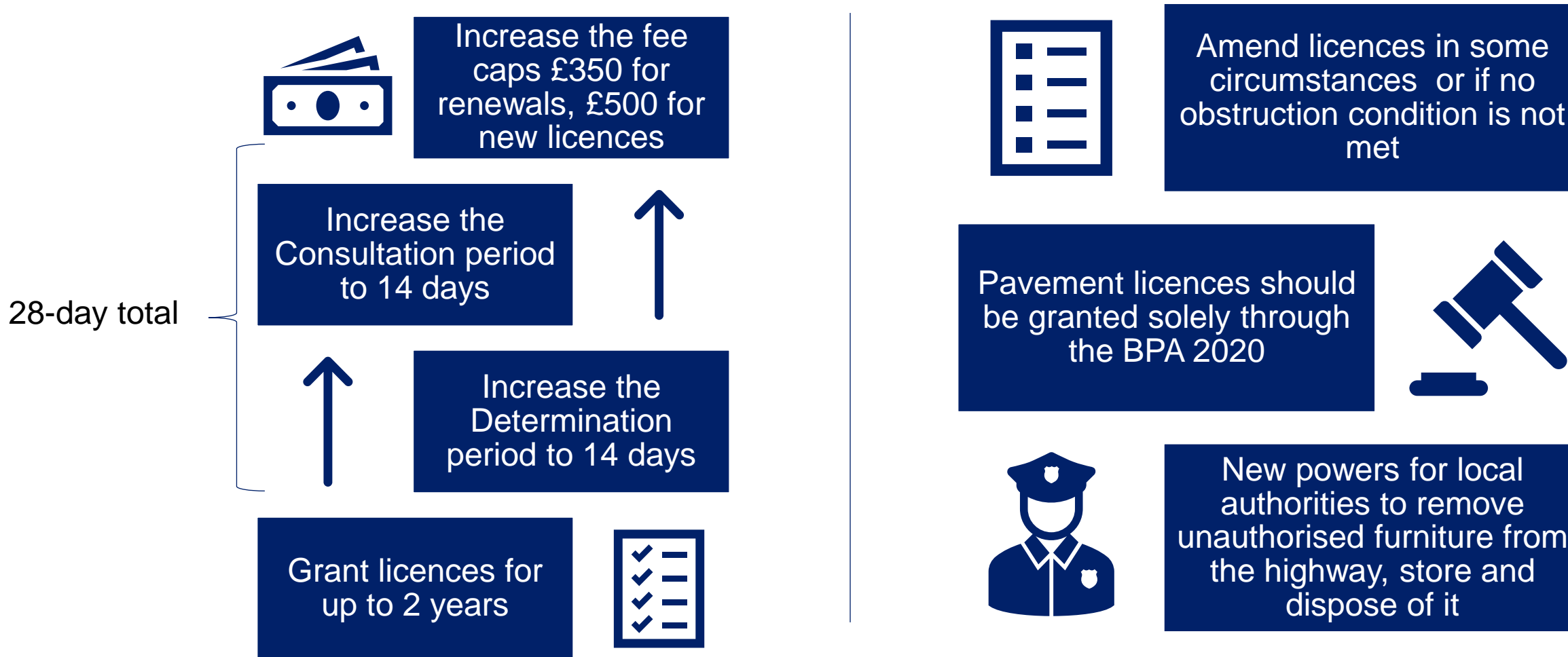
Ambition remains to ensure the permanent regime is comes into effect this year





The LURA and pavement licencing

The provisions in the LURA make permanent the pavement provisions in the BPA2020 and strengthen the legislation





Transitional arrangements

Set out in section 22 paragraphs 18 and 19 of LURA

In Summary:

Any pavement licence that was granted under the BPA 2020 before the commencement date with no limit on its duration, or that was deemed to be granted, expires 2 years from the commencement date.

Any permission that was granted by a council under the HA 1980 before the commencement date will continue under that legislation.

Any subsequent licences in England must be granted under the BPA 2020 (as amended by section 229 and schedule 22 of the LURA).



Commencement date

The provision set out in the LURA will not come into force until they are commenced

Anticipate being able to commence the provisions set out in the LURA by the end of March 2024

We will be updating the guidance ahead of this and writing to LAs to communicate changes.

Questions beyond today's session should be sent to PavementLicensing@levellingup.gov.uk

Questions?

