

List of enforcement powers available to Local Authorities

Urgent Works Notice – a power that enables a local authority to directly carry out any works which appear to them to be urgently necessary for the preservation of a listed building in their area.

Repairs Notice – a power that allows a local authority to specify to the owner works it considers reasonably necessary for the preservation of a listed building. If the repairs are not carried out, the power can lead to compulsory purchase of the building.

Section 215 Notice – a relatively straightforward power to require the owner or occupier to carry out works to improve the external condition of a building or land if its neglect is adversely affecting the surrounding area.

Compulsory Purchase Order – when all other measures fail, the local authority's last resort is to compulsorily acquire a listed building in order either to repair it itself or more usually to sell it on to be restored by a building's preservation trust or other new owner.