## **Planning Bill**

### [AS AMENDED AT CONSIDERATION STAGE]

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### BILL

TO

Amend the law relating to planning; and for connected purposes.

**B**E IT ENACTED by being passed by the Northern Ireland Assembly and assented to by Her Majesty as follows:

#### Statement of community involvement

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- **1.** In Article 3A of the 1991 Order (statement of community involvement) after paragraph (2) add—
  - "(3) The Department must prepare and publish a statement of community involvement within the period of one year from the day on which this paragraph comes into operation."

#### General functions of the Department and the planning appeals commission

- 2.—(1) In Article 10A of the 1991 Order (sustainable development)—
  - (a) for paragraph (1) substitute—
    - "(1) Where the Department or the planning appeals commission exercises any function under Part 2 or this Part, the Department or, as the case may be, the commission must exercise that function with the objective of—
      - (a) furthering sustainable development;
      - (b) promoting or improving well-being; and
      - (c) promoting economic development.
    - (1A) For the purposes of paragraph (1) the Department or, as the case may be, the commission must (in particular) have regard to the desirability of achieving good design.";
- 20 (b) for paragraph (2) substitute—
  - "(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), the Department or, as the case may be, the commission must take account of—
    - (a) policies and guidance issued by—

(ii) the Department for Regional Development;

(i) the Department;

(iii) the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister;	
(b) any other matter which appears to the Department or, as the case may be, to the commission to be relevant.	5
(3) The Department must, not later than 3 years after the coming into operation of section 2(1) of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2013, review and publish a report on the implementation of this Article.	
(4) The Department must make regulations setting out the terms of the review.".	10
(2) In section 1 of the 2011 Act (general functions of Department with respect to development of land)—	
(a) for subsection (2)(b) substitute—	
"(b) exercise its functions under subsection (1) with the objective of— (i) furthering sustainable development;	15
(ii) promoting or improving well-being; and	
(iii) promoting economic development.";	
(b) after subsection (2) insert—	
"(2A) For the purposes of subsection (2)(b) the Department must (in particular) have regard to the desirability of achieving good design.".	20
(3) In section 5 of the 2011 Act (sustainable development)—	
(a) in subsection (1), for "objective of furthering sustainable development." substitute "objective of—	
(a) furthering sustainable development;	
(b) promoting or improving well-being; and	25
(c) promoting economic development.";	
(b) in subsection (2), after "must" insert "(in particular) have regard to the desirability of achieving good design and".	
Meaning of development	
<b>3.</b> In paragraph (2) of Article 11 of the 1991 Order (meaning of "development"), after sub-paragraph (f) add—	30
"(g) a structural alteration of any description of building specified in a direction given by the Department for the purpose of this Article, where the alteration consists of demolishing part of the building.".	
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<b>4.</b> —(1) In paragraph (2) of Article 2 of the 1991 Order (interpretation) after the definition of "development order" insert the following definitions—	
""economically significant planning zone" and	
"economically significant planning zone scheme" shall be construed in accordance with Article 13A;".	40

- (2) In paragraph (2) of Article 9 of the 1991 Order (development plans) after sub-paragraph (d) insert—
  - "(dd) an economically significant planning zone scheme;".
  - (3) After Article 13 of the 1991 Order insert—

"Economically significant planning zone schemes

#### **Economically significant planning zones**

- 13A.—(1) An economically significant planning zone is an area in respect of which an economically significant planning zone scheme is in force.
- (2) The adoption of an economically significant planning zone scheme has effect to grant in relation to the zone, or any part of it specified in the scheme, planning permission for development specified in the scheme or for development of any class so specified.
- (3) Planning permission under an economically significant planning zone scheme may be unconditional or subject to such conditions, limitations or exceptions as may be specified in the scheme.
- (4) An economically significant planning zone scheme shall consist of a map and a written statement, and such diagrams, illustrations and descriptive matter as OFMDFM thinks appropriate for explaining or illustrating the provisions of the scheme, and must specify—
  - (a) the development or classes of development permitted by the scheme;
  - (b) the land in relation to which permission is granted; and
  - (c) any conditions, limitations or exceptions subject to which it is granted;

and shall contain such other matters as may be prescribed by regulations made by OFMDFM.

- (5) OFMDFM may at any time make an economically significant planning zone scheme in respect of any area or alter a scheme adopted by it in respect of any area.
- (6) Articles 5, 6, 7 and 8(1) shall, subject to paragraphs (7) and (8) and with any other necessary modifications, apply to the making or alteration of an economically significant planning zone scheme by OFMDFM as they apply to the making or alteration of a development plan by the Department.
- (7) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (6), "prescribed" in Articles 5 and 6, in relation to the making or alteration of an economically significant planning zone scheme by OFMDFM, means prescribed by regulations made by OFMDFM.
- (8) Paragraph (1) of Article 8 shall apply to the making or alteration of an economically significant planning zone scheme by OFMDFM as if, for the words from "the Department" to the end of that paragraph, there were

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substituted "OFMDFM may adopt the scheme or the alteration of the scheme—	
(a) by order made with the consent of the Department of the Environment; or	
(b) by order, a draft of which has been laid before, and approved by resolution of, the Assembly.".	5
(9) OFMDFM must not make an economically significant planning zone scheme in respect of any area in relation to which a simplified planning zone scheme is in force.	
(10) Without prejudice to paragraph (6), OFMDFM may make regulations with respect to—	10
(a) the form and content of economically significant planning zone schemes; and	
(b) the procedure to be followed in connection with the making or alteration of such schemes.	15
(11) In this Article, and in Articles 13B to 13F, "OFMDFM" means the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister.	
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<ul> <li>limitations on planning permission</li> <li>13B.—(1) The conditions and limitations on planning permission which may be specified in an economically significant planning zone scheme may include— <ul> <li>(a) conditions or limitations in respect of all development permitted by the scheme or in respect of particular descriptions of development so permitted; and</li> <li>(b) conditions or limitations requiring the consent, agreement or approval of OFMDFM in relation to particular descriptions of permitted development;</li> </ul> </li> <li>and different conditions or limitations may be specified for different cases or classes of case.</li> <li>(2) Nothing in an economically significant planning zone scheme shall</li> </ul>	25

by the scheme;

and no limitation or restriction subject to which permission has been granted otherwise than under the scheme shall affect the right of any person to carry out development for which permission has been granted under the scheme.

#### **Duration of economically significant planning zone scheme**

- 13C.—(1) An economically significant planning zone scheme shall take effect on the date of its adoption and shall cease to have effect at the end of the period of 10 years beginning with that date.
- (2) Upon the scheme's ceasing to have effect planning permission under the scheme shall also cease to have effect except in a case where the development authorised by it has been begun.
- (3) The provisions of Article 37(2) to (6) apply to planning permission under an economically significant planning zone scheme where development has been begun but not completed by the time the area ceases to be an economically significant planning zone.
- (4) The provisions of Article 36(1) apply in determining for the purposes of this Article when development shall be taken to be begun.

#### Alteration of economically significant planning zone scheme

- 13D.—(1) The adoption of alterations to an economically significant planning zone scheme has effect as follows.
- (2) The adoption of alterations providing for the inclusion of land in the economically significant planning zone has effect to grant in relation to that land or such part of it as is specified in the scheme planning permission for development so specified or of any class so specified.
- (3) The adoption of alterations providing for the grant of planning permission has effect to grant such permission in relation to the economically significant planning zone, or such part of it as is specified in the scheme, for development so specified or development of any class so specified.
- (4) The adoption of alterations providing for the withdrawal or relaxation of conditions, limitations or restrictions to which planning permission under the scheme is subject has effect to withdraw or relax the conditions, limitations or restrictions forthwith.
  - (5) The adoption of alterations providing for—
  - (a) the exclusion of land from the economically significant planning zone:
  - (b) the withdrawal of planning permission; or
  - (c) the imposition of new or more stringent conditions, limitations or restrictions to which planning permission under the scheme is subject,

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has effect to withdraw permission, or to impose the conditions, limitations or restrictions, with effect from the end of the period of 12 months beginning with the date of the adoption.

(6) The adoption of alterations to a scheme does not affect planning permission under the scheme in any case where the development authorised by it has been begun before the adoption of alterations has effect, and the provisions of Article 36(1) apply in determining for the purposes of this paragraph when development shall be taken to be begun.

### Provision of assistance by Department to OFMDFM

13E. The Department must provide such administrative and other assistance for OFMDFM as may be necessary to enable OFMDFM to carry out its functions under Articles 13A to 13D.

# Modifications of references to planning permission granted by the Department, etc.

- 13F. In this Order, or in any provision made under this Order—
  - (a) any reference to planning permission granted by the Department, except where prescribed by regulations made by OFMDFM, includes a reference to planning permission granted under an economically significant planning zone scheme;

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- (b) any reference to a condition, limitation or exception subject to which planning permission is granted, except where prescribed by regulations made by OFMDFM, includes a reference to a condition, limitation or exception subject to which planning permission is granted under an economically significant planning zone scheme.".
- (4) In Article 34 of the 1991 Order (duration of planning permission), in paragraph (3), after sub-paragraph (d) insert—
  - "(dd) to any planning permission granted by an economically significant planning zone scheme;".
- (5) In Article 121 of the 1991 Order (rights of entry), in paragraph (1)(a), after head (i) insert—
  - "(ia) the making or altering of a economically significant planning zone scheme relating to the land;".
- (6) In Article 124 of the 1991 Order (planning register), in paragraph (1), after sub-paragraph (g) insert—
  - "(gg) economically significant planning zones;".
- (7) In section 19 of the 2011 Act (exclusion of certain representations), in subsection (1), after paragraph (e) insert—
  - "(ee) an economically significant planning zone scheme;".
  - (8) After section 38 of the 2011 Act insert—

"Economically significant planning zone schemes

#### **Economically significant planning zones**

- 38A.—(1) An economically significant planning zone is an area in respect of which an economically significant planning zone scheme is in force.
- (2) The adoption of an economically significant planning zone scheme has effect to grant in relation to the zone, or any part of it specified in the scheme, planning permission for development specified in the scheme or for development of any class so specified.
- (3) Planning permission under an economically significant planning zone scheme may be unconditional or subject to such conditions, limitations or exceptions as may be specified in the scheme.
- (4) An economically significant planning zone scheme shall consist of a map and a written statement, and such diagrams, illustrations and descriptive matter as OFMDFM thinks appropriate for explaining or illustrating the provisions of the scheme, and must specify—
  - (a) the development or classes of development permitted by the scheme;
  - (b) the land in relation to which permission is granted; and
  - (c) any conditions, limitations or exceptions subject to which it is granted;

and must contain such other matters as may be prescribed by regulations made by OFMDFM.

## Making and alteration of economically significant planning zone schemes

- 38B.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this section, OFMDFM may at any time make an economically significant planning zone scheme in respect of any area or alter a scheme adopted by it in respect of any area.
- (2) OFMDFM must not make an economically significant planning zone scheme in respect of any area in relation to which a simplified planning zone scheme is in force.
- (3) Schedule 1A has effect with respect to the making and alteration of economically significant planning zone schemes and other related matters.

# Economically significant planning zone schemes: conditions and limitations on planning permission

- 38C.—(1) The conditions and limitations on planning permission which may be specified in an economically significant planning zone scheme may include—
  - (a) conditions or limitations in respect of all development permitted by the scheme or in respect of particular descriptions of development so permitted; and

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(b) conditions or limitations requiring the consent, agreement or approval of OFMDFM in relation to particular descriptions of permitted development;

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and different conditions or limitations may be specified for different cases or classes of case.

- (2) Nothing in an economically significant planning zone scheme shall affect the right of any person—
  - (a) to do anything not amounting to development; or
  - (b) to carry out development for which planning permission is not required or for which permission has been granted otherwise than by the scheme;

and no limitation or restriction subject to which permission has been granted otherwise than under the scheme shall affect the right of any person to carry out development for which permission has been granted under the scheme.

#### **Duration of economically significant planning zone scheme**

- 38D.—(1)An economically significant planning zone scheme shall take effect on the date of its adoption and shall cease to have effect at the end of the period of 10 years beginning with that date.
- (2) Upon the scheme's ceasing to have effect, planning permission under the scheme shall also cease to have effect except in a case where the development authorised by it has been begun.
- (3) The provisions of section 64(2) to (6) and sections 65 and 66 apply to planning permission under an economically significant planning zone scheme where development has been begun but not completed by the time the area ceases to be an economically significant planning zone.
- (4) The provisions of section 63(2) apply in determining for the purposes of this section when development shall be taken to be begun.

#### Alteration of economically significant planning zone scheme

- 38E.—(1) The adoption of alterations to an economically significant planning zone scheme has effect as follows.
- (2) The adoption of alterations providing for the inclusion of land in the economically significant planning zone has effect to grant in relation to that land or such part of it as is specified in the scheme planning permission for development so specified or of any class so specified.
- (3) The adoption of alterations providing for the grant of planning permission has effect to grant such permission in relation to the economically significant planning zone, or such part of it as is specified in the scheme, for development so specified or development of any class so specified.
- (4) The adoption of alterations providing for the withdrawal or relaxation of conditions, limitations or restrictions to which planning

permission under the scheme is subject has effect to withdraw or relax the conditions, limitations or restrictions forthwith.

- (5) The adoption of alterations providing for—
  - (a) the exclusion of land from an economically significant planning zone;
  - (b) the withdrawal of planning permission; or
  - (c) the imposition of new or more stringent conditions, limitations or restrictions to which planning permission under the scheme is subject,

has effect to withdraw permission, or to impose the conditions, limitations or restrictions, with effect from the end of the period of 12 months beginning with the date of the adoption.

(6) The adoption of alterations to a scheme does not affect planning permission under the scheme in any case where the development authorised by it has been begun before the adoption of alterations has effect; and the provisions of section 63(2) apply in determining for the purposes of this subsection when development shall be taken to be begun.

#### Provision of assistance by Department to OFMDFM

38F. The Department must provide such administrative and other assistance for OFMDFM as may be necessary to enable OFMDFM to carry out its functions under sections 38A to 38E.

#### Modifications of references to planning permission, etc., granted by the Department or councils

38G. In this Act, or in any provision made under this Act—

- (a) any reference to planning permission granted by the Department or a council except where prescribed by regulations made by OFMDFM, includes a reference to planning permission granted under an economically significant planning zone scheme;
- (b) any reference to a condition, limitation or exception subject to which planning permission is granted, except where prescribed by regulations made by OFMDFM, includes a reference to a condition, limitation or exception subject to which planning permission is granted under an economically significant planning zone scheme."
- (9) In section 61 of the 2011 Act (duration of planning permission), in subsection (3) after paragraph (e) insert—
  - "(ee) to any planning permission granted by an economically significant planning zone scheme;".
- (10) In section 236 of the 2011 Act (rights of entry), in subsection (1)(a), after head (ii) insert—
  - "(iia) the making or altering of an economically significant planning zone scheme relating to the land;".

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(11) In section 242 of the 2011 Act (planning register), in subsection (1), after paragraph (i) insert—  "(ij) economically significant planning zones;".	
(12) In section 250 of the 2011 Act (interpretation), in subsection (1), after the definition of "development order" insert the following definitions—	5
""economically significant planning zone" and "economically significant planning zone scheme" shall be construed in accordance with Section 38A;".	
(13) After Schedule 1 to the 2011 Act insert—	
"SCHEDULE 1A	10
ECONOMICALLY SIGNIFICANT PLANNING ZONES	
1.—(1) Where OFMDFM proposes to make or alter an economically significant planning zone scheme it must, before determining the content of its proposals, comply with this paragraph.	
(2) OFMDFM must consult the council for the area or any part of the area to which the proposed economically significant planning zone scheme relates.	15
(3) OFMDFM must take such steps as it thinks fit to publicise—	
(a) the fact that OFMDFM proposes to make or alter an economically significant planning zone scheme, and	20
(b) the matters which it is considering including in the proposals.	
(4) OFMDFM must consider any representations that are made within the prescribed period.	
2. Where OFMDFM has prepared a proposed economically significant planning zone scheme, or proposed alterations to an economically significant planning zone scheme, it must—	25
<ul><li>(a) make copies of the proposed scheme or alterations available for inspection at such places as may be prescribed,</li></ul>	
(b) take such steps as may be prescribed for the purpose of advertising the fact that the proposed scheme or alterations are so available and the places at which, and times during which, they may be inspected,	30
(c) take such steps as may be prescribed for inviting objections to be made within such period as may be prescribed, and	
(d) send a copy of the proposed scheme or alterations to such persons as may be prescribed.	35
3.—(1) Where objections to the proposed scheme or alterations are made, OFMDFM may—	
(a) for the purpose of considering the objections, cause an independent examination to be carried out by—	40

(i) the planning appeals commission; or (ii) a person appointed by OFMDFM; or

- (b) require the objections to be considered by a person appointed by OFMDFM.
- (2) Regulations made by OFMDFM may make provision with respect to the appointment, and qualifications for appointment, of persons for the purposes of this paragraph.
- (3) Any person who makes objections to a proposed economically significant planning zone scheme or proposed alterations to an economically significant planning zone scheme must, if that person so requests, be given the opportunity to appear before and be heard by—
  - (a) the planning appeals commission; or
  - (b) the person appointed by OFMDFM under sub-paragraph (1)(a)(ii).
- 4.—(1)After the expiry of the period for making objections or, if objections have been made in accordance with the regulations, after considering those objections and the views of the planning appeals commission or any other person holding an independent examination or considering those objections under paragraph 3, OFMDFM may, subject to the following provisions of this paragraph, adopt the proposed scheme or the proposed alteration—
  - (a) by order made with the consent of the Department of the Environment; or
  - (b) by order, a draft of which has been laid before, and approved by resolution of, the Assembly.
- (2) OFMDFM may adopt the proposals as originally prepared or as modified so as to take account of—
  - (a) any such objections as are mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) or any other objections to the proposals, or
  - (b) any other considerations which appear to OFMDFM to be material.
- 5.—(1) Without prejudice to the previous provisions of this Schedule, OFMDFM may make regulations with respect—
  - (a) to the form and content of economically significant planning zone schemes, and
  - (b) to the procedure to be followed in connection with their preparation, adoption or alteration.
  - (2) Any such regulations may in particular—
    - (a) provide for the notice to be given of, or the publicity to be given to—
      - (i) matters included or proposed to be included in an economically significant planning zone scheme, and
      - (ii) the adoption of such a scheme, or of any alteration of it, or any other prescribed procedural step,

and for publicity to be given to the procedure to be followed in these respects;

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- (b) make provision with respect to the making and consideration of representations as to matters to be included in, or objections to, any such scheme or proposals for its alteration;
- (c) make provision with respect to the circumstances in which representations with respect to the matters to be included in such a scheme or proposals for its alteration are to be treated, for the purposes of this Schedule, as being objections made in accordance with regulations;

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- (d) without prejudice to head (a), provide for notice to be given to particular persons of the adoption of an economically significant planning zone scheme, or an alteration to such a scheme, if they have objected to the proposals and have notified OFMDFM of their wish to receive notice, subject (if the regulations so provide) to the payment of a reasonable charge;
- (e) provide for the publication and inspection of an economically significant planning zone scheme which has been adopted, or any document adopted altering such a scheme, and for copies of any such scheme or document to be made available on sale.
- (3) In this Schedule, "prescribed" means prescribed by regulations made by OFMDFM.".

#### Publicity, etc., in relation to applications

**5.**—(1) For Article 21 of the 1991 Order (publication of notices of applications) substitute—

#### "Notice, etc., of applications for planning permission

- 21.—(1) A development order may make provision requiring notice to be given of any application for planning permission and provide for publicising such applications and for the form, content and service of such notices.
- (2) A development order may require an applicant for planning permission to provide evidence that any requirements of the order have 30 been satisfied.
- (3) An application for planning permission must not be entertained by the Department unless any requirements imposed by virtue of this Article have been satisfied.".
- (2) In Article 25 of the 1991 Order (determination of planning applications), for paragraph (2) substitute—
  - "(2) A development order may provide that the Department must not determine an application for planning permission before the end of such period as may be prescribed by the development order.
  - (2A) In determining any application for planning permission the Department must take into account any representations relating to that application which are received by it within such period as may be specified by a development order.".
  - (3) In Schedule 1 to the 1991 Order (listed building consent)—

- (a) in paragraph 1, for sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) substitute—
  - "(2) Provision may be made by regulations with respect to—
    - (a) requirements as to publicity in relation to applications for listed building consent;
    - (b) the time within which such applications are to be dealt with by the Department;
    - (c) requirements as to consultation in relation to such applications;
    - (d) prohibiting the determination of such applications during such period as is prescribed;
    - (e) requirements on the Department to take account of responses from persons consulted and to notify the persons responding of the decision of the Department on the application.
  - (3) Sub-paragraphs (1) and (2)(b) shall apply to applications to the Department for any approval of the Department required by a condition imposed on a grant of listed building consent as they apply to applications for listed building consent.";
- (b) omit paragraphs 2 and 4.

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#### **Pre-application community consultation**

**6.**—(1) After Article 22 of the 1991 Order insert—

#### 20 "Pre-application community consultation

- 22A.—(1) Before submitting an application for planning permission for a development of a class prescribed for the purposes of this Article, the prospective applicant must comply with the following provisions of this Article.
- (2) The prospective applicant must give notice (to be known as a "proposal of application notice") to the Department that an application for planning permission for the development is to be submitted.
- (3) A period of at least 12 weeks must elapse between giving the notice and submitting any such application.
- (4) A proposal of application notice must be in such form, and have such content, as may be prescribed but must in any event contain—
  - (a) a description in general terms of the development to be carried out;
  - (b) if the site at which the development is to be carried out has a postal address, that address;
  - (c) a plan showing the outline of the site at which the development is to be carried out and sufficient to identify that site; and
  - (d) details as to how the prospective applicant may be contacted and corresponded with.
- (5) Regulations may—
  - (a) require that the proposal of application notice be given to persons specified in the regulations;

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- (i) the persons who are to be consulted as respects a proposed application; and
- (ii) the form that consultation is to take.
- (6) The Department may, provided that it does so within the period of 21 days after receiving the proposal of application notice, notify the prospective applicant that it requires (either or both)—
  - (a) that the proposal of application notice be given to persons additional to those specified under paragraph (5) (specifying in the notification who those persons are);

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- (b) that consultation additional to any required by virtue of paragraph (5)(b) be undertaken as regards the proposed development (specifying in the notification what form that consultation is to take).
- (7) In considering whether to give notification under paragraph (6) the Department is to have regard to the nature, extent and location of the proposed development and to the likely effects, at and in the vicinity of that location, of its being carried out.

#### **Pre-application community consultation report**

- 22B.—(1) A person who, before submitting an application for planning permission for a development, is required to comply with Article 22A and who proceeds to submit that application is to prepare a report (a "preapplication community consultation report") as to what has been done to effect such compliance.
- (2) A pre-application community consultation report is to be in such 25 form as may be prescribed.".
- (2) After Article 25AA of the 1991 Order insert—

# "Duty to decline to determine application where Article 22A not complied with

- 25AB.—(1) The Department must decline to determine an application for the development of any land if, in the opinion of the Department—
  - (a) compliance with Article 22A was required as respects the development; and
  - (b) there has not been such compliance.
- (2) Before deciding whether, under paragraph (1), an application must be declined, the Department may request the applicant to provide such additional information as it may specify within such time as may be prescribed.
- (3) Where, under paragraph (1), the Department declines to determine an application, the Department must advise the applicant of the reason for its being of the opinion mentioned in that paragraph."
- (3) In Article 124 of the 1991 Order (planning register), in paragraph (1) after sub-paragraph (b) insert—

- "(bb) notices under Article 22A(2);
- (bc) pre-application community consultation reports under Article 22B;".

#### **Determination of planning applications**

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- 5 7.—(1) In Article 25 of the 1991 Order (determination of planning applications), after paragraph (1) insert—
  - "(1A) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), the reference in that paragraph to material considerations includes a reference to considerations relating to any economic advantages or disadvantages likely to result from the granting of or, as the case may be, the refusal of planning permission."
  - (2) In that Article after paragraph (3) add—
    - "(4) The Department must, not later than 3 years after the coming into operation of section 6(1) of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2013, review and publish a report on the implementation of this Article.
    - (5) The Department must make regulations setting out the terms of the review.".
  - (3) In section 45 of the 2011 Act (determination of planning applications), after subsection (1) insert—
- "(1A) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), the reference in that subsection to material considerations includes a reference to considerations relating to any economic advantages or disadvantages likely to result from the granting of or, as the case may be, the refusal of planning permission."

#### 25 Power to decline to determine subsequent application

- **8.**—(1) In Article 25A of the 1991 Order (power to decline to determine subsequent application for planning permission)—
  - (a) in paragraph (4)(b) after "refusal" add "or, if there has been such an appeal, it has been withdrawn";
  - (b) after paragraph (4) insert—
    - "(4A) The Department may also decline to determine a relevant application if—
      - (a) the condition in paragraph (4B) is satisfied; and
      - (b) the Department thinks there has been no significant change in the relevant considerations since the relevant event.
      - (4B) The condition is that—
        - (a) in the period of 2 years ending with the date on which the application mentioned in paragraph (4A) is received the planning appeals commission has refused a similar application;
        - (b) the similar application was an application deemed to have been made by Article 71(5).";

(c) in paragraph (7)(a) for "paragraphs (2) and (4)" substitute "paragraphs (2), (4) and (4B)".	
(2) In paragraph 4A of Schedule 1 to the 1991 Order (power to decline to determine subsequent application for listed building consent), in sub-paragraph (4)(b) after "refusal" insert "or, if there has been such an appeal, it has been withdrawn".	5
Power to decline to determine overlapping applications	
<b>9.</b> —(1) In Article 25AA of the 1991 Order (power to decline to determine overlapping applications)—	
(a) for paragraph (1) substitute—	10
"(1) The Department may decline to determine an application for planning permission for the development of any land which is—	
(a) made on the same day as a similar application; or	
(b) made at a time when any of the conditions in paragraphs (2) to (4) applies in relation to a similar application.";	15
(b) after paragraph (4) insert—	
"(4A) The Department may also decline to determine an application for planning permission for the development of any land which is made at a time when the condition in paragraph (4B) applies in relation to a similar application.	20
(4B) The condition is that—	
(a) a similar application is under consideration by the planning appeals commission;	
(b) the similar application is an application deemed to have been made by Article 71(5); and	25
(c) the planning appeals commission has not issued its decision.";	
(c) after paragraph (6) add—	
"(7) If the Department exercises its power under paragraph (1)(a) to decline to determine an application made on the same day as a similar application, it may not also exercise that power to decline to determine the similar application."	30
(2) In Schedule 1 to the 1991 Order, in paragraph 4B (power to decline to	
determine overlapping application for listed building consent)—	
(a) for sub-paragraph (1) substitute—	
"(1) The Department may decline to determine an application for a relevant consent which is—	35
(a) made on the same day as a similar application; or	
(b) made at a time when any of the conditions in sub-paragraphs (2) to (4) applies in relation to a similar application.";	

"(4A) If the Department exercises its power under sub-paragraph (1)(a) to decline to determine an application made on the same day as a similar

(b) after sub-paragraph (4) insert—

application, it may not also exercise that power to decline to determine the similar application.".

# Aftercare conditions for ecological purposes on grant of mineral planning permission

- **10.** In Article 27A of the 1991 Order (power to impose aftercare conditions on grant of mineral planning permission), in paragraph (1), at the end of subparagraph (iii) add "; or
  - (iv) use for ecological purposes.".

#### Public inquiries: major planning applications

- 10 **11.** In Article 31 of the 1991 Order (special procedure for major planning applications)—
  - (a) in paragraph (2) for the words from "to be held" to the end of that paragraph, substitute "to be held by—
    - (a) the planning appeals commission; or
    - (b) a person appointed by the Department for the purpose.";
  - (b) in paragraph (3) for "commission" substitute "commission or a person appointed by the Department for the purpose";
  - (c) in paragraph (4) for "commission" substitute "commission or the person appointed by the Department for the purpose of the inquiry or hearing, as the case may be".

#### **Appeals: time limits**

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- **12.**—(1) In Article 32 of the 1991 Order (appeals) for paragraph (3) substitute—
  - "(3) Any notice under this Article must be served on the planning appeals commission within 4 months from the date of notification of the decision to which it relates or such other period as may be specified by development order.".
- (2) In Article 57 of the 1991 Order (appeals in relation to hazardous substances consents) for paragraph (3) substitute—
  - "(3) Any notice under this Article must be served on the planning appeals commission within 4 months from the date of the notification of the decision to which it relates or such other period as may be prescribed."
- (3) In Article 83E of the 1991 Order (appeals against refusal or failure to give decision on application) in paragraph (1) for "planning appeals commission." substitute—

#### "planning appeals commission—

(i) in the case described in sub-paragraph (a), within the period of 4 months from the date on which the application is refused or is refused in part or such other period as may be prescribed;

(ii) in the case described in sub-paragraph (b), within the period of 4 months from the end of the period referred to in that sub-paragraph or such other period as may be prescribed.".	
(4) In paragraph 7 of Schedule 1 to the 1991 Order (appeals in relation to listed building consent, etc.) for sub-paragraph (2) substitute—	5
"(2) Any notice under this paragraph must be served on the planning appeals commission within 4 months from the date of notification of the decision to which it relates or such other period as may be prescribed.".	
Matters which may be raised in an appeal	
13. After Article 32 of the 1991 Order (appeals) insert—	10
"Matters which may be raised in an appeal under Article 32	
32A.—(1) In an appeal under Article 32, a party to the proceedings is not to raise any matter which was not before the Department at the time the decision appealed against was made unless that party can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the planning appeals commission—	15
<ul><li>(a) that the matter could not have been raised before that time; or</li><li>(b) that its not being raised before that time was a consequence of exceptional circumstances.</li></ul>	
(2) Nothing in paragraph (1) affects any requirement or entitlement to have regard to—	20
(a) the provision of the development plan; or	
(b) any other material consideration.".	
Appeal in default of planning decision	
<b>14.</b> —(1) In Article 33 of the 1991 Order (appeal in default of planning decision) for "or 25AA" substitute ", 25AA or 25AB".	25
(2) In section 60 of the 2011 Act (appeal against failure to take planning decision) for "or 48" substitute ", 48 or 50".	
Review of certain decisions	
15.—(1) After Article 33 of the 1991 Order insert—	
"Review of certain decisions	30
33A.—(1) This Article applies to—	
(a) any decision by the Department or OFMDFM to—	
(i) grant or refuse planning permission;	
<ul><li>(ii) grant or refuse any consent, agreement or approval of the Department or OFMDFM required by a condition imposed on a grant of planning permission; or</li></ul>	35
(iii) grant or refuse any approval of the Department or OFMDFM required under a development order;	
(b) any determination of an appeal under Article 32 by the planning appeals commission,	40

where the decision or determination is one which is specified in, or is of a class of decision or determination which is specified in, an order made by OFMDFM, which has been laid before, and approved by resolution of, the Assembly.

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- (2) Subject to paragraph (3), a decision or determination to which this Article applies shall not be subject to appeal or liable to be questioned in any court.

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(3) A person aggrieved by a decision or determination to which this Article applies may, within 6 weeks of the decision being taken or the determination being made, appeal to the High Court on any question of law material to the decision or determination only where the question of law raises matters of—

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(a) the compatibility of the decision or determination with the Convention rights; or

- (b) the compatibility of the decision or determination with EU Law.
- (4) The period referred to in paragraph (3) may be extended if, in the opinion of the High Court, there are exceptional reasons for doing so.
  - (5) In this Article—

"the Convention rights" has the same meaning as in the Human Rights Act 1998;

"EU law" means—

- (a) all rights, powers, liabilities, obligations and restrictions created or arising by or under the EU Treaties; and
- (b) all remedies and procedures provided by or under those Treaties.".

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(2) After section 60 of the 2011 Act insert—

#### "Review of certain decisions

60A.—(1) This section applies to—

(a) any decision by a council, the Department or OFMDFM to—

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- (i) grant or refuse planning permission;
- (ii) grant or refuse any consent, agreement or approval of the council, the Department or OFMDFM required by a condition imposed on a grant of planning permission; or

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- (iii) grant or refuse any approval of the council, the Department or OFMDFM required under a development order;
- (b) any determination of an appeal under section 58 by the planning appeals commission,

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where the decision or determination is one which is specified in, or is of a class of decision or determination which is specified in, an order made by OFMDFM, which has been laid before, and approved by resolution of, the Assembly.

- (2) Subject to subsection (3), a decision or determination to which this section applies shall not be subject to appeal or liable to be questioned in any court.
- (3) A person aggrieved by a decision or determination to which this section applies may, within 6 weeks of the decision being taken or the determination being made, appeal to the High Court on any question of law material to the decision or determination only where the question of law raises matters of—
  - (a) the compatibility of the decision or determination with the Convention rights; or

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- (b) the compatibility of the decision or determination with EU law.
- (4) The period referred to in subsection (3) may be extended if, in the opinion of the High Court, there are exceptional reasons for doing so.
  - (5) In this section—
    - "the Convention rights" has the same meaning as in the Human 15 Rights Act 1998;

"EU law" means—

- (a) all rights, powers, liabilities, obligations and restrictions created or arising by or under the EU Treaties; and
- (b) all remedies and procedures provided by or under those 20 Treaties.".

#### Power to make non-material changes to planning permission

16. After Article 37 of the 1991 Order insert—

#### "Power to make non-material changes to planning permission

- 37A.—(1) The Department may make a change to any planning 25 permission granted if it is satisfied that the change is not material.
- (2) In deciding whether a change is material, the Department must have regard to the effect of the change, together with any previous changes made under this Article, on the planning permission as originally granted.
  - (3) The power conferred by paragraph (1) includes power—
    - (a) to impose new conditions;
    - (b) to remove or alter existing conditions.
- (4) The power conferred by paragraph (1) may be exercised only on an application made by or on behalf of a person with an estate in the land to which the planning permission relates.
- (5) An application under paragraph (4) must be made in the form and manner specified by a development order.
- (6) Paragraph (7) applies in relation to an application under paragraph (4) made by or on behalf of a person with an estate in some, but not all, of the land to which the planning permission relates.
- (7) The application may be made only in respect of so much of the planning permission as affects the land in which the person has an estate.

(8) The Department must comply with such requirements as may be specified by development order as to consultation and publicity in relation to the exercise of the power conferred by paragraph (1).".

# Aftercare conditions imposed on revocation or modification of mineral planning permission

17. After Article 38 of the 1991 Order insert—

# "Aftercare conditions imposed on revocation or modification of mineral planning permission

- 38A.—(1) An order under Article 38 may in relation to planning permission for development consisting of the winning and working of minerals or involving the depositing of refuse or waste materials, include such aftercare condition as the Department thinks fit if—
  - (a) it also includes a restoration condition; or
  - (b) a restoration condition has previously been imposed in relation to the land by virtue of any provision of this Order.
- (2) Paragraphs (3) to (12) of Article 27A shall apply in relation to an aftercare condition so imposed as they apply in relation to such a condition imposed under Article 27A.".

#### Planning agreements: payments to departments

**18.** In Article 40 of the 1991 Order (planning agreements), in paragraph (1) at the end of sub-paragraph (c) omit "or" and, after sub-paragraph (d), add—

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(e) requiring a sum or sums to be paid to a Northern Ireland department on a specified date or dates or periodically.".

#### 25 Increase in penalties

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- **19.**—(1) In Article 49 of the 1991 Order (acts causing or likely to result in damage to listed buildings)—
  - (a) in paragraph (1), for the words from "and liable" to the end of that paragraph substitute—

"and liable—

- (i) on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum; or
- (ii) on conviction on indictment, to a fine.";
- (b) in paragraph (3), for "level 3" substitute "level 5".
- 35 (2) In Article 61 of the 1991 Order (offences in relation to hazardous substances control), in paragraph (4)(a) for "£30,000" substitute "£100,000".
  - (3) In Article 67D of the 1991 Order (penalties for non-compliance with planning contravention notice), in paragraph (4) for "level 3" substitute "level 5".
- (4) In Article 67G of the 1991 Order (temporary stop notices: offences), in paragraph (6)(a) for "£30,000" substitute "£100,000".

- (5) In Article 72 of the 1991 Order (offence where enforcement notice not complied with), in paragraph (8)(a) for "£30,000" substitute "£100,000".
- (6) In Article 73 of the 1991 Order (stop notices), in paragraph (7C)(a) for "£30,000" substitute "£100,000".
- (7) In Article 76 of the 1991 Order (enforcement notice to have effect against subsequent development) in paragraph (5) for "level 5 on the standard scale" substitute "£7,500".
- (8) The amendments set out in this section do not have effect in relation to any offence committed before the coming into operation of this section.

#### Conservation areas

- **20.** In Article 50 of the 1991 Order (conservation areas), for paragraph (5) substitute—
  - "(5) Where any area is for the time being designated as a conservation area, special regard must be had in the exercise, with respect to any buildings or other land in that area, of any powers under this Order, to the desirability of—
    - (a) preserving the character or appearance of that area in cases where an opportunity for enhancing its character or appearance does not arise;
    - (b) enhancing the character or appearance of that area in cases where an opportunity to do so does arise.".

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#### Control of demolition in conservation areas

- **21.** In Article 51 of the 1991 Order (control of demolition in conservation areas), after paragraph (6) add—
  - "(7) For the purposes of this Article, any reference to demolition, in relation to a building to which this Article applies, includes a reference to any structural alteration of that building where the alteration consists of demolishing part of the building.".

#### Tree preservation orders: dying trees

- **22.**—(1) In Article 65 of the 1991 Order (tree preservation orders), in <sup>30</sup> paragraph (3), omit the words "dying or".
- (2) In Article 65B of the 1991 Order (replacement of trees), in paragraph (1)(b), omit the words "dying or".
- (3) In section 125 of the 2011 Act (replacement of trees), in subsection (1)(b), omit the words "dying or".

#### **Fixed penalties**

23.—(1) In Article 72 of the 1991 Order (offence where enforcement notice not complied with), in paragraph (6) after "such an offence" add "or the payment of a fixed penalty under Article 76C(2)(b) in relation to such an offence".

- (2) In Article 76A of the 1991 Order (enforcement of conditions), in paragraph (10) after "such an offence" add "or the payment of a fixed penalty under Article 76D(2)(b) in relation to such an offence".
  - (3) After Article 76B of the 1991 Order insert—

#### "Fixed penalty notice where enforcement notice not complied with

- 76C.—(1) Where on any occasion an authorised officer has reason to believe that a person has committed an offence under Article 72, the officer may give that person a notice offering the person the opportunity of discharging any liability to conviction for that offence by payment of a fixed penalty to the Department.
- (2) Where a person is given a notice under this Article in respect of an offence—
  - (a) no proceedings may be instituted for that offence before the expiration of the period of 28 days following the date of the notice; and
  - (b) the person shall not be convicted of that offence if the person pays the fixed penalty before the expiration of that period.
  - (3) A notice under this Article must specify—
    - (a) the step specified, under paragraph (3) of Article 68A, in the enforcement notice which has not been taken; or
    - (b) the activity so specified which has not ceased.
  - (4) A notice under this Article must also state—
    - (a) the period during which, by virtue of paragraph (2), proceedings will not be taken for the offence;
    - (b) the amount of the fixed penalty; and
    - (c) the person to whom and the address at which the fixed penalty may be paid.
- (5) The Department must not serve more than one notice under this Article in relation to a particular step or activity.
- (6) Without prejudice to payment by any other method, payment of the fixed penalty may be made by pre-paying and posting a letter containing the amount of the penalty (in cash or otherwise) to the person mentioned in paragraph (4)(c) at the address so mentioned.
- (7) Where a letter is sent in accordance with paragraph (6) payment is to be regarded as having been made at the time at which that letter would be delivered in the ordinary course of post.
- (8) The form of a notice under this Article shall be such as the Department may prescribe.
- (9) The fixed penalty payable to the Department under this Article is such amount as may be prescribed.
- (10) But if payment is made within the first 14 days of the period mentioned in paragraph (2) the amount payable is reduced by 25%.

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(11) In any proceedings a certificate which—	
(a) purports to be signed by an authorised officer, and	
(b) states that payment of a fixed penalty was or was not received by a date specified in the certificate,	
is evidence of the facts stated.	5
(12) Article 2A(2) (service using electronic communications) shall not apply to service of a notice under this Article.	
(13) In this Article, "authorised officer" means an officer of the Department who is authorised in writing by the Department for the purpose of giving notices under this Article.	10
Fixed penalty notice where breach of condition notice not complied with	
76D.—(1) Where on any occasion an authorised officer has reason to believe that a person has committed an offence under paragraph (9) of Article 76A, the officer may give that person a notice offering the person the opportunity of discharging any liability to conviction for that offence by payment of a fixed penalty to the Department.	15
(2) Where a person is given a notice under this Article in respect of an offence—	
(a) no proceedings may be instituted for that offence before the expiration of the period of 28 days following the date of the notice; and	20
(b) the person shall not be convicted of that offence if the person pays the fixed penalty before the expiration of that period.	
(3) A notice under this Article must—	25
(a) specify the step specified under paragraph (5) of Article 76A in the breach of condition notice which has not been taken; or	
(b) the activity so specified which has not ceased.	
(4) A notice under this Article must also state—	
(a) the period during which, by virtue of paragraph (2), proceedings will not be taken for the offence;	30
(b) the amount of the fixed penalty; and	
(c) the person to whom and the address at which the fixed penalty may be paid.	
(5) The Department must not serve more than one notice under this Article in relation to a particular step or activity.	35
(6) Without prejudice to payment by any other method, payment of the fixed penalty may be made by pre-paying and posting a letter containing the amount of the penalty (in cash or otherwise) to the person mentioned	
in paragraph (4)(c) at the address so mentioned.	40

be delivered in the ordinary course of post.

(7) Where a letter is sent in accordance with paragraph (6) payment is to be regarded as having been made at the time at which that letter would

- (8) The form of a notice under this Article shall be such as the Department may prescribe.
- (9) The fixed penalty payable to the Department under this Article shall be such amount as may be prescribed.
- (10) But if payment is made within the first 14 days of the period mentioned in paragraph (2) the amount payable is reduced by 25%.
  - (11) In any proceedings a certificate which—
    - (a) purports to be signed on behalf of an authorised officer, and
    - (b) states that payment of a fixed penalty was or was not received by a date specified in the certificate,

is evidence of the facts stated.

- (12) Article 2A(2) (service using electronic communications) shall not apply to service of a notice under this Article.
- (13) In this Article "authorised officer" means an officer of the Department who is authorised in writing by the Department for the purposes of giving notices under this Article.".
- (4) In Article 129 of the 1991 Order (regulations and orders)—
  - (a) in paragraph (2) at the beginning insert "Except as provided by paragraph (3),";
- (b) after paragraph (2) add—

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- "(3) Regulations under Articles 76C(9) and 76D(9) shall not be made unless a draft of the regulations has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, the Assembly.
- (4) Regulations and orders made by the Department under this Order may contain such incidental, supplementary, transitional and saving provisions as appear to the Department to be necessary or expedient.".
- (5) In section 147 of the 2011 Act (offence where enforcement notice not complied with), in subsection (6) after "such an offence" add "or the payment of a fixed penalty under section 153(2)(b) in relation to such an offence".
- 30 (6) In section 152 of the 2011 Act (enforcement of conditions), in subsection (10) after "such an offence" add "or the payment of a fixed penalty under section 154(2)(b) in relation to such an offence".

#### Power of planning appeals commission to award costs

**24.** After Article 111 of the 1991 Order insert—

#### "Power of planning appeals commission to award costs

- 111A.—(1) The appeals commission may make an order as to the costs of the parties to an appeal under any of the provisions of this Order mentioned in paragraph (2) and as to the parties by whom the costs are to be paid.
- 40 (2) The provisions are—

(a) Articles 32, 33, 57, 69, 78, 82A, 83E and, in Schedule 1, paragraphs 7 and 8;	
(b) in Schedule 1, paragraphs 7 and 8 (as applied by Article 51(6));	
(c) in Schedule 1A, paragraph 6(11) and (12) and paragraph 11(1);	
(d) in Schedule 1B, paragraph 9.	5
(3) An order made under this Article shall have effect as if it had been made by the High Court.	
(4) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (3), the Master (Taxing Office) shall have the same powers and duties in relation to an order made under this Article as the Master has in relation to an order made by the High Court.	10
(5) Proceedings before the appeals commission shall, for the purposes of the Litigants in Person (Costs and Expenses) Act 1975, be regarded as proceedings to which section 1(1) of that Act applies.	
Orders as to costs: supplementary	15
111B.—(1) This Article applies where—	
(a) for the purpose of any proceedings under this Order—	
<ul> <li>(i) the appeals commission is required, before a decision is reached, to give any person an opportunity, or ask any person whether that person wishes, to appear before and be heard by it; and</li> </ul>	20
(ii) arrangements are made for a hearing to be held;	
(b) the hearing does not take place; and	
(c) if it had taken place, the appeals commission would have had power to make an order under Article 111A requiring any party to pay any costs of any other party.	25
(2) Where this Article applies the power to make such an order may be exercised, in relation to costs incurred for the purposes of the hearing, as if the hearing had taken place.".	
Grants	30
<b>25.</b> In Article 120 of the 1991 Order (grants to bodies providing assistance in relation to development proposals)—	
(a) in paragraph (1), for sub-paragraph (a) substitute—	
"(a) furthering an understanding of planning policy proposals and of the planning and other technical aspects of other proposals made by any body or person for the development, redevelopment or improvement of land;";	35
(b) in paragraph (2), omit the words ", with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel,".	
Duty to respond to consultation	40
<b>26.</b> After Article 126 of the 1991 Order insert—	

#### "Duty to respond to consultation

- 126A.—(1) This Article applies to a prescribed requirement to consult any person or body ("the consultee") which exercises functions for the purposes of any statutory provision.
  - (2) A prescribed requirement to consult is a requirement—
    - (a) with which the Department must comply before granting any permission or consent under or by virtue of this Order; and
    - (b) which is prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph.
- (3) The consultee must give a substantive response to any consultation mentioned in paragraph (2) before the end of—
  - (a) the period prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph; or
  - (b) such other period as is agreed in writing between the consultee and the Department.
  - (4) The Department may also prescribe—
    - (a) the procedure to be followed for the purposes of this Article;
    - (b) the information to be provided to the consultee for the purposes of the consultation;
    - (c) the requirements of a substantive response.
- (5) Anything prescribed for the purposes of paragraphs (1) to (4) shall be prescribed by development order.
  - (6) A development order may—
    - (a) require consultees to give the Department a report as to their compliance with paragraph (3);
    - (b) specify the form and content of the report;
  - (c) specify the times at which the report is to be made.".

#### Fees and charges

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- 27. In Article 127 of the 1991 Order (fees and charges)—
  - (a) after paragraph (1) insert—
    - "(1A) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), regulations made under that paragraph may provide for the payment of a charge or fee in respect of a function mentioned in paragraph (1B)(a) to be a multiple of the charge or fee payable in respect of a function mentioned in paragraph (1B)(b).
      - (1B) The functions are—
        - (a) functions relating to the determination of an application for planning permission for development begun before the application was made;
        - (b) functions relating to the determination of an application for planning permission other than an application referred to in subparagraph (a).
    - (1C) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1), regulations made under that paragraph may provide for the payment of a charge or fee

in respect of a function mentioned in paragraph (1D)(a) to be a multiple of the charge or fee payable in respect of a function mentioned in paragraph (1D)(b).

- (1D) The functions are—
  - (a) functions relating to the determination of an application for an approval under a development order for development begun before the application was made;

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- (b) functions relating to the determination of an application for an approval under a development order other than an application referred to in sub-paragraph (a).
- (1E) Article 36(1) shall apply in determining for the purposes of this Article when development shall be taken to be begun.";

#### (b) after paragraph (2) insert—

"(2A) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (2), regulations made under that paragraph may provide for the payment of a charge or fee in respect of an application mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) of that paragraph to be a multiple of the charge or fee to be paid under regulations made under paragraph (1) in relation to the determination by the Department of an application for planning permission for development not begun before the application was made."

#### **Duration**

**28.**—(1) The Department may by order repeal any of sections 1, 2(1), 3, 5, 6, 7(1) and (2), 8 to 13, 14(1), 16 to 21, 22(1) and (2), 23(1) to (4) and 24 to 27.

- (2) An order under subsection (1)—
  - (a) may include incidental, consequential or transitional provisions or 25 savings;
  - (b) shall not be made unless a draft of the order has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, the Assembly.

#### Interpretation

**29.** In this Act—

"the Department" means the Department of the Environment;

"the 1991 Order" means the Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1991;

"the 2011 Act" means the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

#### Commencement

- **30.**—(1) This Act, apart from this section and sections 1, 2(1), 4(1) to (6), 7(1), 15(1), 18, 19, 25, 29 and 31, comes into operation on such day or days as the Department may by order appoint.
- (2) An order under subsection (1) may contain such incidental, consequential or transitional provisions or savings as the Department thinks appropriate.
- (3) Section 4(7) to (13) and section 15(2) come into operation on the day on which Part 3 of the 2011 Act comes into operation.

### **Short title**

**31.** This Act may be cited as the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2013.