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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1991 No. 1220**

**The Planning(Northern Ireland) Order 1991**

**PART II**

**FUNCTIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT  
WITH RESPECT TO DEVELOPMENT OF LAND**

**General functions of Department of the Environment with respect to development of land**

**3.—**(1) The Department shall formulate and co-ordinate policy for securing the orderly and consistent development of land and the planning of that development.

(2) The Department may undertake, or cause to be undertaken, such surveys or studies as it may consider necessary, including surveys or studies relating to any of the following matters—

- (a) the physical and economic characteristics of any area, including the purposes for which land is used;
- (b) the size, composition and distribution of the population of an area;
- (c) the communications, transport system and traffic of an area;
- (d) any changes in relation to the foregoing matters and the effect which the changes are likely to have on the development of Northern Ireland or any part thereof or the planning of that development.