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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2015 No. 62**

**The Planning (Local Development Plan)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015**

**PART 1**

**General**

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“the 2011 Act” means the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011;

“consultation bodies” means—

- (a) Northern Ireland government departments,
- (b) the council for any district which adjoins that of the council carrying out the consultation,
- (c) a water or sewerage undertaker,
- (d) the Northern Ireland Housing Executive,
- (e) the Civil Aviation Authority,
- (f) any person to whom the electronic communications code applies by virtue of a direction given under section 106(3) of the Communications Act 2003<sup>(1)</sup>,
- (g) any person to whom a licence has been granted under Article 10(1) of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992<sup>(2)</sup>,
- (h) any person to whom a licence has been granted under Article 8 of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996<sup>(3)</sup>;

“council” means a district council;

“electronic communication” has the meaning assigned to it by section 4 of the Electronic Communications Act (Northern Ireland) 2001<sup>(4)</sup>,

“inspection” means inspection by the public;

“local advertisement” means an advertisement for two successive weeks in at least one newspaper circulating in the district of the council;

“person appointed” means a person appointed by the Department under section 10(4) to carry out an independent examination;

“preferred options paper” means a consultation document prepared by the council for the purpose of consulting the public before a local development plan is prepared;

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(1) 2003 c.21

(2) S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1)

(3) S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2) as amended by S.R. 2011/155, S.R. 2013/92

(4) 2001 c.9 (N.I.) as amended by 2003 c.21

“site specific policy” means a policy in a development plan document which identifies a site for a particular use or development;

“site specific policy representation” means any representation which seeks to change a development plan document by—

- (a) adding a site specific policy to the development plan document; or
- (b) altering or deleting any site specific policy in the development plan document;

“timetable” means a timetable prepared under section 7.

(2) In these Regulations any references to sections are references to sections of the 2011 Act unless otherwise stated.