

**2020 No. 72**

**PLANNING**

**The Planning (Development Management) (Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020**

*Made* - - - -

*27th April 2020*

*Coming into operation* -

*1st May 2020*

The Department for Infrastructure<sup>(a)</sup> makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 27(5) and 247(1) and (6) of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011<sup>(b)</sup> and now vested in it<sup>(c)</sup>.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Planning (Development Management) (Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 and shall come into operation on 1st May 2020.

**Amendments to the Planning (Development Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015**

2.—(1) The Planning (Development Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015<sup>(d)</sup> are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In regulation 5(2) (Pre-application community consultation) at the beginning insert “Subject to regulation 5A,”.

(3) After regulation 5 (Pre-application community consultation) insert—

**“Temporary relaxation of pre-application community consultation requirements during Coronavirus emergency period**

5A.—(1) This regulation applies in relation to an application for planning permission submitted—

(a) either—

(i) during the emergency period, or

(ii) within the period of 6 months immediately following the expiry of the emergency period, and

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(a) Formerly the Department for Regional Development: see the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016

(b) 2011 c.25 (N.I.)

(c) S.R. 2016 No. 76

(d) S.R. 2015 No. 71

- (b) in respect of which a proposal of application notice is given to the council or as the case may be the Department before, or during, the emergency period.
- (2) Where this regulation applies in relation to an application for planning permission, regulation 5 applies in relation to that application—
  - (a) as if paragraphs (2)(a), (b)(iii) and (3) were omitted, and
  - (b) during the emergency period, as if in paragraph (2)(b)(ii) for “where” there were substituted “how (including by what electronic means)”.
- (3) For the purposes of this regulation, the “emergency period” begins on the date on which these Regulations come into operation and ends 30th September 2020.
- (4) The Department must review the emergency period after the expiry of 3 months from its commencement.”

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Infrastructure on 27th April 2020.



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A senior officer of the  
Department for Infrastructure

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations make temporary modifications to the Planning (Development Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015.

Regulation 2 amends the Planning (Development Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 to remove the requirement for a public event to be held as part of the pre-application community consultation procedures during the “emergency period” as defined in these Regulations.

The Explanatory Memorandum is available alongside the Regulations on the government’s website [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk)

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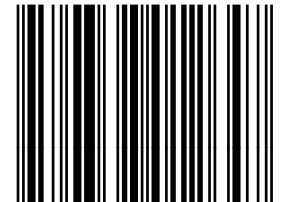
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