



2011 CHAPTER 25

Part 3

Planning control

Development management

Hierarchy of developments

25.—(1) For the purposes of this Act, a development belongs to one of the following categories—

- (a) the first, to be known as “major developments”; and
- (b) the second, to be known as “local developments”.

(2) The Department must by regulations describe classes of development and assign each class to one of the categories mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1).

(3) But the Department may, as respects a particular local development, direct that the development is to be dealt with as if (instead of being a local development) it were a major development.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Pt. 3 applied with modification(s) (1.4.2015) by [The Planning General Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(S.R. 2015/39\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2** (with regs. 3-10)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 25 in operation at 1.2.2015 for specified purposes by [S.R. 2015/25](#), **art. 2**
- I2** S. 25 in operation at 1.4.2015 in so far as not already in operation by [S.R. 2015/25](#), **art. 3**

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, Section 25.