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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

CONSULTATION

6. On 19 August 2004, the Department published a Consultation Paper, Reforming Planning - Proposals to Amend Primary Legislation in Northern Ireland. The closing date for comments on the paper was 12 November 2004. There was a very encouraging response, with some 114 responses received. Respondents covered a wide spectrum of planning interests and most supported the proposals.
7. On 28 October 2005, the Department issued a legislation consultation document – the Planning Reform (Northern Ireland) Order and Explanatory Memorandum Public Consultation Document. The consultation period ended on 23 December 2005 and 57 responses were received from a wide range of interests. Again, the proposals were generally welcomed by respondents. Reports of the consultation process can be found on the Department’s internet site at www.planningni.gov.uk.