

PLANNING REFORM (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2006

S.I. 2006 No. 1252 (N.I. 7)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

COMMENTARY ON ARTICLES

Part V Mineral Planning Permissions

Articles 26 and 27 and Schedule 3 – Mineral planning permissions

34. These Articles and the new provisions introduced by Schedule 3 enable the Department to make an initial review of all old mineral permissions granted in Northern Ireland to ensure that their conditions meet current environmental standards. The provisions also prevent dormant sites from reopening without a review of the conditions attaching to the permission being carried out and place a duty on the Department to make periodic reviews of all mineral sites.