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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2006 No. 1252**

**The Planning Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2006**

**PART I**  
**INTRODUCTORY**

**Title and commencement**

- 1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Planning Reform (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.
- (2) This Part shall come into operation on the expiration of 7 days from the day on which this Order is made.
- (3) The following provisions shall come into operation on such day or days as the Department may by order appoint—
- (a) Articles 3 to 8;
  - (b) Article 15;
  - (c) Article 28(2) and Schedule 5 so far as relating to Article 26 of the principal Order, the [Further Education \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1997 \(NI 15\)](#) and Article 30 of the [Planning \(Amendment\) \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2003 \(NI 8\)](#);
  - (d) Parts III and V.
- (4) The remaining provisions of this Order shall come into operation on the expiration of one month from the day on which this Order is made.
- (5) An order under paragraph (3) may contain such transitional or saving provisions as appear to the Department to be necessary or expedient.

**Interpretation**

- 2.—(1) The Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 ([c. 33](#)) applies to this Order as it applies to an Act of the Assembly.
- (2) In this Order—
- “the principal Order” means the [Planning \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1991 \(NI 11\)](#);
  - “the Department” means the Department of the Environment;
  - “statutory provision” has the meaning given by section 1(f) of the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954.
- (3) Words and expressions used in this Order and in the principal Order have the same meaning in this Order as they have in that Order.