

**ELECTRICITY CONSENTS (PLANNING)
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2006**

S.I. 2006 No. 2955 (N.I. 19)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

BACKGROUND AND POLICY OBJECTIVES

4. The Order amends the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 (the 1992 Order) enabling the Department to grant deemed planning permission and deemed hazardous substances consent on an application for electricity consent made under Articles 39 (consent required for construction, extension or operation of an electricity generating station) or 40 (consent required for overhead lines) of the 1992 Order.
5. The Order is intended to streamline procedures for developers so that they do not have to apply separately to the Department for consent to construct or extend an electricity generating station or to install overhead electric lines and to the Department of Environment (DOE) for planning permission and hazardous substances consent.