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The Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999

Part III

Preparation of Environmental Statements

Procedure to facilitate preparation of environmental statements

7.—(1) A developer may give the Department notice in writing under this paragraph that he intends to submit an environmental statement.

(2) A notice under paragraph (1) shall include or be accompanied by the information necessary to identify the land and the nature and purpose of the development, and shall indicate the main environmental consequences to which the person giving notice proposes to refer in his environmental statement.

- (3) Where the Department receives—
 - (a) such a notice as is mentioned in paragraph (1); or
 - (b) such a statement as is mentioned in regulation 6(10)(a);

it shall notify-

- (i) the district council in the area in which the land to which the proposal relates is situated of the details of the proposed development; and
- (ii) such other authorities likely to be concerned by the proposed development by reason of their specific environmental responsibilities,

of the name and address of the developer and of the duty imposed on them by regulation 8(1) to make information available to the developer; and

(iii) inform the developer in writing of the names and addresses of the bodies so notified.

Provision of information

8.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), any body notified by the Department pursuant to regulation 7(3) shall, if requested by the developer, or may without such request, enter into consultation with him with a view to ascertaining whether the body has information in its possession which he or they consider relevant to the preparation of the environmental statement, and shall make that information available to him.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not require the disclosure by a body of information which is capable of being treated as confidential or must be so treated under regulation 5 of the Environmental Information Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1993(1).

⁽¹⁾ S.R. 1993 No. 49 as amended by S.R. 1998 No. 238

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