EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Planning (General Development) Order (Northern Ireland) 1993 ("the 1993 Order").

Article 2(2) inserts definitions of "mine" and "mining operations" into Article 2 of the 1993 Order.

Schedule 1 of this Order amends Part 1A (Installation of Domestic Microgeneration Equipment) to expand the scope of that permitted development. The insertion of Class G provides for the installation, alteration or replacement of an air source heat pump within the curtilage of a dwellinghouse.

Schedule 2 of this Order inserts a new Part 16A into Schedule 1 to the 1993 Order. Part 16A permits development ancillary to mining operations.

A regulatory impact assessment has been prepared in relation to this Order. A copy may be obtained from the Department of the Environment, Millennium House, 17-25 Great Victoria Street, Malone Lower, Belfast BT2 7BN or accessed at www.doeni.gov.uk.

The Explanatory Memorandum is available alongside the Order on the government's website www.legislation.gov.uk.