
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2015 No. 189

The Planning (Inquiry Procedure) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2015

Statement of common ground

12.—(1) The Department and the applicant shall—

- (a) together prepare an agreed statement of common ground insofar as it does not relate to closed evidence; and
- (b) ensure that a copy of it is served on the inspector or planning appeals commission and each statutory party not less than 4 weeks before the date fixed for the holding of the inquiry.

(2) The Department shall afford to a person who so requests, a reasonable opportunity to inspect, and where practicable, take copies of the statement of common ground sent to the inspector or planning appeals commission.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (2) an opportunity shall be taken to have been afforded to a person where the person is notified of—

- (a) publication of the statement of common ground on a website,
- (b) the address of the website, and
- (c) the place on the website where the statement of common ground may be accessed, and how it may be accessed.

(4) Where the application is made by or on behalf of the Crown, the appointed representative and the applicant shall—

- (a) together prepare an agreed statement of common ground insofar as it relates to closed evidence; and
- (b) ensure that the inspector or planning appeals commission receives it not less than 4 weeks before the date fixed for the holding of the inquiry.