

SCHEDULE 5

Saving and transitional provisions

PART 2

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

Duty to inform the public of decisions

17.—(1) Where an EIA application is determined, the council or, as the case may be, the Department shall inform the public of the decision by local advertisement or by such other means as are reasonable in the circumstances.

(2) Where, after environmental information has been taken into consideration, an EIA application is determined by the Commission, the Commission shall—

- (a) notify the council of its decision; and
- (b) provide the council with a copy of a statement containing—
 - (i) the contents of the decision and the conditions attached thereto;
 - (ii) the main reasons for the decision and the considerations on which the decision was based including, if relevant, information about the participation of the public;
 - (iii) a description, where necessary, of the main measures to avoid, reduce and, if possible, offset the major adverse effects of the development; and
 - (iv) information regarding the right to challenge the validity of the decision and the procedures for doing so.

(3) The council shall, as soon as reasonably practicable after receipt of the notification under paragraph (2), comply with paragraph (1) as if the decision so notified was a decision of the council.