EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Planning (Listed Buildings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 ("the Listed Buildings Regulations 2015") as a consequence of the Departments (Transfer of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016. These Regulations take account of the restructuring of Government Departments and reflect the consequent revised roles and responsibilities of planning authorities and statutory consultees in the listed building process of the planning system.

Regulation 2(2) replaces references to "the Department", in regulation 6 of the Listed Buildings Regulations 2015, with "the Department for Communities".

Regulation 2(3) applies the consultation requirements, set out in regulation 6 of the Listed Buildings Regulations 2015, to applications made to the Department for consent to execute works without compliance with conditions previously attached.

Regulation 2(4) replaces references to "the Department of the Environment", in Schedule 2 of the Listed Buildings Regulations 2015, with "the Department for Communities".

A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared. The technical changes made by these Regulations are simply the result of a change in functions of Departments in Northern Ireland and will ensure the continuity of consultation arrangements in respect of applications for listed building consent.

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