

*These notes refer to the Planning Act (Northern Ireland)  
2011 (c.25) which received Royal Assent on 4 May 2011*

# Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 3: Planning Control.**

##### *Section 56: Directions etc. as to method of dealing with applications*

The Department may make a development order to specify how applications are to be dealt with. It can direct that a council is restricted in its power to grant permission for some developments, and require it to consider conditions suggested by the Department before granting permission on an application. A development order may require councils and the Department to consult specified authorities or persons before determining applications. A development order can also specify the person to whom applications need to be sent to under the Act, and who should in turn be sent copies.