

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These regulations amend regulations 11, 12 and 13 of the Planning (Development Plans) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991 to replace references in regulations 11, 12 and 13 to “public local inquiries”, “public local inquiry” and “inquiry” by references to “independent examinations”, “independent examination” and “examination”.

The amendments are required following substitution of Article 7 of and amendment to Article 8 of the Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 by the Planning Reform (Northern Ireland) Order [2006 \(No. 1252 \(N.I. 7\)\)](#) to provide for independent examination for the purpose of considering objections to a development plan or to the alteration, repeal or replacement of a development plan.