

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

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1: Functions of Department with respect to development of land.

Section 1: General functions of Department of the Environment with respect to development of land

This section sets out the Department's duty to formulate and co-ordinate planning policy which must be in general conformity with the Regional Development Strategy. A statutory duty is imposed on the Department in exercising these functions to do so with the objective of furthering sustainable development and promoting or improving well-being. This section also provides for the Department to continue to undertake such surveys or studies as it considers necessary.