

*These notes refer to the Business Improvement Districts Act (Northern Ireland) 2013 (c.5) which received Royal Assent on 21 March 2013*

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### ***Section 9: Power of veto***

Section 9 confers the right to veto BID proposals on a district council. It requires the district council to notify the BID proposers whether or not it will use its veto, and to provide reasons for that decision, including where the veto has not been applied. Section 9 also provides that the circumstances in which the district council may veto a BID proposal may be prescribed by the Department and that the Department may also prescribe the matters which the district council must consider before it may veto a BID proposal. Where the veto is applied, the ballot will not take place. District councils are also required to inform the person drawing up the BID proposals that he has a right of appeal against the veto to the Department. The district council must also notify the BID proposer of the details of that right of appeal.