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## STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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# 1991 No. 1220

## The Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1991

### PART I INTRODUCTORY

#### Interpretation

2.—(1) [<sup>F1</sup>Subject to Article 112E(2),] the Interpretation Act (Northern Ireland) 1954 shall apply to Article 1 and the following provisions of this Order as it applies to a Measure of the Northern Ireland Assembly.

[<sup>F2</sup>(2) In this Order, “the Department”—

- (a) in relation to any function under, or for the purposes of, Part 7, and so far as relating to that Part, Articles 102 to 104, 121, 122, 125, 125A and 130, means the Department for Social Development;
- (b) in relation to any function under, or for the purposes of, Articles 100 and 101 and Article 103 so far as relating to the making of an order under Article 100, means the Department for Regional Development.]

[<sup>F3</sup>(2A) Section 250(1) of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, in so far as it relates to the definition of words or expressions used in that Act and in this Order, shall apply for the purposes of this Order as it applies for the purposes of that Act.]

(3) For the purposes of section 42(3) of the Northern Ireland Constitution Act 1973 (validity of Orders in Council under section 1(3) of the Northern Ireland (Temporary Provisions) Act 1972) provisions of this Order which re-enact provisions of an Order in Council under the said section 1(3) shall be deemed to be provisions of such an Order.

**F1** Words in art. 2(1) inserted (10.6.2006) by [Planning Reform \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/1252 \(N.I. 7\)\)](#), arts. 1(4), 21(3), **Sch. 1 para. 1**

**F2** Art. 2(2) substituted (13.2.2015 for specified purposes, 1.4.2015 in so far as not already in operation) by [Planning Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 254(1)(2), **Sch. 6 para. 55(a)** (with s. 211); S.R. 2015/49, arts. 2, 3, **Sch. 1** (with **Sch. 2**) (as amended (16.3.2016) by S.R. 2016/159, art. 2)

**F3** Art. 2(2A) substituted (13.2.2015 for specified purposes, 1.4.2015 in so far as not already in operation) by [Planning Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(c. 25\)](#), s. 254(1)(2), **Sch. 6 para. 55(b)** (with s. 211); S.R. 2015/49, arts. 2, 3, **Sch. 1** (with **Sch. 2**) (as amended (16.3.2016) by S.R. 2016/159, art. 2)

**Changes to legislation:**

The Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1991, Section 2 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 20 March 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- [art. 2\(2\)](#) words inserted by [S.I. 2006/1252 \(N.I.\) art. 27\(4\)](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- [Sch. 1 para. 1\(1A\)\(1B\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2006/1252 \(N.I.\) art. 8\(2\)](#)
- [art. 4\(2A\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2006/1252 \(N.I.\) art. 4\(1\)](#)
- [art. 11\(2A\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2006/1252 \(N.I.\) art. 7](#)
- [art. 20\(2A\)\(2B\)](#) inserted by [S.I. 2006/1252 \(N.I.\) art. 8\(1\)](#)
- [art. 124\(1\)\(o\)](#) added by [S.I. 2006/1252 \(N.I.\) art. 27\(3\)](#)