

PLANNING REFORM (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2006

S.I. 2006 No. 1252 (N.I. 7)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

COMMENTARY ON ARTICLES

Part II – Planning Reform

Article 5 – Independent examination of development plans

13. [Article 5](#) replaces the powers whereby the Department may cause a public local inquiry to be held by the Planning Appeals Commission for considering objections to development plans. Instead it enables an independent examination to be carried out by the Planning Appeals Commission for the purpose of considering objections to a development plan or to the alteration, repeal or replacement of a development plan. A person, who makes objections, will still be given the opportunity to appear before and be heard by the Planning Appeals Commission providing he has made a request to do so.