

PLANNING REFORM (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2006

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

COMMENTARY ON ARTICLES

Part II – Planning Reform

Article 6 – Sustainable development

14. This Article imposes a statutory duty on the Department and the Planning Appeals Commission. In exercising functions in relation to planning the development of land and the making, alteration or repeal of development plans, the Department and the Planning Appeals Commission must do so with the objective of contributing to the achievement of sustainable development. The Department and the Planning Appeals Commission are also required to have regard to policies and guidance issued by the Department of the Environment and the Department for Regional Development.