

# Banbridge / Newry & Mourne Area Plan 2015



## Independent Examination

### The Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1991

The Draft Banbridge / Newry & Mourne Area Plan 2015 was prepared under Part III of the Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 and was published on 22 August 2006. Anyone who wished to object to any of the policies or proposals contained in the Plan was invited to do so in writing before 4.30pm on 17 October 2006. In May 2007 the Department published a notification which indicated that representations were available for public inspection and advised that it may cause an Independent Examination to be held by the Planning Appeals Commission for the purpose of considering objections to the Draft Plan.

In order to address a number of mapping errors in the Draft Plan, the Department published a Draft Plan Revision on 27 March 2007. The Revision was advertised in March/April 2007 and representations invited over a period ending on 22 May 2007. A further notice published in November 2007 indicated that representations to the Draft Plan Revision were available for public inspection and again advised that the Department may cause an Independent Examination to be held by the Planning Appeals Commission for the purpose of considering objections to the Draft Plan.

The Department now wishes to make known that it has decided to cause an Independent Examination to be held by the Planning Appeals Commission for the purpose of considering objections to the Draft Banbridge / Newry & Mourne Area Plan 2015. Stage 1 (Strategic Topics) of the Independent Examination will commence on Tuesday 18 August 2009 at 10.00am in Newry Arts Centre, Bank Parade, Newry and will continue thereafter as necessary. Advance notice of the commencement of Stage 2 (Site Specific Topics) of the Independent Examination will be advertised in due course.

Following the Independent Examination the Planning Appeals Commission will prepare a report and forward it to the Department. The Department will consider this report and may then adopt the Plan in whole or in part, with or without modification. The Department will publish a Statement with the Adopted Plan outlining the decisions that it has reached, in light of the report and any recommendations contained in it, together with reasons for those decisions.

Copies of all objections and representations about objections to the Draft Plan which are to be considered at the Independent Examination are available for inspection on the Planning Service website, [www.planningni.gov.uk](http://www.planningni.gov.uk) and between 10.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays, at the Craigavon Divisional Planning Office, Marlborough House, Central Way, Craigavon, BT64 1AD.



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