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Subject: Proposed Amendments to the Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 Consultation Paper

Dear Irene,

Proposed Amendments to the Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 Consultation Paper

The Ulster Architectural Heritage Society strongly opposes the proposal to introduce deemed consent for advertisements on sites used for the preceding ten years or more for the display of advertisements without the required express consent and deems it a retrograde step.

The scourge of unauthorised advertising does not exist to anything like the same extent in England as it does in Northern Ireland and the emphasis placed on enforcement is also much weaker here.

If anything the enforcement teams should be bolstered in order to deal with the growing backlog of cases. Our degraded built environment needs to be offered further protection. Deregulation is not a positive solution.

We hope that the Department will reconsider this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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