

Magherafelt Area Plan 2015 Independent Examination



The Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1991

The Draft Magherafelt Area Plan 2015 was prepared under Part III of the Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 and was published on 28 April 2004. Anyone who wished to object to any of the policies or proposals contained in the Plan was invited to do so in writing before 5.00pm on 10 June 2004. In May 2005 the Department published a notification which indicated that representations were available for public inspection and advised of its intention to cause a Public Inquiry / 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 errors in the Draft Plan, the Department published a Draft Plan Revision on 10 May 2005. The Revision was advertised in May 2005 and representations invited over a period ending on 5 July 2005. A further notice published in August and September 2005 indicated that representations to the Draft Plan Revision were available for public inspection and confirmed the Department's decision to cause a Public Inquiry / Independent Examination to be held by the Planning Appeals Commission for the purpose of considering objections to the Draft Plan.

Stage 1 (Strategic Topics) of the Independent Examination of the Draft Magherafelt Area Plan 2015 being conducted by the Planning Appeals Commission concluded on Wednesday 18 February 2009. The Department now wishes to make it known that Stage 2 (Site Specific Topics) of the Independent Examination will commence on Monday 18 May 2009 at 10.00am in the Magherafelt District Council Offices, 50 Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt and will continue thereafter as necessary. Consideration of deferred Stage 1 Topics 21-25 will follow the completion of Stage 2.

Following completion of 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 Stage 2 are available for inspection at the Ballymena Divisional Planning Office, County Hall, 182 Galgorm Road, Ballymena, BT42 1QF between 10.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays. All objections and representations about objections are also available to view on the Planning Service website, www.planningni.gov.uk



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