

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.

Accordingly, the Department now wishes to make known that the Independent Examination relating to Stage 1 (Strategic) Topics to be conducted by the Planning Appeals Commission will commence on Monday 2 February 2009 at 10.00am in the Civic Room, First Floor, Magherafelt District Council Offices, 50 Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt and will continue thereafter as necessary. Advance notice of the commencement of Stage 2 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 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 will also be available to view from 5th January 2009 on the Planning Service website, www.planningni.gov.uk

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