



Factsheet

Planning Policy Statements

Summary

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Background

Planning Policy Statements (PPS) set out regional planning policies that are taken into consideration in assessing planning applications, determining appeals and preparing development plans.

Additional planning policies are set out in area plans and further planning guidance is also available on certain topics.



PPS no.	Title	Policy Application
PPS 1	General Principles	Sets out principles observed by the Department in the assessment of planning applications, formulation of planning policy and the preparation of development plans as well as the underlying themes to their approach including: sustainable development; design considerations; and the promotion of mixed uses.
Additional Guidance	Joint Ministerial Statement - on importance of emerging Development (JMS) Plans in deciding planning applications (supersedes paragraphs 46 – 48 of PPS 1).	
PPS 2	(Draft) Revised: Natural Heritage	Sets out planning policies for the protection and conservation of natural heritage.
Additional Guidance	(Draft) Supplementary Guidance Revised: Natural Heritage	Includes background information on natural heritage legislation and guidance for development management.
PPS 3	Access, Movement and Parking (Revised)	Sets out the Department's policies relating to vehicular and pedestrian access, the protection of transport routes and parking, and the carrying out of transport assessments.
PPS 3	Clarification of Policy AMP 3	This clarifies the Department's policy on access to protected routes
Other Guidance	Parking Standards	Supplementary planning guidance that sets out parking standards that are regarded in the assessment of new development proposals.

PPS no.	Title	Policy Application
Other Guidance	Transport Assessment Guidelines for Development Proposals	
PPS 4	Planning and Economic Development	Sets out the Department's policies for economic development uses. This policy seeks to facilitate economic development in a way compatible with social and environmental objectives.
Additional Guidance	Clarification of policy PED 7 of PPS 4 "The Retention of Zoned Land and Economic Development Uses"	
PPS 5	Retailing and Town Centres	Sets out the Department's policies relating to town centre and retail development, which recognise the importance of protecting the vitality and viability of established shopping areas.
PPS 5	(Draft) Retailing, Town Centres and Commercial Leisure Developments	Recognises regional shopping centres and sets out policies to identify the location for new retail proposals.
PPS 6	Planning, Archaeology and the Built Heritage	Outlines the main criteria used by the Department in the assessment of proposals affecting archaeological or built heritage (including vernacular and listed buildings, conservation areas, historical gardens, gardens and demesnes, and archaeological sites and monuments), in order to ensure that they are suitably protected.
PPS 6	Addendum to PPS 6 - Areas of Townscape Character (ATC)	Sets out policies used in the assessment of development (and demolition) proposals relating to Areas of Townscape Character.

PPS no.	Title	Policy Application
PPS 7	Quality Residential Environments	Sets out the Department's policies on the achievement of quality new residential developments based on quality design and layout which respects the existing setting (addresses the provision of open space, parking, and neighbourhood facilities).
PPS 7	Addendum- Residential Extensions and Alterations	Sets out the Department's policy and provides guidance in relation to proposals for extensions and alterations
PPS 7	Addendum – Safeguarding the Character of Established Residential Areas	Sets out the Department's policy and provides guidance in relation to the protection of established residential areas and conversion of existing buildings to flats or apartments. The policy sets minimum sizes for new apartments in established residential areas and encourages the use of permeable paving in new residential developments.
PPS 8	Open Space, Sport and Outdoor Recreation	Sets out the Department's policies on the protection of existing open space, the provision of new areas of open space, and the use of land for recreation, and advises on treatment of these issues.
PPS 9	The Enforcement of Planning Control	Sets out the Department's general policy approach that the department follows in taking enforcement action against unauthorised development and provides advice on the handling of enforcement of additional aspects of planning control.

PPS no.	Title	Policy Application
PPS 10	Telecommunications	Sets out the Department's policies for telecommunications development and embodies a commitment to facilitate growth whilst keeping environmental impact to a minimum.
PPS 11	Planning and Waste Management	Sets out the Department's policies and guidance used in its consideration of proposals for the development of waste management facilities.
PPS 12	Housing in Settlements	Sets out policies considered by the Department in its assessment of proposals for residential development within settlements, (policy addresses future housing growth and distribution, and supports urban renaissance and balanced communities).
PPS 13	Transport and Land use	Sets out policies considered by the Department in its assessment of development proposals with travel/transport implications, and aims to ensure the integration of transport and land-use (through improved accessibility, sustainable transport choices and reducing the overall need to travel).
PPS 15	Planning and Flood Risk	Sets out policies considered by the Department in its assessment of proposals with potential flooding implications (development on flood plains, and beyond them etc) in order to reduce flood risk to people, property and the environment
PPS 16	(Draft) Tourism	Sets out planning policies for tourism development and safeguarding tourism assets.

PPS no.	Title	Policy Application
PPS 17	Control of Outdoor Advertising	Sets out the policies and guidance considered by the Department in its assessment of proposals for outdoor advertising,, and aims to encourage the provision of well designed advertising which respects the location where it is displayed.
PPS 18	Renewable Energy	Sets out the Department's policy for development that generates energy from renewable resources and contains policies relating to passive solar design in new development.
Additional Guidance	Best Practice Guidance to Planning Policy Statement 18 – Renewable Energy	Provides background information on the various renewable energy technologies that may come forward in Northern Ireland.
Additional Guidance	Supplementary Planning Guidance - Wind Energy Development in Northern Ireland's Landscapes	Provides broad guidance in relation to the visual and landscape impacts of wind energy development and contains advice to assist in identifying appropriate locations for wind energy development, including an assessment of 130 Landscape Character Areas (LCAs) in Northern Ireland.

PPS no.	Title	Policy Application
PPS 21	Sustainable Development in the Countryside	Sets out policies considered by the Department in its assessment of all proposals for development in the countryside. Objectives include the management of growth in the countryside to achieve appropriate and sustainable patterns of development that meet the essential needs of a vibrant rural community; conservation of the landscape and natural resources of the rural area; facilitation of development necessary to achieve a sustainable rural economy; and promotion of high standards in design, siting and landscaping.
PPS 23	(Draft) Enabling Development	Sets out policies for enabling development i.e. development that would not normally be acceptable but may be justified if there are overriding public benefits.
Additional Guidance	Assessing Enabling Development Best Practice Guidance to Draft PPS 23: Enabling Development	

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