

# Factsheet

## Planning Policy Statements (PPSs) - Summary

Planning Policy Statements (PPSs) set out the policies of the Department of the Environment on different aspects of land-use planning. Their contents are taken into account in the preparation of development plans and are also material to decisions on individual planning applications and appeals.

PPS No	Title	Policy Application
PPS 1	<b>General Principles</b>	Sets out principles observed by the Department in the assessment of planning application, formulation of planning policy and the preparation of development plan as well as the underlying themes to their approach including: sustainable development; design considerations; and the promotion of mixed uses.
Additional Guidance	<b>Joint Ministerial Statement</b> - on importance of emerging Development (JMS) Plans in deciding planning applications (supersedes paragraphs 46 – 48 of PPS 1).	
PPS 2	<b>Planning and Nature Conservation</b>	Outlines criteria employed by the Department in the assessment of planning applications that may affect nature conservation interests, and recognises the need to protect designated areas of natural heritage, as well as our natural geological features, landforms and the diversity of wildlife habitats such as trees, hedgerows and woodlands.
PPS 3	<b>Access, Movement and Parking (Revised)</b>	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	<b>Clarification of Policy AMP 3</b>	This clarifies the Department's policy on access to protected routes
Other Guidance	<b>Parking Standards</b>	Supplementary planning guidance that sets out parking standards that are regarded in the assessment of new development proposals.
Other Guidance	<b>Transport Assessment Guidelines for Development Proposals</b>	
PPS 4	<b>(Draft) Industry Business and Distribution (Revised)</b>	Sets out the Department's policies related to the development of industry and other defined business use in ways that are consistent with the protection of the environment. (Other business uses include industrial research, storage and distribution, and financial, professional and other services).

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<b>PPS 5</b>	<b>Retailing and Town Centres</b>	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.
<b>PPS 5</b>	<b>(Revised) (Draft) Retailing, Town Centres and Commercial Leisure Developments</b>	Recognises regional shopping centres and sets out policies to identify the location for new retail proposals.
<b>PPS 6</b>	<b>Planning, Archaeology and the Built Heritage</b>	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.
Additional Guidance	<b>Addendum to PPS 6 - Areas of Townscape Character (ATC)</b>	Sets out policies used in the assessment of development (and demolition) proposals relating to Areas of Townscape Character.
<b>PPS 7</b>	<b>Quality Residential Environments</b>	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).
<b>PPS 7</b>	<b>Addendum- Residential Extensions and Alterations</b>	Sets out the Department's policy and provides guidance in relation to proposals for extensions and alterations
<b>PPS 8</b>	<b>Open Space, Sport and Outdoor Recreation</b>	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.
<b>PPS 9</b>	<b>The Enforcement of Planning Control</b>	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.
<b>PPS 10</b>	<b>Telecommunications</b>	Sets out the Department's policies for telecommunications development and embodies a commitment to facilitate growth whilst keeping environmental impact to a minimum.
<b>PPS 11</b>	<b>Planning and Waste Management</b>	Sets out the Department's policies and guidance used in its consideration of proposals for the development of waste management facilities.
<b>PPS 12</b>	<b>Housing in Settlements</b>	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).

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<b>PPS 13</b>	<b>Transport and Land use</b>	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).
<b>PPS 14</b>	<b>(Draft) Sustainable Development in the Countryside</b>	Withdrawn – See Draft PPS 21 below
<b>PPS 15</b>	<b>Planning and Flood Risk</b>	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
<b>PPS 16</b>	(UNALLOCATED)	
<b>PPS 17</b>	<b>Control of Outdoor Advertising</b>	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.
<b>PPS 18</b>	<b>Draft – Renewable Energy</b>	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.
<b>PPS 18</b>	<b>Draft – Wind Energy Development Supplementary Planning Guidance</b>	Reports the findings of landscape sensitivity and capacity analyses carried out in respect of the 130 Landscape Character Areas identified in the Northern Ireland Landscape Character Assessment 2000, and contains advice to assist in identifying appropriate locations for wind energy development.
<b>PPS 21</b>	<b>(Draft) Sustainable Development in the Countryside</b>	Sets out policies considered by the Department in its assessment of all proposals for development within the countryside. Objectives include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to manage growth in the countryside to achieve appropriate and sustainable patterns of development that meet the essential needs of a vibrant rural community;</li> <li>• to conserve the landscape and natural resources of the rural area and to protect it from excessive, inappropriate or obtrusive development and from the effects of pollution;</li> <li>• to facilitate development necessary to achieve a sustainable rural economy including appropriate farm diversification and other economic activity; and</li> <li>• to promote high standards in the design, siting and landscaping of development in the countryside.</li> </ul>