

ADVANCE NOTICE OF CONSULTATION – APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2009

Name of Consultation Exercise	Anticipated Date of Consultation	Brief Description	Contact Name and <u>Full</u> Telephone Number
DVA Consultation on amendments to the Vehicle Drivers (Certificates of Professional Competence (CPC)) Regulations 2007.	April 2009	This UK-wide consultation will seek comments on minor amendments to these UK wide regulations, to introduce requirements including administrative cancellation periods, establish minimum requirements for test vehicles for CPC.	Brian Morrison 028 90547936
DVA Consultation on Amendments to the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations (NI) 1996.	September 2009	This consultation will seek comments on options for implementing proposed changes to minimum test vehicles for practical tests for learner drivers of lorries and vehicle-trailer combinations.	Brian Morrison 028 90547936
LGPD Local Government Contracts Regulations (NI) 2009	June 2009	Regulations to be made under the Local Government (Contracts and Compulsory Purchase) Bill to introduce “certification requirements” for contracts to be “certified contracts”.	Julie Broadway 02890 256094

<p>LGPD Local Government (Finance) Bill</p>	<p>July 2009</p>	<p>A Bill to amend local government legislation to provide a more modern framework for local government finance arrangements and prepare for the reorganisation of local government. It is intended that the draft Bill will include provision to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • update local government finance arrangements; • update remuneration arrangements for councillors; and • introduce controls on contracts, disposals and application of capital receipts and reserves by councils in the period prior to reorganisation. 	<p>Dickson Holliday 02890 256091</p>
<p>LGPD Local Government (Indemnities for Members and Officers) Order (NI) 2009.</p>	<p>September 2009</p>	<p>An Order to enable district councils to provide indemnities for some or all of their members and officers.</p>	<p>Julie Broadway Tel: 028 90256094</p>

LGPD Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2009	April 2009	Regulations which will amend the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations in relation to Classroom Assistants, actuarial valuations and minor technical amendments.	Marie Cochrane Tel: 028 90256093
LGPD Local Government Pension Scheme (Mgt and Invest of Funds) (Amdmnt) Regulations (NI) 2009	June 2009	Regulations which will make minor and technical amendments the LGPS (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations (NI) 2000.	Marie Cochrane Tel: 028 90256093
LGPD Local Government (Reorganisation) Bill	May 2009	The Department plans to bring forward a Reorganisation Bill which will provide for the winding up of the current 26 Northern Ireland district councils and the establishment and coming into operation of 11 new district councils.	Julie Broadway Tel: 028 90256094
LGPD Local Government Statutory Transition Committees	April 2009	Consultation on proposals for the establishment and the roles and powers of statutory transition committees to take forward the implementation of the reform of local government.	John Murphy Tel 028 90 256048

<p>LGPD Severance Scheme for Councillors</p>	<p>April 2009</p>	<p>The Department plans to include a provision to enable it to make a severance scheme in a forthcoming Local Government Bill. The scheme would make a monetary award to long serving councillors who stand down from local government.</p>	<p>Marie Cochrane Tel: 028 90256093</p>
<p>LGPD Ethical Standards regime for local government</p>	<p>May 2009</p>	<p>Consultation on proposals for the establishment of an ethical standards framework for local government and the introduction of a mandatory code of conduct for councillors with associated investigation, adjudication and appeals mechanisms.</p>	<p>Mylene Ferguson Tel: 028 9025 6086</p>
<p>NIEA Revised Criteria for Listing. Change to Annex C of Planning Policy Statement 6.</p>	<p>June 2009</p>	<p>The criteria for listing explain how the Department interprets Article 42 of the Planning Order 1991. This sets out the test that for such protection structures must be 'of special architectural or historic interest'. Correspondence on the subject in 2008 prompted the then Minister to ask for the current criteria (in place since 1999) to be</p>	<p>Manus Deery Tel:028 90543144</p>

		revised and clarified. The criteria have now been reviewed taking into account processes in neighbouring regions.	
NIEA Review of Grant-aid to Listed Churches and of Ecclesiastical Exemption.	June 2009	This review will include an assessment of the financial implications of the extension of grant-aid to all listed churches. In parallel, and linked to the grant-aid review, ecclesiastical exemption - which removes the need to obtain Listed Building Consent for works to listed Churches - is also being reviewed.	Brian McKervey Tel: 028 90543130
NIEA Proposed Strategy to promote the use of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) within Northern Ireland "Managing Storm Water".	May 2009	Proposed strategy to promote the introduction of sustainable urban drainage systems (SuDS) in future developments in line with the Northern Ireland Sustainable Development Strategy.	Tom Adamson Tel: 028 92633423
PEPG NI Consultation on The Local Air Quality	April 2009	The revised guidance provides district councils with the policy guidance to enable them to carry	Stephen Kerr Tel:028 9025 4887

Management Policy Guidance.		out their statutory duties with regard to review and assessment of local air quality	
PEPG Consultation on Environmental Protection (Controls on Ozone Depleting Substances) Regulations 2009 (EC Regulation 2037/2000) and on Ozone Depleting Substances (Qualifications) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009.	June 2009	This document aims to ensure that Northern Ireland's emissions of ozone depleting substances are minimised.	Roger Irwin Tel: 028 9025 4758
PEPG Consultation on Air Quality Regulations (NI) 2010.	September 2009	The draft regulations will consolidate existing Air Quality Directives (with the exception of the 4 th Daughter Directive) and will establish new controls over fine particulate matter (PM _{2.5})	Beth Hodgett Tel: 028 9025 4796

PEPG Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC)	May 2009	Draft regulations providing for a new cap and trade scheme throughout the UK.	Keith Brown Tel: 028 90257365
PEPG The Environment (NI) Order 2002 (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2009 and the EU Emissions Trading Scheme Charging Scheme Regulations (NI) 2009	May 2009	A consultation on the draft regulations to amend paragraph 9 of Schedule 1 to the Environment Order 2002. This will provide the Department with the legal provisions to make regulations to make a charging scheme to supersede the charges in Schedule 5 of the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Regulations 2005. The consultation will include the draft EU Emissions Trading Scheme Charging Scheme Regulations.	David Latimer Tel: 028 90257371
PEPG Consultation on Draft Addendum to Planning Policy Statement 7: Safeguarding the Character of Established Residential Areas	June 2009	Draft Addendum to reinforce the application of current policy on housing within urban areas, and take account of recent adjustments to the Regional Development Strategy. The Addendum will also consider new policy provisions on apartment development and flat conversions, and highlight the need	Philip McGowan Tel: 028 90254817

		for appropriate design measures to alleviate the risk of localised flooding due to rain and storm run-off.	
PEPG Consultation on Draft Planning Policy Statement 2: Natural Heritage (Provisionally renamed)	May 2009	Revised draft planning policy to protect and conserve, and where possible enhance and restore, the diversity of habitats, wildlife and earth science features. It will also address landscape issues.	Valerie Hamilton Tel: 028 90257357
PEPG Consultation on Draft Planning Policy Statement 16: Tourism	June 2009	Draft planning policy to encourage and facilitate the provision of good quality tourism developments in appropriate locations within the built and natural environment.	Michael Francey Tel: 028 90257307
PEPG Consultation on the Review of Exemption Orders under the Radioactive Substances Act 1993	June 2009	Draft legislation to revise and update the Exemption Order regime under the Radioactive Substances Act 1993 across the UK.	Paul Cowan Tel: 028 90254718
PEPG Consultation on Non Nuclear Industry	June 2009	Draft strategy for the management of radioactive waste from the Non Nuclear Industry.	Paul Cowan Tel: 028 90254718

Waste Strategy			
PEPG Consultation on The Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment Regulations	June 2009	Draft regulations regarding the carriage of dangerous goods by road and rail and the use of transportable pressure equipment. HSENI is the lead Department.	Paul Cowan Tel: 028 90254718
PEPG The Definition of Waste – Guidance on its Interpretation	June 2009? (will follow progress in GB)	This is a proposed UK-wide consultation paper containing draft updated guidance on the definition of waste. DEFRA is the lead Department	Mairead Adams Tel: 02890 254647
PEPG Revised Waste Framework Directive	Summer 2009 (will follow progress in GB)	Policy paper and draft regulations implementing the requirements of the revised Waste Framework Directive	Mairead Adams Tel: 02890 254647

<p>PEPG Consultation on the Environmental Liability (Prevention and Remediation) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009</p>	<p>April 2009?</p>	<p>The regulations impose obligations on operators of activities which cause or threaten to cause environmental damage. Environmental damage is defined in the Regulations, and generally includes only the more serious damage to certain species and habitats, water and land.</p>	<p>Karl Beattie Tel: 028 90547519</p>
<p>PEPG Consultation on Private Water Supplies Regulations (NI) 2009</p>	<p>April 2009</p>	<p>These regulations will implement the elements of the Drinking Water Directive (98/83/EC) in relation to Private Water Supplies and will replace the existing 1994 regulations.</p>	<p>Philip McMurray Tel: 028 90 254996</p>
<p>PEPG Consultation on Water Framework Directive Classification Regulations (NI) 2009</p>	<p>May/June 2009</p>	<p>These regulations will detail the process by which the Department will classify the status of surface and ground water as required by the Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC).</p>	<p>Emma Neill Tel: 028 90 254924</p>

<p>PEPG Consultation on proposals for a future Waste Bill</p>	<p>6 April to 3 July 2009</p>	<p>The Department plans to consult on a range of proposals designed to enhance waste management controls and assist Northern Ireland in meeting its landfill diversion targets.</p>	<p>Jennifer McCay Tel: 028 9025 4932 or Ian Troy Tel: 028 9025 4917</p>
<p>PLANNING SERVICE Proposed changes to permitted development rights for householder developments</p>	<p>June 2009</p>	<p>The proposed changes will extend the range of householder development for which planning permission is given without an application.</p>	<p>Eileen McCallion Tel: 028 90416950 Eileen.McCallion@doeni.gov.uk</p>
<p>PLANNING SERVICE Proposed changes to permitted development rights for non-householder developments</p>	<p>June 2009</p>	<p>The proposed changes will extend the range of development for which planning permission is given without an application in the following sectors: Industry, Waste Management, Telecommunications, Commercial and Retail, Agricultural Development, Utilities, Minerals, Institutions, Community Facilities, Leisure and Recreation.</p>	<p>Wilfrid Reavie Tel: 028 90256505 Wilfrid.Reavie@doeni.gov.uk</p>

<p>PLANNING SERVICE Proposed permitted development rights for small scale renewable energy development for non-domestic purposes</p>	<p>June 2009</p>	<p>This consultation will seek comments on options for introducing specific land use planning permitted development rights for microgeneration equipment including solar panels and biomass boilers for non-domestic land uses.</p>	<p>Sam Frizzell Tel: 02890416969 Sam.Frizzell@doeni.gov.uk</p>
<p>PLANNING SERVICE Transposition of Council Directive 2003/105/EC on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances.</p>	<p>June 2009</p>	<p>Consultation on the Department's proposals for implementing the land use planning requirements of Directive 2003/105/EC on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances.</p>	<p>Robert Mackey Tel: 028 9041 6982 Robert.Mackey@doeni.gov.uk</p>
<p>PLANNING SERVICE Reform of the Planning System in Northern Ireland: Your chance to influence change</p>	<p>May 2009 (subject to Executive clearance of draft consultation paper)</p>	<p>This consultation paper on the reform of the planning system in Northern Ireland puts forward proposals for wide-ranging changes to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the planning system and ensure that it provides transparency in decision making and gives confidence to its users. The proposed reforms will impact on</p>	<p>Claire Thompson Tel: 02890 416743</p>

		all aspects of the planning system, including development plan, planning policy, enforcement, development management and various support type functions.	
RSD Consultation on the implementing detail of a scheme of continuous insurance enforcement	May 2009	The scheme will make it possible to prosecute for having control of an uninsured vehicle without first having to detect the person using it on a road. The Primary legislation – the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 – is already in place.	Emma Roddy Tel: 028 90540661 Emma.Roddy@doeni.gov.uk
RSD Consultation on the implementing detail of graduated fixed penalty and deposit schemes.	April 2009	Under current arrangements for road traffic and roadworthiness offences, penalties are not related to the severity of the offence. However, under the new powers it will be possible to graduate penalties so that they reflect the level of offending and to collect deposits from those offenders who do not have a UK address suitable for later proceedings. In addition, the Driver and Vehicle Agency will be empowered to issue fixed	Iain Cleland Tel:028 90540608 Iain.Cleland@doeni.gov.uk

		penalty notices in respect of many of the offences that are charged with enforcing.	
RSD Consultation on changes to current health and driver licensing arrangements.	June 2009 subject to progress in GB	The health and driver licensing system operates in a different environment and culture to that in existence when it was first introduced around 30 years ago. In the light of this, an independent review of DVLA's medical driver licensing process was commissioned and, following on from this, a cross-departmental initiative, the Health and Driver Licensing Review, was begun by DfT to identify further areas for change to be put to public consultation.	Cathy Johnston Tel: 028 90541173 Cathy.Johnston@doeni.gov.uk
RSD Consultation on the definition of "Significant Personal Injury" under the 5 th Motor Insurance Directive	June 2009, subject to progress in GB	The consultation is about arrangements for compensating for damage to property arising from an accident caused by the driver of an unidentified vehicle. The proposed change relates to compensation for property damage only and not to	Emma Roddy Tel: 028 90540661 Emma.Roddy@doeni.gov.uk

		consideration of compensation for injury to the person which will remain unaffected.	
RSD Consultation on domestic drivers' hours rules	June 2009, subject to progress in GB	A UK-wide review of the operation of the domestic drivers' hours rules for goods and passenger carrying vehicles is currently being carried out. The consultation paper will report the outcome of on-going research and seek further views on the effectiveness of the current regime and whether there is a case for change.	Iain Cleland Tel: 028 90540608 Iain.Cleland@doeni.gov.uk
RSD Consultation on proposals for implementing the Third EC Driver Licensing Directive	September 2009	The Directive entered into force on 19 January 2007. All necessary regulations have to be in place by January 2011, with full implementation in practice by January 2013. The main aims of the Directive are to help: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - combat driving licence fraud and impersonation; - improve road safety; and - facilitate free movement of 	Emma Roddy Tel: 028 90540661 Emma.Roddy@doeni.gov.uk

		persons changing their place of residence from one Member State to another.	
RSD Consultation on amendments to the Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness, Equipment and Use) Regulations (NI) 1995.	May 2009	Proposed amendment Regulations would allow for the following: (a) Taxis to carry either a tyre repair kit or be fitted with run-flat tyres as an alternative to the carriage of a spare tyre; (b) Taxis to carry not more than one passenger in front seats beside the driver; and (c) The removal of the requirement for taxis with sliding doors to be fitted with a restrictor.	Richard Crawford Tel: 028 90540178
RSD Consultation on new Public Service Vehicles (Conduct of Drivers and Passengers) Regulations.	June 2009	New Regulations consolidating existing provisions dealing with the conduct of drivers and passengers on buses, with several new provisions relating to the duties of drivers with respect to wheelchair users.	Richard Crawford Tel: 028 90540178
RSD Mobile Air	May/June 2009	Proposed Regulations for retrofitting and refilling mobile air conditioners	Adele Willis Tel: 028 90540089

Conditioners 2006/40/EC		transposing 2006/40/EC	
RSD HGV Retrofit Mirrors	May/June 2009	Proposed Regulations for the retrofitting of mirrors to increase the field of indirect vision (blind spot) of goods vehicles transposing 2007/38/EC	Adele Willis Tel: 028 90540089
RSD American Style Stretched Limousines	July/August 2009	New Regulations legislating for American Style Stretched Limousines.	Adele Willis Tel: 028 90540089
RSD Consultation on the proposals to amend legislation to introduce, allow and require, the use of new signage and lighting on school buses.	April – June 2009	In its 2001 enquiry into the safety of home to school transport the Environment Committee recommended that a new, highly visible, illuminated sign and flashing warning lights should be fitted to the front and rear of all school buses. The lights would flash as the children are getting on and off a school bus to warn passing motorists of the presence of children in the area.	Enda McCrory Tel: 028 90540316
RSD Reducing the legal blood alcohol content	April 2009	The current legal blood alcohol content (BAC) limit applicable to all drivers in NI is 80mg of alcohol per	Desi McDonnell Tel: 028 90541152

<p>(BAC) limit for motorists in NI.</p>		<p>100ml of blood. The consultation considers whether it is appropriate to retain the current limit or to introduce a lower limit for all drivers/riders and/or different limits for groups of drivers such as novices or professional drivers.</p>	
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