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Dear Sir/Madam

CONSULTATION ON PLANNING REFORM AND TRANSFER TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT

I am writing to inform you that the Department of the Environment has issued a consultation paper which sets out proposals to introduce improvements in the planning process and establish a new two-tier planning system in Northern Ireland.

The purpose of the consultation is to obtain views on the Department's proposals in relation to subordinate legislation amendments necessary to introduce reforms to the planning system and transfer responsibility for the majority of planning functions to the new district councils in April 2015.

Copies of the Consultation Paper may be downloaded from the PlanningNI website at www.planningni.gov.uk. Alternatively you can request a copy by telephone: 028 90823498 or by text phone: 028 90540642: by email from ppdconsultations@doeni.gov.uk or from the postal address below.

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The closing date for the receipt of comments is **20th August 2014**.

Yours faithfully



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