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Office of the Planning Regulator

Development Plan Process

5 stages in reviewing and making a development plan

STAGE 5 Making of Plan

Week 99+

- **Making the plan:** The elected members must pass a resolution to make the plan. Week 99
- **Publish notice:** A notice is published confirming that the development plan is made and is available for inspection.
- **Plan operational:** The plan becomes effective 6 weeks following the passing of the resolution by the elected members. Week 105

STAGE 1 Preliminary

At least 1 one year before commencing pre-draft

Preparation of:

- Technical working papers
- Baseline report
- Cross sectoral engagement
- Issues and options paper
- Preliminary scoping for SEA

STAGE 2 Pre-Draft

1-46 weeks

- **Publish notice:** Not later than 4 years from the making of the existing development plan (official commencement of Development Plan review process i.e. Day 1 of the process) Week 1
- **Public consultation:** Invite submissions and observations within a specified period (not less than 8 weeks.) Week 8
- **Chief Executive's (CE) report:** To be prepared and submitted to the elected members within 16 weeks from the date of the public notice. Week 16
- **Directions:** Elected members must issue directions within 10 weeks of receiving the CE's report. Week 26
- **Draft development plan:** Draft development plan is prepared and submitted to the elected members within 12 weeks of receiving the members' directions. Week 38
- **Consideration of draft plan:** Within 8 weeks of the CE submitting the draft development plan to members, amendments can be made and the draft plan is finalised. Week 46

STAGE 4 Material Amendments

83-99 weeks

- **Publish notice:** Within 3 weeks of passing a resolution to amend the draft plan, a notice of material amendments is published. (Within this 3 week period it must be determined by the CE whether there is a requirement to carry out a Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) and/or Appropriate Assessment (AA) on the material amendments. Within 2 weeks of the determination, the CE specifies the period required to facilitate the assessment(s)) Week 85
- **Public consultation:** The material amendments are placed on public display. Submissions and observations are invited for a period of not less than 4 weeks. Week 89
- **CE's report:** Within 8 weeks of the date of the publication of the notice, the CE prepares and submits a report to the elected members on the submissions and observations received in respect of the material amendments. Week 93
- **Consideration by members:** The elected members have a maximum of 6 weeks to consider the CE's report in respect of the material amendments. Week 99

STAGE 3 Draft

47-82 weeks

- **Publish notice:** Within 2 weeks of the draft plan being made by the elected members, a notice is published. Week 48
- **Public consultation:** The draft plan is placed on public display. Submissions and observations are invited for a period of not less than 10 weeks. Week 58
- **CE's report:** Within 22 weeks from the date of publishing the notice, the CE prepares and submits a report to the elected members on the submissions and observations received. Week 70
- **Consideration by members:** Within 12 weeks of receiving the CE's report, the elected members consider the draft plan and pass a resolution to accept or amend the draft plan. Week 82

