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DAERA Advice and Guidance Overview Document

DAERA Homepage for Planning Advice & Guidance: "Environmental Advice for Planning"

Information required for consultation with DAERA

- Key environmental considerations for planning consultations
  - Development of land that may affect natural heritage interests including landscape
  - Development that may have an effect on the water environment (including groundwater and fisheries)
  - Development on Land Potentially Affected by Contamination
  - Development that may have an effect on air quality
  - Development that may have an effect on the marine environment
- Planning consultation development types
  - Anaerobic digestion facilities
  - Forestry Planning Interactive Maps
  - Housing, offices and commercial
  - Solar energy
  - Wind energy installations
  - Cemeteries
  - Extractive industry
  - Intensive agriculture
- Required Documentation
  - Drainage Plan
  - Construction Method Statement
  - Nutrient Management Plan
  - Assessments and Reports for redevelopment of land potentially affected by contamination
  - Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP)
  - Ecological Surveys
  - Contractual / Export Agreement
  - Ammonia Emission Dispersion Modelling

Consulting DAERA on planning applications

- Areas of responsibility for planning
- Consultation procedure
- When to consult DAERA
  - Legislation
    1. The Planning (General Development Procedure) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015
    2. The Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017
    3. The Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc.) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995

Advice and Guidance

- Biodiversity Checklist
  - Biodiversity Checklist Documents
    - NI Biodiversity Checklist
    - Biodiversity Checklist decision flow-chart
    - NI Biodiversity Checklist note for planners
- Standing Advice
  - Standing advice for development of land that may affect natural heritage interests
    - Priority species
    - Badgers
    - Bats
    - Otters
    - Wild birds
    - Common lizard
    - Smooth newt
    - Priority habitats
    - Hedgerows
    - Invasive alien plant species
    - Single dwellings
    - Solar farms
  - Standing advice for development that may have an effect on the water environment (including groundwater and fisheries)
    - Single dwellings
    - Multiple dwellings
    - Discharge to water environment
    - Culverting
    - Vehicle washing
    - Petrol stations
    - Marine litter
    - Pre-application discussion advice
    - Abstractions & impoundments
    - Sustainable drainage systems
    - Pollution prevention guidance
    - Agricultural developments
    - Single Wind Turbines & Groundwater
    - Commercial or industrial developments
    - Authorised Treatment Facilities for End of Life Vehicles (ATF ELV)
- DAERA Digital datasets available for download
- Development Plan Evidence Guides
  - Development plan evidence guide documents
    - Guidance on Identifying Natural Heritage Features and Ecological Networks for Local Development Plans
    - Landscape Character Assessment
    - Methodology for Designating Local Landscape Policy Areas (LLPA)
    - Green Infrastructure and Planning
    - Environmental Evidence and Information for Local Development Plans
- Practice Guides
  - Practice guide documents
    - Cemeteries, Burials and the Water Environment
    - Wind farms and groundwater impacts
    - Redeveloping Land Affected by Contamination
    - Planning in the Coastal Area
    - Water Features Survey
- DAERA Map Viewers
  - Water Information Request Web Viewer
  - Drinking Water Inspectorate Map Viewer
  - Natural Environment Map Viewer
  - Marine Map Viewer
  - Regional Landscape Character Area Map Viewer
  - OSNI Spatial NI Map Viewer

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