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Dear Stakeholder

### **Transforming Planning – Independent Inspectors Project**

Following the recent awareness campaign, the Department has launched the application process for the appointment of Independent Inspectors to conduct independent examinations of local development plan documents, as well as public local inquiries and hearings in relation to the consideration of regionally significant and called-in planning applications.

We are now inviting applications from suitably qualified and experienced individuals to carry out “Hear and Report” work on behalf of the Department under the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011.

The application pack including the application form can be downloaded from the Department’s webpage at [Hear and Report Work | Appointment of Independent Inspectors](#) or by e-mailing a request to: [iisupport@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk](mailto:iisupport@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk).

This marks another significant step in the project's implementation as we move towards compiling a list of independent inspectors who can provide an additional option to the Planning Appeals Commission.

It remains our intention to appoint inspectors in Quarter 1 of 2026/27 financial year with work anticipated to be allocated in Quarter 2.

Your faithfully

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