

Title of Report:	Public Consultation on Review of Planning Fees
Committee Report Submitted To:	Planning Committee
Date of Meeting:	22 October 2025
For Decision or For Information	For Noting
To be discussed In Committee YES/NO	No

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Cohesive Leadership Improvement and Innovation
Outcome	Note position on commencement of development
Lead Officer	Head of Planning

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	Planning Budget
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES
Capital/Revenue	As per budget
Code	5301
Staffing Costs	As per budget

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	NO

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1** This Report is to advise Members of the public consultation launched by DfI Minister Liz Kimmins to introduce planning fees for non-material change and discharge of conditions planning applications (Appendix 1).

2.0 Background

- 2.1** The Planning (Fees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (as amended) do not currently include a fee for applications for Non-Material Change and Discharge of Conditions.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1** These proposals are part of the Planning Improvement Programme being brought forward by the Department, working with local government and partners, to improve current processes and the performance and delivery of the planning system.

- 3.2** The consultation seeks comments and views on proposals to:

- Introduce a single fee of £115 for non-material changes
- Introduce a single fee of £115 for discharge of condition

- 3.3** The consultation closes on 23 December 2025.

4.0 Proposal

- 4.1** The Planning Department will provide a response to the public consultation.

5.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee notes the attached public consultation and notes that the Planning Department will issue a response to the consultation.



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Dear Sir/Madam

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE REVIEW OF PLANNING FEES

I am writing to inform you that the Department for Infrastructure has issued a public consultation paper on proposals to review Planning Fees.

These proposals are part of the [Planning Improvement Programme \(PIP\)](#) being brought forward by the Department, working closely with local government and partners, to improve current processes and the performance and delivery of the planning system.

The consultation seeks comments and views on proposals in relation to introducing new planning application fees for:

- Non-material changes; and
- Discharge of conditions.

The public consultation can be accessed via the NI Direct – Citizen Space website at the link below, and submissions can be made online:

<https://consultations2.nidirect.gov.uk/dfi-1/public-consultation-review-of-planning-fees>

Alternatively, copies of the public consultation documents, including an easy read version of the consultation, can be downloaded from the Department for Infrastructure [website](#), requested by email at: Legislation.planning@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk or by phoning NI Direct on 0300 200 7830.

The closing date for receipt of comments is **23rd December 2025**.

You have received this notification because your contact details are contained on a list of consultees used by DfI Planning when issuing public consultations, surveys, questionnaires, etc.

If you no longer wish to receive these notifications, your details can be removed by notifying the department using the same contact details as above.

Yours faithfully

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of Rosemary Daly.

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