

Durkan Invites Fresh Thinking to Guide Reviews of Strategic Planning Policy

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Minister Durkan explained: **"During the preparation of the Strategic Planning Policy Statement (SPPS) which I published last September, I listened to a wide range of views on and issues with the future of planning policy under the reformed planning system. I gave a commitment that after I published the SPPS I would conduct a full strategic review of subject policies on Development in the Countryside and Renewable Energy.**

The 'Calls for Evidence', which I am announcing today, provide an opportunity for all interested parties to express their views on key matters that they consider need to be addressed through the full reviews."

"I urge everyone to submit their views. I particularly welcome any fresh thinking and evidence to help shape the future of strategic planning policy for these important areas."

The 'Call for Evidence' papers are available to view or download at: www.planningni.gov.uk/callforevidence and representations can be made until 6 May 2016. The subsequent reviews will be the subject of Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).