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Dear Sir/Madam

**Draft Addendum to Planning Policy Statement 7:
Safeguarding the Character of Established Residential Areas**

The Department has published a draft addendum to Planning Policy Statement (PPS) 7, titled 'Safeguarding the Character of Established Residential Areas' for the purposes of public consultation.

The draft addendum provides new planning policy provisions on the protection of local character, environmental quality and residential amenity within established residential areas, villages and smaller settlements. It also sets out regional policy on the conversion of existing buildings to flats or apartments. In addition the addendum contains policy to promote greater use of permeable paving within new residential developments to reduce the risk of flooding from surface water run-off.

An equality impact screening exercise is also being issued for public consultation as an Annex to the draft Addendum.

How to give your views:

Responses should be made in writing and emailed to planning.policy@doeni.gov.uk or sent by post to:
Planning and Natural Resources Division, Draft PPS 7 Addendum Public Consultation, Department of the Environment, Calvert House, 23 Castle Place, BELFAST, BT1 1FY

The consultation period will end on 5 March 2010.

Draft PPS 7 Addendum is available on the Planning Service website: www.planningni.gov.uk or can be obtained by telephoning (028) 9025 4916, textphone at (028) 9054 0642, email to planning.policy@doeni.gov.uk or by writing to the above address. This document is available in alternative formats, please contact us to discuss your requirements.

In keeping with our policy on openness, the Department may make responses to this consultation document publicly available upon request. At the end of the consultation period the Department will consider all comments received, following which the draft documents will be amended if necessary and, subject to Ministerial approval, published in final form.

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