# ANNEX VI

# The Planning (General Development) Order (Northern Ireland) 1993 (S.R. 1993 No.278)

Selected excerpts from the 1993 Order relevant to the development management process.

#### Consultation as to applications for planning permission

- 15. (1) Before determining an application for planning permission, the Department shall—
  - (a) consult the district council for the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated and shall, in determining the application, take into account any representations received from the council;
  - (b) consult the Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland (HSENI) where-
    - (i) the development is within an area which has been notified to the Department by HSENI for the purposes of this provision because of the presence within the vicinity of toxic, highly reactive, explosive or inflammable substances and which are present; and which involves the provision of—
      - (aa) residential accommodation;
      - (bb) more than 250 square metres of retail floorspace;
      - (cc) more than 500 square metres of office floor space; or
    - (dd) more than 500 square metres to be used for an industrial process, or which is otherwise likely to result in a major increase in the number of persons working within or visiting the notified area; and
    - (ii) where the development-
      - (aa) involves the siting of a new establishment; or
      - (bb) consists of the modification of an existing establishment which could have significant repercussions on major-accident hazards; or
      - (cc) includes transport links, locations frequented by the public and residential areas in the vicinity of existing establishments, where the siting or development is such as to increase the risk or consequence of a major accident.
- (2) The expressions used in paragraph (1)(b)(ii) have the same meaning as in Council Directive 96/82/EC on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances. [Article 15 renumbered as paragraph (1), paragraph (1)(b) substituted and 15(2) added by SR 2000 No. 101 Article 6]

## Register of Applications

- 18. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), the registers relating to matters referred to in Article 124(1)(a) to (c) of the 1991 Order shall contain the following information—
  - (a) a copy (which may be photographic) of each application together with copies of plans and drawings submitted in relation thereto;
  - (b) the decision notice, if any, in respect of the application, including details of any conditions subject to which permission or consent was granted;
  - (c) the reference number, the date and effect of any decision of the planning appeals commission in respect of the application;
  - (d) brief details of any revocation or modification relating to any permission or consent, including date of issue.

## (2) Information as to-

- (a) national security or the measures taken or to be taken to ensure the security of any premises or property; and
- (b) which relates to the consideration by the Department of an application to which Article 123B of the 1991 Order applies,

shall not be included in the registers specified in paragraph (1).

[as substituted by SR 2006 No. 218 Article 6]