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Dear Philip Irwin

Subject: Consultation on Proposals for the Building Regulations (NI) 2011: Phase 1

Thank you for the opportunity for the Royal Town Planning Institute in Northern Ireland to respond to the consultation on the proposals for the Building Regulations (NI) 2011.

The proposals for replacing the Building Regulations 2000 with a new set of regulations for 2011, was the subject of discussion at the last RTPI NI Branch Executive meeting on 9th September.

The Executive Committee felt that it was timely and appropriate to update the technical booklets with guidance based documents. This is in keeping with RTPI NI's quest for clearer documentation and a 'highway code' approach to guiding the public and officers on the requirements of regulations.

In general terms, RTPI NI supports the proposal and it was noted that this is the first phase in the introduction of the new regulations. RTPI NI will welcome involvement in the further consultations on phases 2 & 3.

If you require any clarification, or feel you need further comment, please contact me at the above address. .

Yours sincerely,

(unsigned email copy)

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