

# IPC, NPS and NSIPS update

- New system for planning for major infrastructure projects
- Introduced by Planning Act 2008



# Infrastructure Planning Commission

- IPC up and running from 1<sup>st</sup> October (E & W)
- Start considering applications from March 2010, but only decide application where there is a NPS in place, otherwise recommendation to SoS
- Chair - Sir Michael Pitt
- 2 Deputies – Pauleen Lane and Robert Upton
- Approx 35 Commissioners – 3 appointed to date – Jan Bessell, Paul Hudson, Glyn Roberts
- Approx 40 staff

# National Policy Statements

- NPS to establish national need and national policy for infrastructure
- Each draft NPS will be subject to an appraisal of its sustainability
- Members of the public will be able to have their say
- Parliamentary scrutiny
- Formally designated by SofS

# Draft National Policy Statements

- Nuclear power stations, Renewables, Electricity - Autumn 2009
- Fossil fuel, Oil and Gas - Autumn 2009
- Ports - Autumn 2009
- National networks (roads and railways, including strategic rail freight interchanges) - Autumn 2009
- Waste Water - Spring 2010
- Hazardous Waste - Summer 2010
- Water Supply - Late 2010
- Airports - 2011

# NSIPs

- Regulations for preparing and submitting proposals for NSIPs are largely in place
- Pre application consultation by promoter
- Applications must have a Statement of Community Involvement (SOCC)
  - Local Authorities have a role in advising on SOCCs
- Promoters produce a consultation report
- Local Authorities – preparing Local Impact Reports
- IPC 6 months to examine an application
- IPC 3 months to come to a decision



# RTPI/Planning Aid Engagement so far

- Part of CLG stakeholder group
- Responded to consultations on secondary legislation and guidance e.g. examination procedures for NSIPs
- Met with Sir Michael Pitt and key IPC staff
- PA part of CLGs regional briefing events
- PA provided training to IPC Board and staff on consultation issues
- Working with relevant government departments to agree a PA leaflet summarising each NPS
- PA training of staff and volunteers to support communities engaging with NPS and NSIPs
- Policy and Planning Aid response to NPS and NSIPs as appropriate