

Urban Policy Review Branch
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Dear Sir/ Madam

Re: URBAN REGENERATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK

The Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) in Northern Ireland would like to offer the attached consultation questionnaire in response to the above consultation document.

The Royal Town Planning Institute is the largest professional body representing spatial, sustainable and inclusive planning and is the largest chartered planning institute in Europe. It supports the professional development of its members; provides training and advice to its members, to government at all levels (including officers and elected members) and supports local communities; and works with planning schools delivering accredited programmes, as well as supporting research into skills and knowledge development. The RTPI has over 23,000 members worldwide with over 560 members in Northern Ireland covering a broad range of disciplines in the public and private sectors.

This consultation document was discussed amongst a group of members spanning the public, private and education sectors. Given the range of skills available within this discussion group the RTPI NI is well placed to make knowledgeable and experienced comments in relation to this document.

Should you require any additional information do not hesitate to get in contact.

Yours faithfully

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