EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

THE PLANNING GENERAL (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2015

S.R. 2015 No. 176

1. Introduction

1.1 This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Department of the Environment to accompany the Statutory Rule (details above) which is laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly.

1.2 The Statutory Rule is made under section 71 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (the 2011 Act) and is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

2. Purpose

2.1 These Regulations correct a drafting error in the Planning General Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 that was identified in the Eleventh Report of the Examiner of Statutory Rules to the Assembly and the Appropriate Committees Session 2014/2015

3. Background

3.1 The Planning General Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 were made on 9th February 2015 and come into operation on 1st April 2015. In his scrutiny of the Regulations the Examiner identified a drafting error in regulation 5(2) of the Regulations which the Department undertook to correct at the earliest opportunity.

4. Consultation

4.1 No consultation is required as these Regulations simply correct a drafting error in the principle Regulations.

5. Equality Impact

5.1 Not applicable.

6. Regulatory Impact

6.1 Not applicable.

7. Financial Implications

7.1 Not applicable.

8. Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998

8.1 Not applicable.

9. EU Implications

9.1 Not applicable.

10. Parity or Replicatory Measure

10.1 Not applicable.

11. Additional Information

11.1 Not applicable