

Welcome to the IPI E-Zine – October 2009 Edition

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IPI's Submission to the *Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2009*

The IPI's Planning Bill Sub-Committee has prepared a detailed submission to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government (DoEHLG) in relation to the proposed *P&D Bill 2009*. The main recommendations to Government are summarised, as follows. The provisions of the P&D Bill need to balance the needs of urban AND rural areas (remove definition of settlement hierarchy); the IPI has recommended that the three quarters majority should continue to apply for resolutions under S140 of the *Local Government Act 2001*; the preparation of the manager's report should be extended to 18 weeks, LAPs should be reviewed every 6 years (rather than 10 yrs, as proposed). The IPI supports planning for the best use of land having regard to location, scale and density of new development...; recommends that Section 17 be tightened to ensure compliance with National Policy Guidelines, welcomes the strengthening of provision in relation past failures to comply with the planning code and that the (min) size of the Board should not be less than three members.

IPI's Draft Submission to the DoENI: Reform of the NI Planning System

The recently established Northern Branch of the IPI, through Council, has prepared a draft response, as part of the DoE's Public Consultation phase of the Programme for the Reform of the NI Planning Service. This reform is linked to the Review of Public Administration (RPA), whereby the majority of planning functions will be transferred to District Councils. The DoE's proposals for reform include; introduction of 15 year development plan framework, Statements of Community Involvement, Performance Agreements for D/M, Power for Councils to hold pre-determination hearings and Planning Permission period reduced from 5 to 3 yrs. The Standing Committee of Council will finalise the submission.



For further information on the Reform of the NI Planning System, please visit: www.planningni.gov.uk

UPCOMING CPD EVENTS: NOVEMBER 09

5th Nov GDA Floodrisk and SUDS CPD (MO)

12th Nov GDA visit to Grand Canal Theatre and Drinks, 6pm (MO)

(MO) = Members Only. See further details about upcoming CPD events on the IPI website [here](#).

Reminder! – Deadline for entry to the IPI National Planning Awards 2010 is the 13th November 2009. Entry Forms can be downloaded [here](#)

IPI Autumn Conference & Dinner, Dublin – 20th November, 2009

The IPI Autumn Conference and Dinner will be held on Friday 20th November 2009. The Conference will be held at the Gresham Hotel, Dublin 1. The focus of the conference is the *Planning and Development Bill 2009* and Appropriate Assessment (AA) of Plans and Projects that affect priority habitats and species of conservation. The Conference Fee is €180 for Members & €240 for non-members. There is a special rate of €60 for the unwaged and students (limited places). The conference brochure can be downloaded [here](#). Information on the Dinner (MO), which will be held in Ely Chq in Dublin Docklands, can be accessed at <http://www.irishplanninginstitute.ie/ipi/event-detail/ipi-annual-dinner-2009/>. Tickets cost €5 per person.

IPI Spring Study Tour: 3rd-5th March 2010 to Poundbury, Bath & Bristol



The IPI (MO) will be given a tour of Poundbury by the Duchy of Cornwall, followed by site visits to Bristol Harbourside, Bath World Heritage Site (UNESCO), and Bristol City Centre/City. **The trip costs €250 (pps)**, this includes accommodation, two evening dinners and one lunch. (There is a €60 single supplement.) **Closing date for receipt of booking form is 29th January 2010.** To book a place, please contact Mary Crowley at m.crowley@pleanala.ie.



Students' Corner

The President of the IPI, Gerry Sheeran, will be undertaking a tour of all Planning Schools in Ireland in early 2010. The IPI would encourage all planning students to attend these informal questions and answers sessions. Please keep an eye on the December edition of the Ezine and your Schools' Notice Boards for details.

Student Blog: The IPI Editor would like to correct an error. Evelyn Sikora is a postgraduate student at UCC and not UCD, as stated in September's Ezine. Apologies to UCC and Evelyn. This error lies entirely with the Editor. Read the Student Blog [here](#).

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