

Welcome to the IPI E-Zine – October 2009 Edition

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IPI's Response to the proposed *NAMA Bill 2009*

The IPI's written response to the proposed *NAMA Bill 2009* was submitted to the Minister for Finance on the 11th September 2009, following agreement at September's Council Meeting. A press statement from the IPI was also agreed at the September meeting to accompany the response. Key recommendations put forward by the IPI in relation to amendments to the proposed Bill include the following:

- It is extremely important that the core objective of NAMA—to secure the 'best financial return possible', be expanded to include the 'common good' and 'proper planning and sustainable development'.
- To ensure effective management of the loan portfolio, it is critical that qualified and experienced planners have a central role in NAMA's operations through its Board, Assessment Panels and Expert Advisors.
- The NAMA Bill must ensure that proper planning and sustainable development is at its core in order to protect and enhance the quality of life for existing and future generations.

Following on from the submission and accompanying press statement, the IPI President—Gerry Sheeran was interviewed on RTE 1 News at Six on Friday 11th September and Newstalk 106 radio.

IPI National Planning Awards: Closing Date—13th November 2009



<http://www.irishplanninginstitute.ie/ipi/news-article/nominations-for-national-planning-awards-2010/>

The aim of the National Planning Awards is to illustrate the diversity and wide scope of planning activity today, and give recognition to successful and innovative planning strategies, schemes or developments, which make an outstanding contribution to the quality of life in urban and rural parts of Ireland. The winners of the Awards will also have the opportunity to be entered into the 8th European Urban and Regional Planning Achievement Awards, 2010. The IPI and the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government will present bronze plaques to the winners at the Awards Ceremony in Feb 2010. <http://www.ceu-ectp.eu>

UPCOMING CPD/CONFERENCE EVENTS

15th Oct Cork Branch, Appropriate Assessment Lecture

21st Oct Mid-West CPD, Flood Risk Guidelines

20th Nov IPI Autumn Conference 'Focus on Appropriate Assessment Guidance & Planning & Development Bill 2009'.

See further details about upcoming CPD/Conference events on the IPI website:

<http://www.irishplanninginstitute.ie/ipi/events/>

IPI's Inaugural Northern Branch Event, 3rd September 2009

The inaugural meeting of the IPI's Northern Branch (IPINB) took place in the Ulster Hall, Belfast on the 3rd September. A Committee was established with Paul McTernan voted in as Chair. The NB's first task will be to prepare a submission for the IPI Council on the *Reform of the NI Planning System*, which is currently underway. A Seminar was also held in the afternoon on *Regeneration through Rapid Transit, Unlocking the Potential of the Belfast City Region*; approx 100 people attended. The IPI President Gerry Sheeran gave the opening address. Gerry was assisted on the day by Mary, Alison and Rachel.



The IPI Northern Branch inaugural Belfast meeting: John Linden, Paul McTernan, Arnold Carville, Dr. A Quinn, Geoff Harbinson & Gerry Farrington

Students' Corner

Thanks to Evelyn for her enthusiasm in taking on this project and we look forward to hearing all about her experiences as a Final Year Masters Planning Student at UCD in the coming months!!

The IPI Student's Blog: <http://www.irishplanninginstitute.ie/ipi/news-article/ipi-student-ezine-monthly-blog/>

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