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Responses

Revised Waste Framework Directive

*Response Date:
4 January 2010*

Revised Waste Framework Directive. DoE. This EU Directive makes a number of welcome changes, including a strong emphasis on waste prevention as the prime goals of the WFD and renewed emphasis on the hierarchy, including redefinitions to facilitate reuse and various aspects of energy recovery including digestion of biological materials. Bringing this into force in NI should have many positive impacts on our waste treatment mechanisms.

Permitted Development Planning Service

*Response Date:
22 January 2010*

Permitted Development Rights: Householder, non-Householder, Microgeneration. Planning Service. Detailed questionnaires on extending permitted development rights (instances where planning permission is not required) to decrease the delays of planning permission. NIEL comments concentrated on protection of designated sites while encouraging microgeneration through decreased bureaucracy.

Wildlife Order

*Response Date:
29 January 2010*

Wildlife Order – Environment Committee Hearings. Written evidence to support previous submissions to ensure the Order addresses the major issues. Comments include welcoming the Biodiversity Duty, welcoming the increase in penalties for wildlife crime, urging protection of Hares and banning the use of snares.

Public Transport Reform

*Response Date:
5 February 2010*

Public Transport Reform: DRD. The proposed reform looks to streamline and improve the current public transport system through integration of the network (shared facilities, payment system and customer service). NIEL welcome these amendments as they have the potential to help encourage a shift from reliance on public vehicles to use of the public transport network.

Forestry Bill

Forestry Bill – DARD Committee Oral Hearings. The hearings are resulting in some significant changes in the proposed Bill in line with many of the NIEL and member suggestions, including the Purpose of Forestry, permitted rights of the Department and fine tuning Felling Licenses. NIEL is also calling for a statutory stakeholder forum to oversee operations and a woodland inventory to ensure protection of all ancient woodland sites.

