

Circular Letter PD 3/2002

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Planning and Development Act, 2000

Planning and Development Regulations, 2002

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I am directed by the Minister for the Environment and Local Government to state that he has (on 7 March, 2002) made regulations to amend certain map scales required to be submitted under the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 (S.I. 600 of 2001) (“the 2001 Regulations”). The Regulations will come into force on 11 March 2002.

Following the making of the 2001 Regulations, it was brought to the attention of the Department that the map scale used in respect of location maps for areas outside built-up areas, 1:1250, would cause practical difficulties for planning authorities. Location maps are required to be submitted both as part of a planning application and as part of an application for a licence for an outdoor event. They are also part of the documentation required for public consultation in the context of local authority own development and the holding of outdoor events by local authorities.

Given the imminent commencement of the permission regulations, it has been decided to adjust that map scale to 1:2500. Article 4 of the Regulation makes this change. In addition, article 4 requires all location maps based on Ordnance Survey maps to indicate the relevant Ordnance Survey map sheet number, for the ease of reference of planning authorities.

In addition, the Regulation will amend Articles 22 and 23 of the 2001 Regulations to require an indication of the ownership of adjoining land and any existing wayleaves to be made on the location map, rather than on the site map.

In the event of a person making a planning application on 11 March or in the period immediately after that date, [up to 4 weeks?] which includes a location map in the scale of 1:1250, planning authorities are advised that they should not notify the applicant that the application is invalid for that reason, notwithstanding article 26(3) of the 2001 Regulations. The applicant should instead be invited to submit a location map in the scale of 1:2500 to comply with the revised Regulations.

Queries in relation to this circular or in relation to the 2001 Regulations may be addressed to Catriona O’Neill. (Tel: 01 – 888 2557) (E-mail: Catriona_O’Neill@environ.irlgov.ie) or to the undersigned.

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