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Purpose

This memorandum formally implements the **Dfl Roads Environmental Impact Assessment – Review Procedure**. It supersedes draft versions of the review procedures previously circulated for use and will be reviewed and updated as necessary. It is therefore important to ensure that the most up to date version is being used.

The DEM should be read by staff in Dfl Roads, particularly those in SRI Teams, Dfl HQ Lands, Consultancy Services and companies and consultants working on behalf of Dfl Roads.

Scope

This document applies to roads projects where Dfl is the consenting authority under the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993, i.e. when Direction or Designation Orders apply. For other schemes progressed under Planning Legislation, e.g. Park and Ride projects or minor works, the planning authority is the consenting body.

Background

The Roads (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017 came into operation on 16 May 2017. This transposes the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU, as amended by 2014/52/EU, into Northern Ireland

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legislation. This introduces the requirement that DfI has, or has access to, sufficient expertise to examine Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Reports. This DEM formally implements a review procedure to meet this obligation.

It is not intended to provide guidance on completing an EIA, it is a review process document detailing the procedure to be followed.

Review Process

See: Environmental Impact Assessment - Review Process (Issue Version 1)

Equality

An EQIA screening analysis was completed and no Section 75 equality issues arise from the introduction of this Memorandum as it sets out procedural matters covering the Department's review process for environmental assessments.

Rural Needs and Human Rights Act

As this DEM implements a process a Rural Needs Impact Assessment and Human Rights Impact Assessment are not required.

Each scheme's impacts should be considered separately.

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