



Chief Secretary's Office

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1999
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ORDER – COOIL ROAD, BRADDAN
PUBLIC INQUIRY

In January 2010, the Department of Local Government and the Environment published a notice in which it indicated its intention to make an Order under Section 8 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1999, the effect of which would be to grant Planning Approval in Principle for the industrial development of some 20 hectares of land which lies in the Parish of Braddan, immediately south of Cooil Road and east of Colooney's Lane.

Following the recent re-organisation of Government, the responsibility for Town and Country Planning is now vested in the Department of Infrastructure. After considering the submissions which were made in response to the consultation in January, that Department has decided to make slight amendments to the Draft Order and to arrange for a Public Inquiry to be held to enable a full debate of the issues which have been raised.

Accordingly, notice is now given that a Public Inquiry in respect of the amended Draft Order will commence at **9.30 on Tuesday 5th October 2010** at a venue to be advised in due course. It is expected that the Inquiry will run up to, and including, Friday 8th October, but if necessary, it will continue into the following week (commencing on the 12th). All members of the public, and all interested parties are welcome to attend.

The Inquiry will be conducted by an independent Inspector, who has been supplied with, and will have regard to, all of the written representations which were made to the Department of Local Government and the Environment. Copies of these are available for inspection at the Chief Secretary's Office on the 3rd Floor of Central Government Offices on Buck's Road in Douglas. Copies of the revised Draft Order and of a Background Statement prepared by the Planning and Building Control Division of the Department of Infrastructure may be obtained from the same Office, and all documents may be accessed on the Chief Secretary's web-site at www.gov.im/cso/

Any person or party who wishes to make representations, or further representations, is invited to do so in writing to **Mr A Johnstone, Chief Secretary's Office, Government Office, Buck's Road, Douglas by 5.00pm on 8th July 2010.**

All representations will be made available for inspection by other parties.

The Inspector appointed to conduct the Inquiry has decided that it would be helpful if a **pre-Inquiry** meeting is held. This will take place at

2.00pm on Monday 19th July at the Strathallan suite, Strathallan Crescent, Douglas.

This meeting is arranged not to discuss the merits of the proposed Order, but to

- (a) outline the procedures to be followed at the Inquiry;
- (b) discuss the programme for, and manner of, presenting evidence to the Inquiry;
- (c) facilitate the submission and exchange of professional and technical evidence in advance of the Inquiry; and
- (d) encourage those with common interests to consider combining to present their evidence.

Following the Inquiry proper, the Inspector will make a report to the Minister for Infrastructure, including a recommendation as to whether or not the Department should make the proposed Order.

Mary Williams
Chief Secretary