



## REVIEW OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING GUIDELINES FOR THE BORDER REGION 2004-2016 AND PREPARATION OF NEW REGIONAL PLANNING GUIDELINES 2010-2022

### INVITATION FOR SUBMISSIONS ON ISSUES PAPER AND ISSUES FOR INCLUSION IN ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT'S

The Border Regional Authority hereby gives notice of its intention to review the current Regional Planning Guidelines for the Border Region, and prepare new Regional Planning Guidelines for the period 2010 to 2022.

The functional area of the Border Region comprises of Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim, Cavan, Monaghan and Louth County Council areas. The objective of the Regional Planning Guidelines is to provide a long term strategic planning framework for development of the Border Region, for the period 2010 – 2022, and to guide and inform the Development Plans and Local Area Plans of the Councils in the Border Region.

As part of this review, a public consultation period is being launched to ascertain the views of the public and interested parties. An Issues Paper and an Information Leaflet have been prepared by the Regional Authority, outlining matters and issues to be considered in the preparation of the new Regional Planning Guidelines, and to assist in the writing of submissions. Copies of these documents and the existing 2004 Guidelines are available on the Border Regional Authority website [www.border.ie](http://www.border.ie) ; or in hard copy from the Border Regional Authority Office; or can be viewed by visiting all Council offices in the Region.

The Border Regional Authority also proposes to carry out a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), and where appropriate, a Habitats Directive (Article 6) Appropriate Assessment, in parallel, and as part of the making of Regional Planning Guidelines. For this purpose, an Environmental Report and a Habitats Report will be prepared on the likely significant effects on the environment of implementing new Guidelines. The provisions of Article 10 of the 2004 SEA Regulations shall apply (which amends Part 3 of S.I. No. 600 of 2001). Environmental submissions and observations are invited in relation to the scope and level of detail that should be included in the Environmental Report and Habitats Report.

Submissions and observations are also invited, where it is considered that the implementation of the new Regional Planning Guidelines may have significant effects on the environment in Northern Ireland. These submissions should be marked as 'Transboundary Submissions'.

Further information on the Review is available by contacting the Border Regional Authority Office (details below) and on our website at [www.border.ie](http://www.border.ie) . Alternatively, information will also be available at the following locations throughout the Region, during relevant normal office hours:-

- Planning Departments at the offices of the six member County Councils of Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim, Cavan, Monaghan and Louth;
- Town Councils and Local Area Offices; and
- All Public Libraries

All submissions or observations should be made in writing or by e-mail during the period **09<sup>th</sup> February and, up to 5pm on the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2009** to:-

Border Regional Authority,  
Regional Planning Guidelines Team,  
Corlurgan Business Park,  
Ballinagh Road,  
Cavan,  
County Cavan  
Tel: 0494362600  
OR by e – mail: [rpg@border.ie](mailto:rpg@border.ie)

**This notice is issued in accordance with and under the requirements of:**  
**Planning and Development Acts 2000-2007**  
**Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2007**  
**Planning and Development Regulations (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004**

Dated: 09 February 2009.