

S.I. No. 317 of 1988.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) GENERAL POLICY DIRECTIVE, 1988.

The Minister for the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 7 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1982 (No. 21 of 1982), hereby issues the following general directive:—

1. This directive may be cited as the Local Government (Planning and Development) General Policy Directive, 1988.
2. In this directive, the reference to an air quality standard is a reference to a standard which stands specified under section 50 of the Air Pollution Act, 1987 (No. 6 of 1987).
3. Policy in relation to planning and development as respects any built-up area in which the air quality standard for suspended particulates (including smoke) is being, or is likely to be, exceeded, shall take into consideration:—
 - (a) the effects of emissions of suspended particulates (including smoke) on existing communities, including, in particular, the effects on public health and the environment;
 - (b) the need to limit such emissions from structures in the area in order to secure compliance with the air quality standard;
 - (c) the desirability of ensuring that combustion appliances (including furnaces, grates and stoves) and fuels used in any structures in the area will be such as to limit such emissions.

GIVEN under the Official Seal of the Minister for the Environment
this 2nd day of December, 1988.

PADRAIG FLYNN,
Minister for the Environment.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

This directive specifies policy considerations to which planning authorities and An Bord Pleanála must have regard in performing their functions in relation to development in built-up areas in which the air quality standard for suspended particulates (including smoke) is, or is likely, to be exceeded.