

**The 1998 '*Local Government (Planning and Development) General Policy Directive (Shopping)*' [S.I. No. 193 of 1998] was revoked in 2001 by the '*Local Government (Planning and Development) General Policy Directive (Shopping), 1998 (Revocation Order)*' [S.I. No. 1/2001].**

**Copies of both Statutory Instruments are below.**

**S.I. No. 1/2001 - Local Government (Planning and Development)  
General Policy Directive (Shopping), 1998 (Revocation Order),  
2001.**

The Minister for the Environment and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 28 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (No. 30 of 2000), hereby orders as follows:-

1. This Order may be cited as the Local Government (Planning and Development) General Policy Directive (Shopping), 1998 (Revocation Order), 2001.
2. This Order shall come into operation immediately.
3. The Local Government (Planning and Development) General Policy Directive (Shopping), 1998 (S.I. No. 193 of 1998) is hereby revoked.
4. In the case of any application to a planning authority which is received by the planning authority before the date of coming into force of this Order, or any appeal to An Board Pleanála against a decision on such an application, the provisions of the Local Government (Planning and Development) General Policy Directive (Shopping), 1998 will continue to apply notwithstanding the revocation of the Directive.

GIVEN under the Official Seal of the Minister for the Environment and Local Government this 2nd day of January,  
2001.

Noel Dempsey  
Minister for the Environment and Local Government

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation).

The effect of this Order is to revoke, with effect from 2 January 2001, the Local Government (Planning and Development) General Policy Directive (Shopping), 1998 (S.I. No. 193 of 1998). However, the Local Government (Planning and Development) General Policy Directive (Shopping), 1998 (S.I. No. 193 of 1998) will continue to apply to any planning application which is before a planning authority before the date of coming into force of this Order and to any appeal against a decision on such an application.

## **S.I. No. 193 of 1998.**

# **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) GENERAL POLICY DIRECTIVE (SHOPPING), 1998**

The Minister for the Environment and Local Government, 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. (a) This Directive may be cited as the Local Government (Planning and Development) General Policy Directive (Shopping), 1998,  
  
(b) This Directive shall come into operation on the 10th day of June, 1998, and  
  
(c) This Directive replaces the Local Government (Planning and Development) General Policy Directive, 1982.
2. Policy in relation to planning and development requires that planning permission should not be granted for a supermarket, the retail floor space of which exceeds 3,000 square metres, whether such development involves an extension to existing development or otherwise.
3. Policy in relation to planning and development requires that planning permission for retail shopping development (including motor fuel retailing), other than that at paragraph 2, which would constitute a substantial addition to existing retail facilities of that type within the perceived catchment area of the proposed development (notwithstanding that such area may extend beyond the functional area of the planning authority), shall be guided by the following criteria:
  - (a) the adequacy of existing retail shopping outlets;
  - (b) the size and location of existing retail shopping outlets;
  - (c) the quality and convenience of existing retail shopping outlets;
  - (d) the effect on existing communities, including in particular the effect on established retail shopping outlets and on employment;
  - (e) the needs of those who may be dependent on the availability of retail shopping outlets within walking distance;

(f) the need to counter urban decline and to promote urban renewal and to promote the optimum utilisation of existing infrastructure in urban areas;

(g) the impacts on road traffic.

GIVEN under the Official Seal of the Minister for the Environment and Local Government on this 9th day of June,  
1998.

NOEL DEMPSEY,

Minister for the Environment and Local Government.

#### 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 specified supermarket development and other retail shopping development.