



## REVIEW OF INDEPENDENT PLANNING COMMISSION'S OPERATIONS

4 October 2019

**The following can be attributed to Professor Mary O’Kane, Chair of the Independent Planning Commission:**

“I spoke to the Minister tonight (Friday 4 October 2019) and I welcome the review into the operations of the Independent Planning Commission.

Since taking up as Chair last year, I have been conscious of the need for significant change in the way the Commission operates. Indeed, we have been on a process of continuous improvement since I started but the events of today illustrate we still have more to do.

The Minister has made it clear to me that he wants planning decisions made as quickly as possible.

I hear what the Minister says. The Commission will work hard to speed up its determinations.

I will also continue to emphasise that our determinations must be robust, and our processes must be open, transparent and procedurally fair.

The Commission looks forward to working with the review to look closely at how we might further improve our operations to best serve the State.”

**(END OF STATEMENT)**