

## **REPORT BY THE ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING AND COUNTRYSIDE COMMITTEE**

### **The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill**

The Committee considered The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill at its 14 January 2004 meeting. The Bill had been commended to the Committee following the plenary debate on the Queen's Speech<sup>1</sup>.

As the Bill had been carried over from the previous session and was well advanced, the Committee agreed to focus on points of clarification. It was noted that the Environment, Planning and Transport Committee of the first Assembly had scrutinised the Bill the previous year<sup>2</sup>.

Discussion focussed on the following points of clarification:

- Implementation timetable – it was anticipated that the provisions of the Bill relating to Local Development Plans would come into force in summer 2005;
- Funding – the Minister confirmed that funding would be made available to local authorities to cover any additional funding requirements;
- Crown exemption – the removal of Crown exemption from planning control would put the current non-statutory consultation on a statutory basis. When enacted, all development on Crown land would be subject to planning control.

The Committee will consider implementation of the provisions of the Bill once it has received Royal Assent.

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**Chair, Environment, Planning and Countryside Committee**

<sup>1</sup> 3 December 2003

<sup>2</sup> 16 January 2003, see EPT-01-03 (mins)