

# The Sea & Spatial Planning

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# New role – same duties?



Expanded Remit: the move from town & country  
to the sea

Similar functions: forward planning &  
development management

Similar duties:

Survey & analysis

Public consultation

Holistic integrated approach

Formulating policy & guidance

Monitoring & reviewing

# New space – new approach?

Primarily managing change in the use of the sea

Centralised planning powers

One chief planning document



## New Plan – similar contents?

Biggest Plan of all – equivalent to 90% NI land mass

Written Statement & Map showing Spatial framework

Protection & Promotion



Plan-led framework for decision-making



# The need for joined up thinking

Need to complement & link up with other planning frameworks

Requirement for widespread engagement with all relevant bodies, stakeholders & neighbouring jurisdictions

Be prepared to learn from Best Practice in other countries



# Conclusion

Sinking to new depths?

Larne - A Case in Point

Marine Plan – the first port of call for clarity

