

My thesis deals with town and country planning as a tool for environmental protection. It is necessary to take into consideration the environment impacts by procurement and issuing the planning documents and to make available tools to protect the environment in this process.

The second chapter defines the term town and country planning and describes its objectives and tasks. I described the history of legislation and focused on the principles of the current legislation. The last part of this chapter considers with the powers in town and country planning activities.

The third chapter contains the characteristics of individual tools of town and country planning and process of procurement and issuing of these documents. It includes the planning materials, the spatial development policy as a statewide conception, spatial development principles issued on regional level, local plan as a basic instrument determining conception of municipality development and protection of its values and the regulatory plan. I also described individual kinds of planning permissions and planning provisions. The fourth chapter deals with the review of these documents.

Fifth, sixth and seventh chapter I rate as the main part of my thesis. It considers with the connections between the town and country planning process and the protection of environment. The protection asserts mainly through the cooperation with affected administrative offices, which issue their assessments to drafts of individual documents. Other possibility to protect the environment during this process is the participation of public. It consists on good informing and the possibility to express the opinion of the public through objections and remarks. The last aspect of protection of environment in the planning process is so-called environmental impact assessment. This procedure is integrated with the process of procurement and issuing of the planning documents.