

DERRY CITY AND STRABANE DISTRICT COUNCIL

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LDP) 2032



Draft EQIA Interim Progress Report on the LDP Preferred Options Paper

May 2017



Purpose: The purpose of this interim progress report is to set out the legislation, the process of EQIA, the baseline and an initial screening assessment of the potential impact of the proposed POP proposals on Section 75 Groups.

Content:

- (i) Interim Progress Statement for the Preferred Options Paper.**
- (ii) Preliminary assessment of the identified Key Planning policy areas that the LDP is likely to take forward.**
- (iii) Preliminary assessment of the Preferred Options policies in relation to Section 75 groups.**
- (iv) Conclusion.**

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This interim progress report has been prepared alongside the Derry City and Strabane District Council's Preferred Options Paper published in May 2017.
- 1.2 The Preferred Options Paper provides the basis for consulting with the public and stakeholders on a series of options for dealing with key issues in the Plan area. It aims to stimulate public comment and help interested parties to become involved in a more meaningful way at this earliest stage of the plan preparation. Effective community and stakeholder engagement also strengthens the evidence base which in turn is used to inform the preparation of the Preferred Options Paper.

2.0 Legislative Context

Section 75 of The Northern Ireland Act 1998, Equality of Opportunity places a statutory duty on each public authority in carrying out their functions relating to Northern Ireland to have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity-

- a) between persons of different religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status or sexual orientation;
- b) between men and women generally;
- c) between persons with a disability and persons without; and
- d) between persons with dependants and persons without.

2.2 The principle of promoting equality of opportunity and good relations between people is a key objective behind the Local Development Plan and will be an important theme of the Sustainability Assessment.

2.3 The Disability Discrimination (NI) Order 2006 introduced new duties requiring all public authorities in carrying out their functions relating to Northern Ireland, to have due regard to the need to -

- a) promote positive attitudes towards disabled people; and
- b) encourage participation by disabled people in public life.

2.4 As part of the Derry City and Strabane District Council's Local Development Plan an Equality Impact Assessment will be completed for both the Draft Plan Strategy and Draft Local Policies Plan to ensure these requirements are met.

2.5 To inform the Preferred Options Paper the Council has prepared a series of Topic Papers on a wide range of planning related subjects. Of particular importance is Topic Paper 1: Population and Growth Strategy. This Paper, provides a profile of the population of the District including, the different Section 75 groups of people, identifying how the Plan can impact on them. This paper alongside the other Topic Papers, has been used to inform the key planning issues facing the District and in the preparation of the Preferred Options Paper which identified these key issues and presents a number of options for addressing these within the Local Development Plan and indicates the Council's preferred option. The options presented are not policy, but rather are suggestive of a policy approach.

2.6 At this early stage of the plan making process we have carried out an initial equality screening assessment of our preferred options by identifying the key planning issues facing our District and assessing the potential impact on Section 75 groups. (Table 1). As the plan progresses we will continue to carry out screening of our proposals and carry out a full EQIA to assess the impact of our proposals on the Section 75 groups.

2.7 A further initial assessment is carried out of the Preferred Options policies in relation to the Section 75 groups. (Table 2)

Table 1: A Preliminary identification of key Local Planning Policy areas and assessment of potential impact on Section 75 Groups.

POLICY TYPE	Religious Belief	Political Opinion	Racial group	Age	Marital status	Sexual Orientation	Gender	Disability	Dependency	Comments – nature of policies and likely impact of policies on the S – 75 Groups
Settlement	√	√	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Designation and status of settlements and identification of development opportunities and limits may impact on groups of religious belief / political opinion due to the spatial distribution of such groups
Housing	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	√	√	Quantum and distribution of zoned housing lands could have a differential impact on religious / political groups. The amount whether it is urban / rural, accessible, social / private will also have differential impacts on the ethnic groups, elderly persons/ house-forming people, persons with disabilities and those with dependents.
Business and Industry	√	√	√	√	X	X	√	X	X	Quantum and distribution of employment land could result in differing access to employment for certain groups i.e. religion, race, gender and age
Open Space & Recreation	√	√	X	√	X	X	X	√	√	Quantum and distribution of open space and recreation facilities could result in differing levels of access for identified groups i.e. Religion / political. Also Disability, Gender, Dependency and Age.
Retailing and town centres	√	√	X	X	X	X	√	√	X	The hierarchy of commercial/town centres, development opportunities and control policies could result in differing levels of accessibility to retailing and leisure related services for identified groups. Town centres tend to be relatively neutral areas.
Community Uses	√	√	X	X	X	X	√	√	√	Spatial and physical accessibility to Community uses can have particularly on religious groupings / political opinion, age and disability.
Transportation	√	√	X	√	X	X	√	√	X	Differing levels of accessibility to all services depending on location/quality of infrastructure for identified groups.
Environment	√	√	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Location of protected areas for conservation, archaeology or landscape could have differential impacts, positive or negative, for different groupings.
Minerals	√	√	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	The location of areas protected for / constrained from minerals proposals could have differential impacts, for different religion / political groups.
Countryside	√	√	X	√	X	X	X	X	X	The location of policy areas and resultant protection / restrictions on development, could have differential impacts, positive or negative, for different groupings - religion / political. Also persons of house-forming age.
Services and Utilities	√	√	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Differing levels of accessibility to public services and utilities depending on location of facilities provided - religion / political.

Tourism	√	√	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Location of areas protected for and constraining tourism proposals could have differential impacts on different religious / political groups.
Design	X	X		√	X	X	√	√	√	Design both in terms of appearance and physical access affects everyone but has a particular impact on people with mobility difficulties such as the disabled, elderly and people with young children.
Totals	12	12	1	6	0	0	5	6	4	

Note: All policies affect everyone in the community in some way. Potential impacts have been identified where they are particularly pertinent to the special needs of a particular group

Table 2: A Preliminary identification and assessment of the Preferred Options Policies in relation to the potential impact on Section 75 Groups.

	Policy Type	Preferred Option	Comment on likely Impact
ECONOMY			
1	Growth Strategy	Option 2- Planned Growth Population- 155-160k Jobs- + 8-15k Housing - +7-12k	<p>In order to support and provide for a planned growth of 155,000 to 160,000 people, it is estimated that there will be a need for between 7,000 and 12,000 new homes and estimated need for between 8,000-15,000 new jobs.</p> <p>While such a strategy has the potential to impact on all of the Section 75 Groups in differing ways, the Growth Strategy will be applied unilaterally across the District and in line with a 'Balanced Growth' distribution (see below)</p>
2	Spatial Distribution	Option 3- Balanced Growth – focus on Derry City as a Regional City, as well as Strabane Town as a Main Hub plus other opportunities in the rural settlements and countryside.	<p>While the Preferred Option sees a primary focus on Derry City and Strabane town in line with the RDS. It also gives consideration to achieving an urban/rural balance to meet the needs for population growth, housing and job creation in the towns of the District and to meet the needs of the rural community living in smaller settlements and countryside. Rural Proofing will also consider any urban/rural issues arising from the Spatial Distribution.</p> <p>This Growth Strategy will be unilaterally applied across the District and will potential impact upon all of the Section 7s groups in differing ways.</p>

3	Settlement Hierarchy	Option 2- Rationalise Upper Tiers – Derry, Strabane, Local Towns. Re-designate some Villages and Small Settlements, including some new settlement designations.	<p>Religious Belief and Political Opinion</p> <p>The designation and status of settlements and identification of development opportunities and limits may impact on groups of religious belief/political opinion due to the spatial distribution of such groups.</p> <p>The Preferred Options paper sets out a proposed hierarchy of settlements based upon a review of the size, location and role of the existing settlement. The Preferred Option recommends to retain Castleberg and Newtownstewart as local towns as well as to designate Claudy as a town. Sion Mills would be re-designated as a village, close to Strabane. Option 2 would also involve an evaluation and rationalising of the Villages and Smaller Settlements, some being upgraded and others being downgraded in accordance with their performance in the settlement evaluation exercise.</p> <p>The identification of sites for development and the assessment of settlements limits will be carried out a later stage of the LDP process.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the re-designation of Claudy from a village to a town and the re-designation of Sion Mills from a town to a village will have no negative impact on section 75 groups.</p> <p>The potential re-designation of villages, small settlements and countryside will require EQIA assessment on the section 75 groups Age, Disability and Dependency at a later stage on the LDP process when the designations are known.</p>
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			This could have implications for local communities and their sustainability in the countryside.
4	Economic Development Land	Option 3- Re-evaluate all current economic zonings and rezone / zone new sustainably located sites catering for our assessed future economic needs.	<p>Quantum and distribution of employment land could result in differing access to employment for certain Section 75 groups, particularly Religious Belief, Political Opinion, Racial Group, Age and Gender.</p> <p>An evaluation of all existing economic zoning could result in the rezoning of land to more sustainably located sites. This would focus employment land at more accessible locations, and at a greater variety of locations making it more accessible to all members of the community, including those without access to the private car and will help provide employment opportunities for all.</p> <p>This sustainability approach will have a neutral/positive impact on all Section 75 groups.</p> <p>The identification of specific sites for employment and the development of new planning policy will be carried out at a later stage of the LDP process and further consideration of the impact on Section 75 groups will be undertaken.</p>
5	City and Town Centres	Option 2- Balance – focus is on existing centres plus potential limited development in District Centres.	The hierarchy of commercial/town centres, development opportunities and control policies could result in differing levels of accessibility to retailing and leisure related services for the identified groups: Religious Belief, Political Opinion, Gender and Disability . Having said that,

			<p>City and District Centres tend to be relatively neutral areas and it is not anticipated that the Preferred Option will have any negative impact on that.</p> <p>The Preferred Option recognises the importance of adopting a Town Centre first approach in line with the SPPS, it also seeks to protect our existing 'District Centres' providing services to local communities.</p>
6	Retailing Capacity	Option 3- Monitor retail capacity and plan for sustainable, phased growth.	<p>A number of retail studies have been carried out over the past decade, for Derry and for Strabane; however, with the changing and dynamic scale and nature of retailing, the Local Development Plan will commission a comprehensive up-to-date Retail Capacity Study. The purpose of such a study is to undertake an assessment of the potential need (or capacity) for additional retail Floorspace over the period to 2032 within the Derry City and Strabane District.</p> <p>The Preferred Option is to monitor retail provision and plan for sustainable phased growth. Dependent on the outcome of the new LDP Retail Capacity Study. This option does not provide for any additional lands within the commercial core / town centre boundaries.</p> <p>At this stage there are no firm proposals to assess the likely impact on Section 75 groups.</p>
7	Derry City Centre	Option 1- Evaluate the existing Central Area & Commercial Core within City side and Waterside, clarifying / simplifying their	This option requires an evaluation to be carried out of the existing boundaries of the Commercial Core and Central Areas within the Cityside and

		definitions / roles and adjusting their boundaries if necessary.	Waterside. No changes to the boundaries are proposed at this stage. If changes are proposed to these boundaries and the associated policy and designations within them it will require consideration of the impacts on the Section 75 Groups.
8	Strabane Town Centre	Option 1- Maintain existing Strabane Area Plan Town Centre boundary, subject to detailed re-evaluation of boundaries.	<p>Town Centres tend to be relatively neutral, this Preferred Option will maintain the existing town centre boundary, therefore any impact on Section 75 groups will be neutral.</p> <p>However following re-evaluation, if changes to the boundaries are proposed at a later stage in the LDP process a full consideration of the impacts on Section 75 groups will be carried out.</p>
9	Local Towns – Castleberg, Newtownstewart, Claudy	Option 1- Retain the compact Town Centre boundary for Castleberg and define compact Town Centres for N’Stewart (existing designated town) & Claudy (proposed new town).	<p>Retaining the existing town centre boundary for Castleberg will have a neutral impact on Section 75 Groups as Status Quo is maintained.</p> <p>The Preferred Option proposes to define a compact town centre for Newtownstewart and Claudy which is also proposed to be upgraded from a village to a town (considered above under Settlement Hierarchy). It is important to consider the impact on Religious Groups, Political Opinion, Age, Race, Disability and Dependency groups. However, because these towns are small and their role is local service delivery, the purpose of defining a town centre will be to direct services within the established service centre and will have a neutral impact on these section 75 groups.</p>
10	Transport	Option 1- Plan to maximise the opportunities for sustainable development arising from the	Access to all services can differ depending on locality, quality of infrastructure and level of public

		<p>A5 / A6 upgrades and other orbital / cross border links. Also promote Active Travel opportunities and accessibility and connectivity within our main urban settlements.</p>	<p>transport services available and may impact upon the Section 75 groups, in particular Religious Belief, Political Opinion, Age, Gender, disability and Dependency.</p> <p>The Preferred Option recognises the importance of facilitating the development of sustainable infrastructure with links to the A5 and A6 upgrades, in terms of identifying future development sites. The identification of potential development sites will be carried out at a later stage of the LDP process and further consideration of the impact on Section 75 groups will be undertaken.</p> <p>The Preferred Option promotes Active Travel opportunities and accessibility and connectivity within our main urban settlements. This would have a positive impact on Age, Gender, Disability and Dependency groups by promoting accessibility for all, reducing travel times and would advocate improved road safety or car users, public transport, cyclists and walkers. Furthermore consideration will be given in the LDP to the selection of sustainable housing and community facilities which will be integrated with accessibility and active travel for all members of the community.</p>
11	Tourism	<p>Option 1-Identify flagship Tourism sites / areas along with opportunities for dedicated sustainable attractions and associated accommodation. Focus on improved accessibility, place-making and legibility of tourism offer.</p>	<p>The location of areas protected for and constraining tourism proposals could have differential impacts on the Section 75 groups Religious Beliefs and Political Opinion. There are no proposals at this stage of the LDP process. Full assessment of the impacts on the Section 75 groups will be carried out at a later stage in the LDP process when potential</p>

			zonings for tourism facilities are known and if the development of new policies to support tourism are proposed.
12	Minerals	Option 3 - Balanced approach, which seeks to promote mineral development in sustainable locations with a focus on the protection of sensitive landscapes and reinstatement of workings.	Areas that are constrained/ protected for mineral development could have differential impacts on the Section 75 groups Religious Beliefs and Political Opinion. There are no proposals at present, full assessment of the impacts on the Section 75 groups will be carried out at a later stage in the LDP process when development proposals are known
13	Rural Economy	Option 2 - Balanced, opportunities in the rural settlements for appropriate-scale development / employment plus opportunities for appropriate business starts and small businesses in the countryside, to promote a vibrant rural economy.	Balanced distribution of employment within rural settlements with opportunities for appropriate scale employment in the countryside. The identification of specific site or policy will be carried out at a later stage however this is likely to have a positive impact on Religious Groups, Political Opinion, Racial Group, Age, Gender, Disability and Dependency as it is promoting vibrancy in the rural area to support rural communities.
SOCIAL			
14	Strategic Housing Distribution	Option 3 - Balanced – moderate focus on Derry city as a Regional City, as well as Strabane town as a Main Hub plus housing opportunities across the settlement tiers at appropriate scale / densities and in the countryside.	<p>Housing is an issue that affects all of our population and the impact of where we develop housing has an effect on many other issues such as transport, public utilities, community infrastructure, on how we provide open space and how we deal with waste.</p> <p>In order to support and provide for a planned growth of 155,000 to 160,000 people, it is estimated that there will be a need for between 7,000 and 12,000 new homes.</p> <p>In terms of distribution the Preferred Option gives due weight to reinforcing the leading role of the Regional Gateway (Derry) and Hubs (Strabane). It</p>

			<p>also gives consideration to achieving an urban/rural balance to meet the need for housing in the towns of the District and to meet the needs of the rural community living in smaller settlements and countryside. The varied housing needs of the whole community need to be met.</p> <p>The distribution of housing is likely to have an impact on the Section 75 groups Religious Belief, Political Opinion, Racial Group, Age, Disability, Dependency and Gender.</p>
15	Housing Allocation Quantum	Option 2 - Balanced, Planned Growth of 12,000 dwellings.	<p>The Preferred Option for the housing allocation quantum is based on the planned growth of the City and District in order to plan for the provision of 12,000 units.</p> <p>The quantum of housing is likely to have an impact on all the Section 75 group to varying degrees, but tin particular Religious Belief, Political Opinion, Racial Group, Age, Disability, Dependency and Gender.</p>
16	Location and allocation of housing land	Option 2 - Retain committed and zoned housing land for residential, re-evaluate un-committed sites and allocate any further required land in accordance with sequential test in SPPS, and deliverability.	<p>The POP suggests that there is a strategic need for additional housing units. The preferred option seeks to retain committed and zoned housing land but to re-evaluate the uncommitted zoned land and allocate further required land in accordance with the SPPS. There is therefore the potential for new distribution of housing throughout the District. No new sites for housing have been identified at this stage.</p>

			<p>The retention of the committed housing zonings will have a neutral impact on the Section 75 Groups. However the evaluation of uncommitted sites and allocation of further zonings would have the potential to benefit the Section 75 groups Religious Belief, Political Opinion, Age, Disability, Gender, Racial Group, Dependency, Marital Status in terms of facilitating quality residential environments with a variety of house tenures in suitable/sustainable locations with access to services, quality design and greenways.</p>
17	<p>Social / Affordable Housing and Balanced Communities</p>	<p>Option 1 - Incorporate the principle of including social, private and affordable housing & cross community. Consider policy and mechanisms to deliver balanced communities and meet all housing need / demand. More research needed by DfI, DfC, NIHE and Council.</p>	<p>The provision of social and affordable housing is a major issue covered in the POP, as well as delivering adequate private housing, ideally in mixed-tenure developments.</p> <p>The Council also has a duty under Section 75 of the NI Act 1998 to promote good relations, and this is in line with recent central government initiatives to encourage cross-community or neutral / shared-space housing land. The SPPS and PPS 12 Housing in Settlements also strongly encourage the idea of 'balanced communities'. There are opportunities to explore how we can ensure adequate provision through policy requirements or more specific key site requirements on zoned land.</p> <p>This will be carried out at a later stage of the LDP process and further consideration of the impact on Section 75 groups will be undertaken.</p>

18	Open Space / Recreation (OSR)	Option 2 - Re-evaluate our current OSR provision in terms of role and function and identify and protect any existing land and additional land required for open space, sport and recreation.	<p>Re-evaluation of our open and recreation space zonings and development of policy will be carried out at a later stage in the LDP process. Further consideration of the impact on the Section 75 groups will be undertaken.</p> <p>A re-evaluation of these spaces will assess their suitability for safeguarding and if necessary measure their viability for more sustainable uses.</p> <p>It is likely that the outcome of the Preferred Option will have a positive impact on the Section 75 groups as it will assess and consider and protect suitable and necessary existing OSR land or additional land required for open space, sport and recreation throughout the District.</p>
19	Community Infrastructure	Option 1 - Identify/Zone/Protect Committed sites.	<p>The LDP does not extend to the provision of Education or Health facilities. However the POP seeks to encourage policy to allow community uses in suitable sustainable locations, easily accessible to all members of the community and to zone and protect committed sites.</p> <p>Provision and spatial and physical access to Community Infrastructure will have an impact on Religious Beliefs, Political Opinion, Gender, age, Disability and Dependency, further consideration will be carried out of the impact on these groups at a later stage in the LDP process.</p>
20	Waste	Option 1 - Existing Infrastructure & committed Capital Proposals identified & protected.	Sustainable waste management is essential for the health and well-being of society, and our quality of life. Waste can also be considered as a resource,

			<p>with potential for energy generation, or employment creation / businesses. The LDP will assess the likely extent of future waste management facilities for the District and in doing so will take account of the Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy.</p> <p>The preferred option is to identify committed waste related Capital projects and give them due protection through the LDP.</p> <p>Consideration of the impact on the Section 75 groups will be carried out at a later stage in the LDP process.</p>
ENVIRONMNET			
21	Natural Environment	<p>Option 1 - Existing designated sites / protected species are identified / protected, with Policies as per SPPS. Other habitats, species or features of natural heritage importance will also be protected in line with the SPPS.</p>	<p>Location of protected areas for conservation, archaeology or landscape could have differing impacts positive and negative on for differing groups.</p> <p>The POP has indicated that existing designated sites, natural and built and protected species will be identified and protected with tailor made policies in keeping with the SPPS. Designations and policy will be undertaken at a later stage in the LDP process, as there are no firm proposals at this stage, consideration of the impact on the Section 75 groups will be carried out at a later stage.</p>
22	Landscape Character	<p>Option 2 - Informed by LDP Development Pressure Analysis and relevant Landscape Character Assessments, identify those areas of our landscape with higher sensitivity or 'at capacity' and identify development that may be inappropriate in these areas.</p>	<p>Location of protected areas for conservation, archaeology or landscape could have differing impacts positive and negative on for differing groups.</p> <p>The POP has indicated that existing designated sites, natural and built and protected species will be</p>

			identified and protected with tailor made policies in keeping with the SPPS. Designations and policy will be undertaken at a later stage in the LDP process, as there are no firm proposals at this stage, consideration of the impact on the Section 75 groups will be carried out at a later stage.
23	Coastal Development	Option 1 - Accommodate appropriate coastal development as per current UK Marine Policy and forthcoming Marine Plan for NI.	<p>Location of protected areas for conservation, archaeology or landscape could have differing impacts positive and negative on for differing groups.</p> <p>The POP has indicated that existing designated sites, natural and built and protected species will be identified and protected with tailor made policies in keeping with the SPPS. Designations and policy will be undertaken at a later stage in the LDP process, as there are no firm proposals at this stage, consideration of the impact on the Section 75 groups will be carried out at a later stage.</p>
24	Built Environment and Heritage	Option 1 - Existing designated areas / buildings of historic environment importance will continue to be protected and development facilitated with policies in line with the SPPS.	<p>Location of protected areas for conservation, archaeology or landscape could have differing impacts positive and negative on for differing groups.</p> <p>The POP has indicated that existing designated sites, natural and built and protected species will be identified and protected with tailor made policies in keeping with the SPPS. Designations and policy will be undertaken at a later stage in the LDP process, as there are no firm proposals at this stage, consideration of the impact on the Section 75 groups will be carried out at a later stage.</p>
25	Urban Design/Places	Option 2 - A comprehensive drive for Place-Shaping, including high quality design of both	Design both in terms of appearance and physical access affects everyone but has a particular impact

		buildings and key focal areas, in both urban and rural areas.	<p>on people with mobility difficulties such as disabled, elderly and people with young children.</p> <p>As there are no firm proposals at this stage, consideration of the impact on the Section 75 groups will be carried out at a later stage.</p>
26	Renewables – Wind & Solar	Option 2 - Identify the most sensitive Landscape Zones remaining, for protection, permitting appropriate wind & solar development elsewhere in line with SPPS.	<p>The locations of policy areas and resultant restrictions/protection from development could have positive and negative impacts on different groups- Religious Beliefs, Political Opinion, Age.</p> <p>As there are no firm proposals at this stage, consideration of the impact on the Section 75 groups will be carried out at a later stage.</p>
27	Flooding	Option 2 - Precautionary approach – only allow suitable types of development in flood prone areas in line with SPPS / PPS and with appropriate mitigation.	<p>There are recognised areas of significant flood risk within the District. In the preparation of the LDP for the District, Rivers Agency advises against bringing forward sites or the zoning of any land, particularly for built development, that has been identified from the flood maps as being within the 1 in 100 year fluvial floodplain / 1 in 200 year coastal floodplain, reservoir inundation area or is susceptible elsewhere to surface water flooding.</p> <p>As there are no firm proposals at this stage, but it is likely that this approach will have a neutral impact on the Section 75 groups.</p>
28	Transport- Environmentally and people friendly	Option 1 - Identify / encourage / require pedestrian accesses / footways, cyclepaths / bridlepaths and other green / blue proposals.	<p>Access to all services can differ depending on locality, quality of infrastructure and level of public transport services available and may impact upon the Section 75 groups, in particular Religious Belief, Political Opinion, Age, Gender, Disability and Dependency.</p>

			<p>The Preferred Option recognises the importance of facilitating the development of sustainable patterns of travel and transport, with local design which encourages Active Travel opportunities instead of the private car. This modal shift away from the private car would have a positive impact on Age, Gender, Disability and Dependency groups by promoting accessibility for all.</p>
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Note: All policies affect everyone in the community in some way. Potential impacts have been identified where they are particularly pertinent to the special needs of a particular group

3.0 Overall Impacts

- 3.1 The main purpose of this interim EQIA is to ensure that the LDP will have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity from the very onset of policy formulation. The table above highlights that the Preferred Options will have differing impacts on the Section 75 groups, both positive and negative. Where negative impacts are identified as likely at this stage, mitigating measures can be considered in the later stages of the LDP process.
- 3.2 The potential impact of the LDP will only be realized when the LDP is fully developed. Equality Assessment will be undertaken at each stage of the LDP Process.
- 3.3 The Equality Assurance and Overview Group of the Inclusive Strategic Growth Plan 2017-2032, comprises representatives from Section 75 categories, and rural and deprived communities. This group will have responsibility for monitoring progress against equality indicators and targets, identifying emerging issues and providing feedback to the Community Planning Partnership. The LDP POP is statutorily linked to the Inclusive Strategic Growth Plan and as such the Equality Assurance Overview Group will contribute to the EQIA for the Local Development Plan.

4.0 Moving forward

- 4.1 The Preferred Options Paper and EQIA will be subject to a 12 week period of public consultation. However, the Council will also carry out a specific focused consultation with representatives from the Section 75 groups with support from Derry City and Strabane Councils Equality Officer, a list of these potential consultees can be seen in Appendix 1 (This list is subject to change).
- 4.2 Following the POP consultation and this Interim EQIA report, all feedback and representations received, including from Section 75 Groups or relating to relevant policies / proposals, will be fully considered and the Council will proceed to prepare the LDP Plan Strategy and later the LDP Local Policies Plan. Each of these LDP documents will be accompanied by a full EQIA report, for consultation and consideration at the respective Independent Examinations.

APPENDIX 1

LIST OF CONSULTEES

List of S75 Consultees (DRAFT)

GROUP	ADDRESS	E-MAIL ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NUMBER	SECTION 75 CATEGORY
Action on Hearing Loss	Harvester House, 4-8 Adelaide Street, Belfast, BT2 8GA	claire.lavery@hearingloss.org.uk	028 9023 9619	Disability
Age Concern NI	3 Lower Crescent Belfast BT7 1NR	info@ageni.org duane.farrell@ageni.org	028 90245729	Age
Alliance Party of Northern Ireland	88 University Street, Belfast, BT7 1HE	policy@allianceparty.org	028 90324274	Political opinion
An Munia Tober	Blackstaff Complex, 77 Springfield Road, Belfast, BT12 7AE	scaldwell@brysonamt.org	028 90438265	Race (travellers)
Autism NI	Donard Knockbracken Healthcare Park, Saintfield Road, Belfast,	info@autismni.org	028 9040 1729	Disability

	BT8 8BH			
Bahai Council for NI	Bahá'í Council for Northern Ireland Apt 4, 2 Lower Windsor Avenue Belfast BT9 7DW	bcni@bahai.org.uk	028 9016 0457	Religious Belief
Barnardos NI	542-544 Upper Newtownards Rd Belfast BT4 3HE	mary.annewebb@barnardos.org.uk	028 90672366	All
Belfast Butterfly Club	PO Box 210 Belfast BT1 1BG	trans@belfastbutterflyclub.co.uk	028 92673720	Transgender
Belfast Hebrew Congregation	The Wolfston Centre 49 Somerton Road Belfast BT15 3LH	rabbibrackman@gmail.com	028 90775013	Religious Belief
Belfast Islamic Centre	38 Wellington Park Belfast BT9 6DJ	info@belfastislamiccentre.org.uk	028 90664465	Racial Group, Religious Belief
Bishop of Down and Connor	73 Somerton Road Belfast BT15 4DE	dccuria@downandconnor.org	028 90776185	Religious Belief
British Deaf Association (NI)	Unit 5c Weavers Court Linfield Road Belfast BT12 5GH	bdm.niscot@bda.org.uk	028 90437480	Disability

Bryson Charitable Group	28 Bedford Street Belfast BT2 7FE	canderson@brysongroup.org	028 90325835	Racial Group, Age, Marital Status, Sexual Orientation, Gender, Disability, People with Dependents
Bryson Inter-Cultural	123 Ormeau Road, Belfast, BT1 7SH	edonnelly@brysonintercultural.org	028 9031 5744	All
Carafriend	Belfast LGBT Centre 1 st floor memorial buildings 9 – 13 Waring St BT1 2DX	admin@cara-friend.org.uk	028 90890202	Sexual Orientation
Carers National Association NI	11 Lower Crescent Belfast BT7 1NR			People with Disability, People with Dependents
Carers Northern Ireland	58 Howard Street Belfast BT1 6PJ	john.mccormick@carersni.org info@carersni.org	028 90439843	People with Dependents
Children's Law Centre	3rd Floor, Phillip House 123-137 York Street	info@childrenslawcentre.org	028 90245704	Age

	Belfast BT15 1AB			
Chinese Welfare Association	1 Stranmillis Embankment Belfast BT7 1GB	contact@cwa-ni.org reception@cwa-ni.info	028 90288277	Racial Group
Chrysalis Womens Centre	520 - 523 Burnside Brownlow Craigavon BT65 5DE	chrysaliscentre@btconnect.com	028 38341846	Gender
Church of Ireland	46 Abbey Street Armagh BT61 7QY			Relious Group
Coalition on Sexual Orientation	c/o The Rainbow Project 33 Church Lane Belfast BT1 4QN			Gender, sexual orientation
CO3 Chief Officers 3 rd Sector	Volunteer Centre 34 Shaftsbury Square, Belfast, BT2 7DB	info@co3.bz	028 90245356	All
Coiste-na n-iarchimi	10 Beechmount Avenue Belfast BT12 7NA	info@coiste.com	028 90200770	Political Opinion, Religious Beliefs
Commissioner for Older People for Northern Ireland	Equality House 7-9 Shaftesbury Square Belfast	info@copni.org	028 90890892	Age

	BT2 7DP			
Committee on the Administration of Justice Ltd	2 nd Floor Sturgen Building 9-15 Queen Street Belfast BT1 6EA	emma@caj.org.uk info@caj.org.uk	028 90316000	All
Communication Access	N/A	barry@communication-access.com	074125499 36	Disability
Community Development and Health Network (NI)	30a Mill Street Newry BT34 1EY	ruthmurphy@cdhn.org joannemorgan@cdhn.org (director)	028 30264606	All
Community Places	2 Downshire Place Great Victoria Street Belfast BT7 2JQ	info@communityplaces.info	028 90239444	All
Community Relations Council	6 Murray Street Belfast BT1 6DN	info@nicrc.org.uk	028 90227500	All
Cruse Bereavement Care (NI)	Prince Regent Commercial Centre 8 Prince Regent Road Belfast BT5 6QR	northern.ireland@cruse.org.uk	028 90792419	People with Dependents

Democratic Unionist Party	91 Dundela Ave Belfast BT4 3BU	info@dup.org.uk leereynolds@dup.org.uk	028 9047 1155	Political Belief
Derry Well Woman	17 Queen Street Londonderry BT48 7EQ	info@derrywellwoman.org	028 71360777	All
Disability Action	Portside Business Park 189 Airport Road West Belfast BT3 9ED	kevindoherty@disabilityaction.org dermotmccuskey@disabilityaction.org unareid@disabilityaction.org hq@disabilityaction.org	028 90297880 Belfast 028 71360811 Derry	Disability
Down's Syndrome Association	Unit 2 Marlborough House, 348 Lisburn Road, BT9 6GH	enquiriesni@downs-syndrome.org.uk	028 90665260	Disability
Employers For Disability NI	Banbridge Enterprise Centre, Scarva Road Industrial Estate, Banbridge, BT32 3QD	info@efdni.org	028 4062 4526	Disability
Equality Coalition c/o CAJ	2 nd Floor Sturgen Building 9-15 Queen Street Belfast BT1 6EA	equalitycoalition@caj.org.uk	028 90316016	All

Equality Commission for NI	The Chief Executive Equality House 7-9 Shaftesbury Square Belfast BT2 7DP	information@equalityni.org	028 90500600	All
Falls Community Council	275-277 Falls Road Belfast BT12 6FD	info@fallscouncil.com	028 90202030	All
Falls Women's Centre	256-258 Falls Road Belfast BT12 6AL	advice@fallswomenscentre.org	028 90327672	Gender Racial Group Disability
Family Planning Association NI	3 rd floor Ascot Hse, 24-31 Shaftesbury Square, Belfast, BT2 7DB	belfast@fpa.org.uk	0845 122 8687	All
Focus: The Identity Trust	c/o Training for Women Network, Weavers Court, Linfield Road, Belfast, BT12 5GH	info@thefocustrust.com	N/A	Transgender
Foyle Women's Information Network	The Walled City Community Partnership, 12-14 The Diamond	info@fwin.org.uk	028 71266291	Gender

	Derry~Londonderry BT48 6HW			
Gingerbread NI	169 University Street, Belfast, BT7 1HR	enquiries@gingerbreadni.org	028 90231417	All
Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland	431-441 Newtownards Road, BELFAST BT4 1AQ.	info@grandorangelodge.co.uk	028 90701122 (mob) 07436 033389	Religious Belief
Green Party	76 Abbey Street Bangor Co Down BT20 4JB	info@greenpartyntni.co.uk	028 91459110	Political Opinion
Help the Aged NI	Ascot House 24-31 Shaftesbury Square Belfast BT2 7DB			Age
Indian Community Centre	86 Clifton Street Belfast BT13 1AB	iccnibelfast@gmail.com	028 90249746	Racial Group
Institute of Directors	Riddell Hall 185 Stranmillis Road Belfast BT9 5EE	Linda.brown@iod.com	028 90683224	All

Irish Congress Of Trade Unions - NI Committee (ICTUNI)	Carlin House 4 - 6 Donegal Street Place Belfast BT1 2FN	info@ictuni.org	028 90247940	Union
Labour Party	Mr Malachi Curran 84-86 Main Street Killough Downpatrick BT30 7QD			Political Group
Law Centre (NI)	124 Donegall Street Belfast BT1 2GY	admin.belfast@lawcentreni.org	028 90244401	All
Local Government Staff Commission for NI (LGSC)	Commission House 18-22 Gordon Street Belfast BT1 2LG	info@lgsc.org.uk adrian.kerr@lgsc.org.uk	028 90313200	All
Magherafelt Women's Group	The Learning Lodge 27-29 Moneymore Road Magherafelt BT45 6AG	thelearninglodge@yahoo.co.uk	028 79301601	All
MENCAP	Segal House 4 Annadale Avenue Belfast BT7 3JH	paschal.mckeown@mencap.org.uk	028 90691351	Disabled

Mens Project	Parent Advice Centre Franklin House Belfast BT7 1SH			Gender, People with Dependent s
Methodist Church in Ireland	1 Foutainville Avenue Belfast BT9 6AN	secretary@irishmethodist.org	028 9032 4554	Religious Belief
National Autistic Society Northern Ireland	59, Malone Road Belfast BT9 6SA	northern.ireland@nas.org.uk	02890 687066	Disability
National Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children	Jennymount Business Park, North Derby Street, Belfast, BT15 3HN	info@nspcc.org.uk	028 9035 1135	Age
Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People	Equality House 7-9 Shaftsbury Square Belfast BT2 7DP	info@niccy.org	028 9031 1616	All
NI Council for Voluntary Action (NICVA)	61 Duncairn Gardens Belfast BT15 2GB	info@nicva.org	028 9087 7777	All
NIGRA Northern Ireland Gay Rights Assication	46 Malone Avenue Belfast BT9 6ER			Sexual Orientation , Gender

NI Human Rights Commission	Temple Court 39 North Street Belfast BT1 1NA	information@nihrc.org	028 9024 3987	All
Northern Ireland Rural Development Council	17 Loy Street Cookstown BT80 8PZ	info@rdc.org.uk	028 86766980	All
Northern Ireland Rural Women's Network	Unit 13A Ballysaggart Business Complex 8 Beechvalley Way Dungannon BT70 1BS	majella@nirwn.org.uk	028 87753389	Gender
NI Women's Aid Federation	129 University Street Belfast BT7 1HP	info@womensaidni.org	028 90249041	Gender, People with Dependants
NI Womens Coalition Party	52 Elmwood Avenue Belfast BT9 6AZ			Gender
NIPSA	Harkin House 54 Wellington Park Belfast BT9 6DP	ryan.mckinney@nipsa.org.uk bumper.graham@nipsa.org.uk info@nipsa.org.uk	028 90661831	All
NI Pensioners Convention	c/o Transport House High Street Belfast			Age
NI Association	80 University Street	a.deane@niamhwellbeing.org	028 90328474	Disability

for Mental Health (Niamh)	Belfast BT7 1HE			
Northern Ireland Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (NIACRO)	Amelia House, 4 Amelia Street, Belfast, BT2 7GS	consultations@niacro.co.uk	028 90320157	All
Northern Ireland Council for Ethnic Minorities	Ascot House 24-31 Shaftesbury Sq Belfast BT2 7DB	patrick@nicem.org.uk paul@nicem.org.uk	028 90238645	Racial Group
Northern Ireland Unionist Party	Parliament Buildings Stormont Belfast BT4 3SW			Political Group
Parenting NI	Head Office Floor 1 42 Dublin Road Belfast BT2 7HN	info@parentingni.org	028 90310891	Dependants
POBAL	Unit 6, Curran House, Twin Spires Centre, 155 Nothumberland Street, Belfast, BT13 2JF Aonad 6, Teach Uí Chorráin	eolas@pobal.org	028 90438132	All

	Ionad an Dá Spuaic 155 Sráid Northumberland Béal Feirste			
Polish Association Northern Ireland	7 North Street Belfast, BT1 1NH	info@polishassociation.org	028 90321232	Racial Group
Presbyterian Church In Ireland	Assembly Buildings, 2-10 Fisherwick Place, Belfast, BT1 6DW	personnel@presbyterianireland.org info@presbyterianireland.org	028 90322284	Religious Belief
Progressive Unionist Party	c/o 182 Shankill Road, Belfast, County Antrim, BT13 2BH	pupmovingforward@gmail.com	028 90326233	Political Opinion
Relate	76 Dublin Road Belfast			All
Royal National Institute for Blind People (NI)	Victoria House, 15-17 Gloucester Street, Belfast, BT1 4LS	rnibni@rnib.org.uk	028 90329373	Disability
Royal National Institute of Deaf (NI)	Wilton House 5 College Square North Belfast BT1 6AR			All
Rural Community Network	38a Oldtown Street Cookstown	info@ruralcommunitynetwork.org	028 86766670	All

	BT80 8EF			
Rural Support	The Lodge Loughry Agricultural College Cookstown BT80 9AA	info@ruralsupport.org.uk	028 86760040	All
Save the Children	Popper House 15 Richmond Park Belfast BT10 0HB	a.moore@savethechildren.org.uk	028 90431123	Age
SDLP	121 Ormeau Road Belfast BT7 1SH	info@sdlphq.ie	028 90247700	Political Opinion
SENSE NI	The Manor House 51 Mallusk Road Newtownabbey BT36 4RU	nienquiries@sense.org.uk	028 90833430	Disability
Sinn Fein	53 Falls Road Belfast BT12 4PD	admin@sinnfein.ie	028 90347350	Political Opinion
The Cedar Foundation	Malcom Sinclair House 31 Ulsterville Avenue Belfast	info@cedar-foundation.org	028 90666188	Disability

	BT9 7AS			
The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association	Unit 17 18 Heron Road Belfast BT3 9LE	Andrew.murdock@guidedogs.org.uk	084537274 02	Disability
The Rainbow Project	1 st Floor Old Memorial House 9-13 Waring Street Belfast BT1 2DX	director@rainbow-project.org	028 90319030	Sexual Orientation
The Senior Citizens Consortium Sperrin Lakeland	54 Gortview Close Omagh, BT79 7WU	awforbes@btconnect.com	028 82251824	Age
The Trans Forum	N/A	transforum@transgenderni.com		Transgender
The Women's Centre	Beibhinn House 5 Guildhall Street Londonderry BT48 6BB	info@womencentre.co.uk	028 71267672	Gender
Training for Women Network Ltd	Unit 10b Weavers Court Linfield Road Belfast BT12 5GH	j.mooney@twnonline.com	028 90319888	Gender
Traveller Movement NI	30 University Street Belfast BT7 1FZ			All

Ulster Unionist Party	Strandtown Hall 2-4 Belmont Road Belfast BT4 2AN	uup@uup.org	028 90474630	Political Opinion
UK Unionist Party	10 Hamilton Road Bangor BT20 4LE			Political Group
ULTACH	6-10 William Street Belfast BT1 1PR	runai@ultach.org	0800 0 857 857	All
UNISON Northern Ireland	Galway House, 165 York Street, Belfast BT15 1AL	t.mahaffy@unison.co.uk	028 90270190	All
Volunteer Now	129 Ormeau Road Belfast BT7 1SH	info@volunteernow.co.uk	028 90236100	All
Women's Forum Northern Ireland	C/O Agape Centre 238-266 Lisburn Road Belfast BT9 6GF	patinine@googlemail.com	028 94460251	Gender
Women's Information Group	6 Mount Charles Belfast Belfast BT7 1NZ	helen@womensinfoni.com ;		Gender
Women's Resource and Development Agency	6 Mount Charles Belfast BT7 1NZ	info@wrda.net anne.mcvicker@wrda.net	028 90230212	Gender

Women's Support Network	Downtown Women's Building 109-113 Royal Avenue Belfast BT 1 FF	policy@wsn.org.uk	028 90236923	Gender
Workers Party	6 Springfield Road Belfast BT12 7AG	workerspartyini@btconnect.com	028 90328663	People with Dependants
Youthnet	5th Floor 14 College Square North Belfast BT1 6AS	info@youthnet.co.uk bewan@youthnet.co.uk	028 90331880	Age