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Ref: FOI / 5720

19th May 2025

Email:

Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request Local Development Plan

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

- 1. How many people attended the LDP Draft Plan consultation during the first and second consultation periods?**
- 2. How many responses via telephone/email/letter/face to face/ questionnaire were received for the full LDP draft plan between December 2019 and the end of that consultation period in January 2020?**
- 3. How many responses were received via telephone/email/letter/face to face/ questionnaire for the second consultation period?**
- 4. How many consultation responses were received specifically in relation to section 16, HOU13 and HOU14?**
- 5. How many responses were in agreement/opposed to HOU13?**
- 6. How many responses were in agreement/opposed to HOU14?**
- 7. Where can I find the consultation findings report?**

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Response

There are statutory requirements for public consultation related to the preparation of the LDP; these are set out in the Planning Act (NI) 2011, the Planning (LDP) Regulations (NI) 2015 and the Planning (Statement of Community Involvement) Regulations (NI) 2015. The Council has fully complied with the requirements of this legislation and regulations; details of the compliance is given in the following documents submitted to the DfI / PAC in March 2022, on the Council's LDP webpage: Documents DS-600 (Soundness), DS-600b Public Notices for LDP Stage, DS-600c Consultation Evidence for LDP Stages, at [https://www.derrystrabane.com/subsites/ldp/ldp-draft-plan-strategy-\(dps\)/ldp-dps-submission-documents-may-2022](https://www.derrystrabane.com/subsites/ldp/ldp-draft-plan-strategy-(dps)/ldp-dps-submission-documents-may-2022)

The PAC (and in turn DfI) accepted that the LDP draft Plan Strategy had been properly prepared in accordance with the statutory requirements for public consultation, and hence that the draft Plan Strategy was 'sound'. Please see the PAC report, particularly paras. 1.7, 1.8, 1.12-1.14, 1.22 and 9.1-9.3, at <https://www.derrystrabane.com/getmedia/7853ad07-10c9-4f4c-a0d6-b01ffb84b522/0c-PAC-IE-Report-and-Appendices.PDF>

How many people attended the LDP Draft Plan consultation during the first and second consultation periods?

Your first question asks how many people 'attended' the LDP Draft Plan consultation; the statutory LDP consultation was done via public notices inviting representations and directly by letters sent to interested parties and consultees, all documents were published online and publicly available in hard copy, with a set consultation period for submission of those presentations. Therefore, it is a matter of people responding-to, rather than 'attending' a consultation.

In terms of 'attended events', at the LDP Preferred Options Paper (POP) stage in June 2017, the Council held sixteen public meetings and exhibitions with drop-in sessions, held at 9 venues and 5 settlements. After the launch of the LDP draft Plan Strategy, during December 2019 there were four launch events held, in Derry Cityside, Derry Waterside, Strabane and Castledearg, at which 24 persons attended.

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How many responses were received via telephone/email/letter/face to face/ questionnaire for the second consultation period?

In accordance with the statutory procedures and regulations, all representations must be submitted in writing – so none are via telephone or face to face. All of the representations (Reps) received during both periods of consultation are available to view on the Council's website at:

[https://www.derrystrabane.com/subsites/ldp/ldp-draft-plan-strategy-\(dps\)/representations-counter-representations-to-the-ldp-draft-plan-strategy](https://www.derrystrabane.com/subsites/ldp/ldp-draft-plan-strategy-(dps)/representations-counter-representations-to-the-ldp-draft-plan-strategy)

The numbers are summarised in the Table link near the top of the page. In summary, there were 243 valid Reps and 6 Late Reps. Of those, 109 are Reps Carried Forward unchanged - as is, 4 Reps Revised (with same Rep No.), 15 Reps were Revised (with new Rep No), 121 New Reps (including 2 new Late Reps) = Total of 249 Reps.

How many consultation responses were received specifically in relation to section 16, HOU13 and HOU14?

How many responses were in agreement/opposed to HOU13?

How many responses were in agreement/opposed to HOU14?

All the Representations can be viewed on the Council's website at:

[https://www.derrystrabane.com/subsites/ldp/ldp-draft-plan-strategy-\(dps\)/representations-counter-representations-to-the-ldp-draft-plan-strategy](https://www.derrystrabane.com/subsites/ldp/ldp-draft-plan-strategy-(dps)/representations-counter-representations-to-the-ldp-draft-plan-strategy)

You will see that most Reps relate to multiple topics and policies. I would draw your particular attention to LDP-PS-Rep-24 and LDP-PS-REP 80A & 106A in relation to Policies HOU 13 and HOU 14.

Where can I find the consultation findings report?

The Consultation Report is document DS-500, on the Council website at:

<https://www.derrystrabane.com/getmedia/82a5edc4-4508-47f8-8c43-fdbfaa9f2fdc/67-DS-500-LDP-dPS-Consultation-Report.pdf>

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly, our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

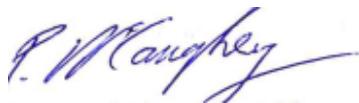
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Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
CHESHIRE SK9 5AF
Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: casework@ico.org.uk

I would however advise that the Information Commissioner has indicated that a review will not be undertaken unless the Council has first had an opportunity to re-consider its decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'P. Mc Caughey', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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