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This Document is one in a series which comprises the evidence base that informs the preparation of the Derry City and Strabane District Local Development Plan (LDP 2032) Plan Strategy.

This is a Submission document in accordance with Section 10 of the Planning (NI) 2011 and Regulation 20(2)(c) of the Planning (LDP) Regulations (NI) 2015.

This SCI-Compliance document should be read in conjunction with Council's Planning SCI documents i.e. the original from 2016 and the Revision 1 in 2018 and Revision 2 in 2021; they are at DS-602a, b & c respectively.

Also refer to the other LDP dPS Submission documents as referenced in the Document Library, particularly DS-600 – Self-Assessment of Soundness (SASS), DS-600a – Approval of LDP Documents, DS-600b – Public Notices for LDP Stages and DS-600c – Consultation Evidence for LDP Stages.

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1.0 Introduction to the DC&SDC Planning Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

- 1.1 Derry City & Strabane District Council published its Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) in July 2016, as required under section 4 of the Planning Act (NI) 2011. In line with the statutory requirement (SCI Reg. 6(5)) to keep the SCI under review, the Council issued Revised versions of the SCI in July 2018 and in December 2021. The original SCI and Revisions 1 & 2 can be viewed as documents DS-602a to DS-602c.
- 1.2 The SCI was prepared in accordance with the Planning (SCI) Regulations (NI) 2015 and also Development Plan Practice Note 2 (DPPN 2, DOE, Aug 2015, plus Development Management DMPN 2) and is very much based on the Department's template SCI format. The SCI and its Revisions have therefore been prepared in accordance with best practice guidance, initially subject to considerable Member involvement / input, public advertisement / consultation, approval by the Council and then the agreed by DfI Planning, before being made publicly available, placed on the website and advertised in the local newspapers, all as per the Regulations.
- 1.3 The SCI sets out how and when engagement on the LDP (& DM Planning) would occur and sets out how and when stakeholders and the community could contribute to preparing the LDP and its Sustainability Appraisal (SA). The SCI commits to the establishment of several groups of stakeholders to manage / input-to the LDP and also includes commitments to publish statutory notices, undertake public launch, public exhibitions and events that provide an opportunity for members of the public to comment on the LDP.
- 1.4 The SCI set out the principles of how the Council would involve the community in preparing the LDP and then it indicates the timing and the method by which participation would occur, how the Council would respond to the participation process and how the Council would use those responses at each stage in developing the content of its LDP. Specifically, the Council has endeavoured to apply the inclusive principles of community involvement, it has worked in tandem with the community plan, established governance structures for the LDP-preparation and has fully delivered on the specified consultation (numerous meetings, workshops, stakeholder events, outreach, letters, social media, etc.), publication, notification and advertisement requirements as set out in the SCI.
- 1.5 The governance structures to manage the LDP preparation process, and also to ensure the input of key stakeholders – outside and within the Council, was included within the SCI as one of the fundamental commitments. Details of those various groups that were established in 2016 and 2017 are included at Appendix 1 of this document, together with details of sample meetings held – especially at the POP stage and in the preparation of the LDP draft Plan Strategy itself.
- 1.6 Section 8(4) of the Planning Act (NI) 2011 requires the LDP Plan Strategy to be prepared in accordance with the Council's SCI. Regulation 20(2)(c) of the Planning (LDP) Regulations 2015 requires that the Council submits to the Department, evidence that it has complied with its SCI. Therefore, this document outlines how each main stage of the LDP draft Plan Strategy (dPS) preparation and publication has complied with the actions set out in the SCI.

2.0 Community Involvement with the SCI & LDP Timetable

2.1 The SCI was initially published in July 2016 and a Revised SCI was published in May 2018 and December 2021. The LDP Timetable was also published alongside the SCI in July 2016 and Revised Timetable versions were published in May 2018, July 2019 and December 2021. For each version, there has been appropriate community involvement – in accordance with the SCI itself, as set out below:

The SCI requirement for the SCI & Timetable was:

To set up the LDP Steering Group, Consultee Team and other governance groups to manage the LDP preparation and involve key stakeholders. The SCI would list the key consultees, community groups and Section 75 groups to be consulted, the list to be reviewed and updated. To issue public notices in the 6 local newspapers re. the public availability of the SCI and LDP Timetable (and Revisions thereof). To launch and publish the SCI and LDP Timetable and to place all versions on the Council's website.

Statement of Community involvement (SCI)

- 2.2 As the new Council commenced its Planning powers, the draft content of the SCI was considered / discussed on several occasions during 2015 with the elected Members, on the Council's Planning Committee and its Environment & Regeneration Committee. It was decided that, in accordance with the principles of community involvement set out at the start of the SCI (i.e. an engagement culture, early involvement, being open, transparent and inclusive), the Council would undertake a non-statutory public consultation on the new draft SCI itself.
- 2.3 Accordingly, the draft SCI was then made available for Public Consultation between 24th November 2015 and 8th January 2016. The SCI consultation period was advertised in the 6 local newspapers in the week commencing 23rd November 2015 (the Derry Journal, the Londonderry Sentinel, the Ulster Herald, the Strabane Chronicle, the Tyrone Constitution and the Strabane Weekly News), as well as the Council website. The Draft SCI was officially soft-launched at the Guildhall with the Mayor and the Council's senior Planning Officers, a display/exhibition was set up and professional PR photos taken. The launch was also promoted on Facebook by a social media boost. Continuing press coverage was provided, with a 3rd December 2015 photo promotion featuring the Mayor and senior Planning Officers.
- 2.4 Copies of the document and consultation forms were made available at the Planning Office in Orchard House, at the Council Offices at Strand Road and Derry Road, Strabane and at the local leisure centres throughout the District (Foyle Arena, Templemore Sports Complex, Brooke Park Leisure Centre, Derg Valley Leisure Centre, Riversdale Leisure Centre and Melvin Sports Complex) – in an effort to reach younger people.
- 2.5 In a further effort to try to engage younger people and other 'hard-to-reach' people, articles were placed on social media and the public were able to submit their consultation responses via the LDP page of the Council's website, on Facebook and Twitter and via email. For example, it was noted that Facebook had 19,000 users in the DC&SD at the time, so this medium had significant potential.
- 2.6 The Council's Marketing and Communications team assisted with the electronic distribution of the draft SCI to approximately 350 e-mail addresses on the Council's approved consultation list. This included the key consultees, community groups and the section 75 groups that are listed at Appendix A & B of the SCI. The Council's Equality Officer and Community Development team also contributed to preparing the consultation list – which was added to by request over the period and some names were

asked to be removed, especially as a result of the introduction of GDPR. Strategic Planning Division of DOE were also emailed a copy of the document and asked for initial comments.

- 2.7 When the SCI was prepared, it was approved by the Council's Planning Committee on 2nd March 2016 and was then approved by the full Council on 4th April 2016. DOE Planning was consulted and provided feedback in January and May 2016, and then in accordance with Regulation 6, the agreement of Dfl Planning (DOE name had changed) was received on 14th June 2016.
- 2.8 The SCI was duly published and, in accordance with Regulation 7, it was made available for inspection at the Council's principal offices during normal office hours, advertisements were placed in the local newspapers (w/c 4th & 11th July 2016) and the SCI was published on the Council's website, together with PR (including Planner magazine & online). A shorter, simpler 'Overview Version' of the SCI was also produced and made available, in an effort to be accessible to more of the public.
- 2.9 Details of the formal approvals of the Council and Dfl, following their consultations, are included in document DS-600a, the statutory public notices are included at DS-600b, whilst other consultation is outlined in DS-600c. See Appendix 2 of this document for further details on the SCI consultation.

SCI – Revision 1 – May 2018

- 2.10 In accordance with Reg. 6 of the Planning (SCI) Regulations (NI) 2015, the Council had kept its SCI under review and decided to prepare a Revised SCI early in 2018. However, the Council decided that it would not be required, or appropriate to invite representations before preparing its Revised SCI; the original SCI had been subject to significant public consultation, but it yielded very limited useful comment or input so it was considered to be un-necessary at this Revision stage.
- 2.11 The SCI amendments included a simplified LDP-preparation process and also to reflect the Council's agreement at the January 31st 2018 Committee to mainstream the EU IMPROVE project into both the LDP and Development Management function before the pilot project finishes in June 2018. The main relevant new paragraphs are 4.11 – 4.16 on pages 12 & 13 of the Revised SCI document.
- 2.12 When this Revision 1 of the SCI was prepared, it was approved by the Council's Planning Committee on 7th March 2018 and was duly approved by the full Council on 29th March 2018. Dfl was consulted in accordance with Regulation 6 and its agreement was received on 24th May 2018 – see agreement letter at DS-600a.
- 2.13 The SCI was then published and, in accordance with Regulation 7, it was made available for inspection at the Council's principal offices during normal office hours, advertisements were placed in the local newspapers (w/c 25th June & 2nd July 2018) and the SCI was published on the Council's website. Full details of this publicity is included at DS-600b. Again, a shorter Overview version of the SCI was produced and both documents were also made publicly available at the Leisure Centres across the District; see distribution letter at Appendix 2.

SCI – Revision 2 – December 2021

- 2.14 The Council continued to keep its SCI under review and decided to prepare a further Revised SCI during 2021. Again, the Council decided that it would not be required, or appropriate to invite representations before preparing its SCI – Revision 2. The experiences of consultation at the previous stages, and the limited nature of the Revisions, meant that the Council did not consider it appropriate to undertake further consultations at this Revision 2 stage.

- 2.15 The SCI – Revision 2 was primarily to reflect the recent temporary arrangements for the public to view documents when the Council’s offices have restricted availability, and also to advise the public about the forthcoming additional consultation stage for ‘Proposed Changes’ to the LDP before its submission to the DfI / PAC. More-specifically, the main LDP-relevant changes were:
- General: Updated formatting, header / footer, a few typos, etc.
 - The Review history of the SCI is in para 2.2.
 - Tense changed: since, we are now past the LDP POP and also published the draft Plan Strategy; therefore, the consultation for those sections are past tense; the rest are still ‘we will do’.
 - Additional wording is added on p 8 in relation to transboundary consultation and co-operation in the NW Region
 - As the Council offices may not always be open to allow inspection of documents, plans, etc., the Alternative Arrangements for Viewing of Documents is referenced in p 2 and several insertions of viewing ‘by prior appointment only’, also p 36 and p 39 paragraphs.
 - The alternative arrangements for holding physical, virtual and hybrid meetings of the Planning Committee, in accordance with the Protocol, are referenced on p 41
 - The IMPROVE project has now closed, and is no longer used by LDP or DM; therefore, these sections are changed to past tense and ‘lessons learnt’. Pages 7 & 35.
 - The LDP’s dPS Reps re-consultation in 2020 and the re-run of the Counter Reps consultation due to Covid are both referenced / explained. Page 22.
 - The new, additional consultation stages – for Proposed Changes to LDP (as per Development Plan Practice Note, DPPN 10) are set out – pages 23 & 29.
 - The list of statutory consultees has been updated at para 8.3 and at Appendix C, to reflect the re-organised government departments and related updated legislation.
- 2.16 When the Revision 2 of the SCI was prepared, it was approved by the Council’s Planning Committee on 21st September 2021 and was duly approved by the full Council on 30th September 2021. DfI was consulted in accordance with Regulation 6 and its agreement was received on 30th November 2021 – see agreement letter at DS-600a.
- 2.17 The SCI was duly published and, in accordance with Regulation 7, it was made available for inspection at the Council’s principal offices during normal office hours, advertisements were placed in the local newspapers (w/c 6th & 13th December 2021) and the SCI was published on the Council’s website. Full details of this publicity is included at DS-600b.
- 2.18 Because the SCI - Revision 2 (& Revised Timetable) was publicised alongside the consultation for the Proposed Changes to the LDP draft Plan Strategy, the notification letter to all the consultation bodies and to all the LDP Stakeholders also advised them of the Revised SCI – see Appendix 2 for letter.

LDP Timetable

- 2.19 The LDP Timetable was published alongside the SCI in July 2016 and Revised Timetable versions were published in May 2018, July 2019 and December 2021. For each version, there has been appropriate community involvement, as set out below:
- 2.20 In accordance with Reg. 5 of the Planning (LDP) Regulations (NI) 2015, the Council consulted the PAC and 14 Consultation Bodies that the Council considered to be appropriate, including PAC and DfI Planning. Following this consultation, four responses were received including the agreement from PAC on 31st May 2016 and subsequently the agreement of DfI on 21st June 2016 (Reg 7). The latter two approval letters are included in DS-600a. The final LDP Timetable document was issued to the above consultees.

2.21 In accordance with the SCI, the final LDP Timetable document was published, made available for inspection during normal office hours at the Council's principal offices, it was advertised in the 6 local newspapers, PR was done in the press and social media and the Timetable was published on the Council's website, together with PR (including Planner magazine & online); see DS-600b for details, as well as the Press Release and other publicity on the LDP Timetable at Appendix 2 of this document.

LDP Timetable – Revision 1 – May 2018

2.22 As per section 7 of the Planning (NI) Act 2011, the Council kept its LDP Timetable under review and decided to issue a revised Timetable in May 2018. As permitted in the LDP Regulations, the Council consulted the PAC but decided that it was not appropriate to formally consult with the key consultees or other Consultation Bodies.

2.23 The Revised Timetable document was considered to be necessary - in the light of experiences of the POP preparation and its subsequent consultation, as well as the greater knowledge of the processes and practicalities of LDP preparation. As such, this Revised Timetable was considered to be more of a 'statement of fact' rather than something that could be usefully 'consulted upon' or opinions sought. The Council was still determined to proceed with the key stages of LDP preparation, in the most expeditious manner, by its best-endeavours but recognising that this was a new plan-making system and there were many aspects beyond the control of the Council. Additionally, the informal feedback from the bodies previously consulted - with whom the Council was working closely, was that they would have little that they could usefully contribute to any consultation exercise at that stage, as long as they were kept notified of the Revised Timetable.

2.23 Therefore, the consultation at this stage was limited to the statutorily-required Planning Appeals Commission and DfI Strategic Planning: the agreement from PAC on 18th April 2018 and subsequently the agreement of DfI on 24th May 2018 (Reg. 7). These two approval letters are included in document DS-600a.

2.24 In accordance with the SCI, the final LDP Timetable - Revision 1 document was published, made available for inspection during normal office hours at the Council's principal offices, it was locally advertised in the newspapers, PR was done in the press and social media and the Timetable was published on the Council's website; see DS-600b for details.

LDP Timetable – Revision 2 – July 2019

2.25 The Council kept the LDP Timetable under review and, in advance of the finalisation and publication of the LDP draft Plan Strategy, decided to issue a Revision 2 in July 2019. Specifically, this further Revised Timetable was required to facilitate:

- the completion of the significant programme of LDP Discussion Meetings;
- following these up with formal consideration before Planning Committee;
- setting out the evolution of each Chapter and its relevant policies in a Topic Assessment Report;
- underpinning the Chapters with a robust and current evidence base;
- receiving a number of internal / external key reports and finalising the SEA EQIA and RNIA reports in respect to each topic.

2.26 The Council consulted the PAC and the 16 Consultation Bodies that the Council considered to be appropriate, including DfI Planning. Following the consultation, three responses were received, plus the agreement from PAC on 3rd May 2019 and subsequently the agreement of DfI on 9th July 2019. The latter two approval letters are included in DS-600a.

2.27 Again, in accordance with the SCI, the final LDP Timetable - Revision 2 document was published, made available for inspection during normal office hours at the Council's principal offices, it was locally advertised in the newspapers, PR was done in the press and social media and the Timetable was published on the Council's website; see DS-600b for details.

LDP Timetable – Revision 3 – December 2021

2.28 The Council continued to keep the LDP Timetable under review and decided to issue a Revision 3 in late 2021. Since the publication of the Revised LDP Timetable in July 2019, the LDP draft Plan Strategy was duly published in December 2019. Consultations proceeded into 2020 but had to be suspended following the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. The protracted restrictions in 2020-21, and a number of other factors relating to the requirements and timescales of this new plan-making system, had resulted in the necessity to publish this further Revised LDP Timetable. In particular, it set out the anticipated pathway and timescales for consultation on dPS Proposed Changes and then dPS Submission, up to the LDP dPS Independent Examination, as well as onwards through the LDP Local Policies Plan (LPP) stages.

2.29 Again, the Council consulted the PAC and the 16 Consultation Bodies that the Council considered to be appropriate, including DfI Planning. Following the consultation, no objections were received. The agreement was received from PAC on 26th November 2021 and subsequently the agreement of DfI on 30th November 2021. The two approval letters are included in DS-600a.

2.27 Again, in accordance with the SCI, the final LDP Timetable - Revision 3 was published, made available for inspection during normal office hours at the Council's principal offices, it was locally advertised in the newspapers, PR was done in the press and social media and the Timetable was published on the Council's website; see DS-600b for details.

2.28 Because the Revised Timetable (& the SCI Revision) was publicised alongside the consultation for the Proposed Changes to the LDP draft Plan Strategy, the notification letter to all the consultation bodies and to all the LDP Stakeholders also advised them of the Revised LDP Timetable – see Appendix 2 for letter.

2.29 Therefore, the first stage of the LDP preparation complied with the requirements of the SCI. Specifically, the Council set up the LDP Steering Group, Consultee Team and other governance groups to manage the LDP preparation and involve key stakeholders. The SCI listed the key consultees, community groups and Section 75 groups to be consulted, the list was reviewed and updated. Public notices were placed in the 6 local newspapers re. the public availability of the SCI and LDP Timetable (for the original and each Revision). The SCI and Timetable were launched and published and each version was placed on the Council's website.

3.0 Community Involvement at the LDP POP-Preparation Stage (up to April 2017)

3.1 Following the preparation of the initial LDP Timetable and SCI in July 2016, the latter having had considerable publicity and consultation in particular, the Council followed on with the tasks of seeking the substantial involvement of the community, stakeholders and key consultees. The publication of the SCI and Timetable signalled the formal commencement of the LDP's preparation, so the steps specified in the SCI are summarised below:

The SCI requirement for the LDP POP-Preparation Stage was:

To send written invitations to key consultees, requesting them to participate in the plan making process. To engage with the local community, disseminating information and seeking the views of citizens on the key Planning issues. To set up Stakeholder Groups. To send the Scoping Report for the SA to the statutory consultation body.

- 3.2 The Council undertook an extensive programme of engagement with the key consultees, all of whom were included in the stipulated 'consultation bodies'. Specifically, there was engagement with:
- a) The NI Government Departments
 - b) The adjoining councils, namely Fermanagh & Omagh District Council, Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council, Mid Ulster District Council and also Donegal County Council
 - c) NI Water
 - d) NI Housing Executive
 - e) The Civil Aviation Authority
 - f) Electronic Communications Code firms
 - g) Electricity Licence holders
 - h) Gas Licence holders
- 3.3 Firstly, a written invitation / consultation letter was issued to all of the key consultees / consultation bodies, at the end of November and into December 2016, and then chased-up in January / February 2017, to all on the MASTER CONSULTTEE Contact List - POP Stage.
- 3.4 Then in Spring 2017, the Council hosted a series of focussed Engagement Meetings / Events, in order to ensure meaningful input and discussion on the issues and options for the POP. These involved:
- 1) a meeting of senior LDP Planning officers from the 5 adjoining Councils on 1st March 2017.
 - 2) a key consultee event on 9th March 2017. Key consultation bodies were also issued with a follow-up topic paper and Draft POP chapter, for comment / agreement prior to finalising, in late March / early April 2017.
 - 3) an event for Planning Agents was held on 21st March 2017, followed up with letters to a database of Agents on 27th March.
 - 5) there had also been 10 topic-based Discussion Workshops with the Elected Members (who are the representatives of the community) during 2016, plus a Member POP-Workshop on 13th April 2017 (before Planning Committee discussion / approval on 26th April and Full Council on 8th May 2017). See document DS-600c and Appendix 3 for details
- 3.5 Notably, the Council organised a major Stakeholder event on 4th April 2017 at the Everglades Hotel, at which over 130 people attended, representing a wide range of LDP stakeholders – from government bodies, the development sector, businesses, environmental groups, local community organisations, Community Plan DEA representatives, elected Members and the Council's Chief Executive, Directors and other Heads of Service. This event was an invaluable exercise in involvement

of the wider community in the early stages of LDP preparation. It was facilitated by Community Places and managed to engage a wide range of people, disseminating information and seeking the views of citizens on the key Planning issues to be included in the LDP POP.

- 3.6 The attendees were formed into Stakeholder Groups, based on their sector/interests, as had been envisaged in the SCI and LDP's governance structures (see Appendix 1). Details of the attendees and their Group are included at Appendix 3. The following Stakeholder groups / tables were convened in a series of breakout rooms, each facilitated by senior Council officers, Planners and feedback taken at the event and as a follow-up: Economic Development; Derry City Centre and Retailing, Strabane Town Centre and Retailing; Rural Development; Housing; Built Environment; Natural Environment; Tourism; Community Plan; and Cross-Cutting / Community Infrastructure.
- 3.7 It should be noted that the consultation process for the Draft Community Plan (CP) was also ongoing at this time. A decision was taken that it was more-appropriate for many of the local community-based groups, S 75 and young people, etc. to engage / feed into that process (to avoid duplication, confusion and mis-direction of inputs), and then for their input to be fed into the LDP through their CP officers, their DEA Local Community Partnerships and also joint consultation meetings.
- 3.8 The Council also operated the pilot 'IMPROVE' project (an EU funded project by the Northern Periphery and Arctic 2014-2020 programme which aimed to facilitate the public in helping the Council produce better public services in this district). Its aim was to provide citizens with enhanced opportunities to provide their Planning-related feedback early into the LDP process over and above the usual legislative consultation periods. The Council sought to be innovative with this project, seeking feedback over the website and promoted on social media, thereby targeting the younger citizens, over a period of months by supplying regular, bite-sized topic key-facts-issues papers – so as to stimulate informed debate and feedback. See sample screenshots at Appendix 3.
- 3.9 The POP-stage Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report (document DS-602) was issued to the statutory consultation body i.e. DAERA NIEA and its comments were received on 21st August 2017. See Appendix 6 of document DS-100, for a summary of the comments received from DAERA-NIEA at the POP stage and importantly how they were considered and actioned in the dPS and SA process. There was considered to be no likely significant environmental effects such as to necessitate a trans-boundary consultation; however, Donegal County Council and the other 3 adjoining Councils were consulted in the normal manner in relation to all the POP-stage documents.
- 3.10 Therefore, the Council has complied with the SCI at this Pre-POP stage of the LDP preparation. Specifically, the Council sent written invitations to key consultees, requesting them to participate in the plan making process. Considerable effort was made to engage across the whole of the local community – with key consultees, 4 adjoining Councils, Planning agents, elected (community) representatives, a full range of stakeholders, Community Plan inputs and through the IMPROVE project, all disseminating information and seeking the views of citizens on the key Planning issues. Nine Stakeholder Groups were set up and feedback returned at their meetings in April 2017. The POP-stage SA Scoping Report was issued to DAERA-NIEA as the statutory consultation body.

4.0 Community Involvement at the LDP POP Publication & dPS-Preparation Stage, from May 2017

4.1 The publication of the LDP Preferred Options Paper (POP) marked the first formal consultation document so it was important that it was made widely available, publicised and used to stimulate 'community involvement' in the preparation of the LDP itself, especially the LDP draft Plan Strategy – all in accordance with the steps set out in the SCI, summarised as follows:

The SCI requirement for the LDP POP Publication & dPS-Preparation Stage was:

- To issue a public notice in the local newspapers, Belfast Gazette and on the Council website.
- To make the POP and its supporting documents available to view at specified locations, on the website and available in hard copy if required.
- To issue a press release about the intention to prepare a LDP and drawing attention to the POP and the public consultation;
- To hold a launch and exhibition to announce the publication of the POP;
- Hold public meetings and exhibitions with drop-in sessions in Derry, Strabane and Castlederg;
- Write to key consultees and elected members
- Write to local community groups and under-represented (Section 75) groups
- Present a Public Consultation Report to elected Members
- To provide the Project Plan Team with the opportunity to comment on emerging policy for inclusion in the Draft Plan Strategy, and on the SA.

4.2 The Council issued a public notice in the local newspapers currently being used by Council (the Derry Journal, the Londonderry Sentinel, the Ulster Herald, the Strabane Chronicle, the Tyrone Constitution and the Strabane Weekly News) for two consecutive weeks (w/c 29th May & 5th June 2017). It became apparent that it would not be appropriate to advertise the POP, an early-stage consultation document, in the Belfast Gazette (which is the Government's 'Official Public Record'); the LDP Regulations 2015 does not require this Gazette advert for the POP, only for the later DPD stages. Copies of the adverts are in document DS-600b. The public notice was placed on the Council's website, still viewable at: <https://www.derrystrabane.com/pop>

4.3 The public notices detailed:

- The intention to prepare a LDP, accompanied by a SA, incorporating SEA and an Equality Impact Assessment;
- Publication of the POP inviting comment within a 12- week period, to 22nd August;
- Community meetings, exhibitions and pop-in information sessions, in a separate / accompanying notice, see Appendix 4;
- Publication of the Screening and Scoping Papers for the Strategic Environmental and Equality Impact Assessments;
- The location and times of when the POP was available for inspection – i.e. the Council's principal offices and other places within the Council District.

4.4 The POP-stage Topic-based Evidence Base Papers were made available to view at the Council's principal offices in Derry and Strabane - during normal working hours, and hard copies were available at a specified price, upon request.

4.5 A press release was issued on about the intention to prepare a LDP and drawing attention to the POP and the public consultation. A follow-on PR was also issued – see Appendix 4.

4.6 A LDP POP Launch was held at the Guildhall on 30th May 2017, together with a documents exhibition to announce the publication of the POP – see photos at Appendix 4.

- 4.7 The POP, the summary, the supporting evidence base documents, the SA documents, the EQIA and Rural Proofing, as well as the Regulation 10 notice of the address of where representations could be sent, were all published on the Council's website; they are still viewable at: <https://www.derrystrabane.com/pop>
- 4.8 Sixteen public meetings and exhibitions with drop-in sessions were held at 9 venues and 5 settlements in Derry, Strabane and Castlederg, as well as in Donemana and Claudy during June 2017. The daytime drop-in and evening meetings were held jointly with the launch of the Community plan (the Inclusive Strategic Growth Plan); see the advert of dates / locations at Appendix 4.
- 4.9 The Council wrote to key consultees and elected members and inviting them to attend the launch / get a copy of the POP, provide comments within 12 weeks, informing them of the public meetings, exhibition and drop-in information sessions. A total of 60 persons attended the Launch (for both documents).
- 4.10 The Council's Marketing Department issued an e-zine with all the LDP POP information, sent to a 'mailchimp' database of 297 persons / groups / organisations on 1st June 2017. The Equality Officer also issued a consultation letter to the Council's Section 75 database of 154 individuals / groups on 2nd June 2017. These included the local community groups and under-represented (Section 75) groups providing them with details of the POP and inviting them to; comment within 12 weeks; attend the public meetings, exhibition and drop-in information sessions; and offering the opportunity of a meeting with a Planning officer to record their views. See Appendix 4 for details of the e-zine and S75 letter.
- 4.11 A preliminary report on the POP Representations received was presented to the Council's Planning Committee on 4th Oct. 2017 (Item 10): <http://meetings.derrycityandstrabanedistrict.com/documents/g969/Agenda%20frontsheet%20Wednesday%2004-Oct-2017%2014.00%20Planning%20Committee.pdf?T=0>
- Then, at the meeting on 8th November 2017, Item 9 presented to Members the Interim Public Consultation Report and a List Report (see documents DS-704a & b) <http://meetings.derrycityandstrabanedistrict.com/documents/g970/Agenda%20frontsheet%20Wednesday%2008-Nov-2017%2014.00%20Planning%20Committee.pdf?T=0>
- These contained a summary of each representation and professional comment. (A final report detailing how the representations were taken into account was published with the Draft Plan Strategy in December 2019 – see DS-705)
- 4.12 The LDP Key Consultee Team (initially to be called the Project Plan Team) was provided with the opportunity to comment on the POP Reps and the emerging policy for inclusion in the Draft Plan Strategy, as well as the related SA and EQIA, at the meeting on 27th February 2018 – see meeting agenda at Appendix 1.
- 4.13 Throughout 2018 and 2019, the LDP draft Plan Strategy was under active preparation. The POP Representations were being taken into account, there were many meetings and 1-to-1 inputs from the various internal Council Departments, key consultation bodies and other stakeholders that had submitted POP Reps, particularly in drawing up their draft chapters of interest. For example, separate meetings were convened of Environmental stakeholders, Retailing / City Centre User stakeholders and Housing Development stakeholders during May 2018. There was also a considerable amount of input from the Elected Members (who are the representatives of the community) during 2018 and 2019; in particular, there was an intensive programme of discussion / evidence papers and draft chapters presented to 10 topic-based Member Discussion Meetings (MDMs) between January and October 2019

(before Planning Committee discussion / approval on 21st October and Full Council on 24th October 2019).

4.12 Therefore, the Council has complied with the SCI at this POP publication stage of the LDP preparation. Specifically, the Council issued a public notice in the local newspapers and on the Council website. The POP and its supporting documents were made widely available, press releases were issued and a launch and exhibition were held to announce the publication of the POP. Sixteen public sessions were held across the District, in conjunction with the Strategic Growth Plan. Notification / consultation letters were sent to key consultees, elected members, local community groups and under-represented (Section 75) groups. POP Rep Consultation Reports were presented to elected Members and then published. The LDP Key Consultee Team was presented with the POP Reps feedback, to input to the emerging policy for inclusion in the Draft Plan Strategy, and on the SA.

5.0 Community Involvement at the LDP draft Plan Strategy Publication Stage, December 2019

5.1 The LDP draft Plan Strategy (dPS) was published on 2nd December 2019 and was immediately followed with publicity and public consultation to invite Representations and then Counter-Representations. This first formal 'Development Plan Document' was clearly a consultation document so it was important that it was made widely available, publicised and used to gather feedback, building upon the earlier 'community involvement' to feed into the LDP-preparation process, towards the dPS' finalisation and adoption – all in accordance with the steps set out in the SCI, summarised as follows:

The SCI requirement for the LDP draft Plan Strategy Publication Stage was:

- To issue a public notice in the local newspapers, Belfast Gazette and on the Council website.
- To make the dPS and its supporting documents available to view at specified locations, on the website and available in hard copy if required.
- To hold a launch and exhibition of the dPS and issue a press release;
- Hold public meetings and exhibitions;
- Write to key consultees and elected members
- Write to everyone who submitted a POP Representation

5.2 In accordance with the requirements of the SCI (and the LDP Regulations), a formal Launch event was held for the draft Plan Strategy (dPS) on 2nd December 2019 at the Guildhall, publicity was done (press release and social media) and a series of public Consultation meetings was held across the District during December 2019. The dPS and all supporting documents were made available at the Council's principal offices and at other public buildings. A press release was issued on 2nd December 2019, with a follow-up in January 2020, nearer to the close of consultation; it was covered in all the local newspapers and was also pushed through social media – to target the younger population. For details of dPS Public Notices and Website, see document DS-600b. See Appendix 5 of this document for details of launch, meetings, Press Releases, etc.

5.3 A Notification Database was assembled, with 553 bodies and individuals, who were categorised into 'Consultation Bodies', those who had 'Submitted POP Reps' in 2017 and 'Other Stakeholders' who were involved with the earlier stages of the LDP, attended Stakeholder workshops or who otherwise asked to be kept informed. These bodies / persons were each issued the relevant notification / consultation letter on 28th November 2019. A further letter was issued to the Section 75 Groups, through the database (104 entries to local groups and 52 regional groups) of the Council's Equality Officer. See Appendix 5 of this document for details of the consultation letters, etc.

5.4 Additional to the above, the Council Planning officers delivered copies of the LDP dPS to a number of second-level schools across the District in January 2020 and spoke to several classes of A-Level students of Geography, Politics, LLW and Natural Environment subjects. An event was also being organised for the Guildhall for 13th January 2020 (5 pupils per school x 13 schools invited) but it was cancelled, due to conflicts with exams, trips and a school-move. A presentation was also done to the local RNIB / CAN group – as a request following the letter to this s75 group.

5.5 Therefore, the Council has complied with the SCI at this LDP stage i.e. publication of the draft Plan Strategy (dPS). Specifically, the Council issued a public notice in the local newspapers, in the Belfast Gazette and on the Council website. The dPS and its supporting documents were made widely available to view at specified locations, on the website and available in hard copy if required. A launch and

exhibition of the dPS was held and press releases were issued and pushed on social media. A series of public meetings and exhibitions were held across the District, plus a PAC information session. The Council wrote notification / consultation letters to the various LDP stakeholders, including key consultees, elected members, Section 75 groups / individuals and also to everyone who submitted a POP Representation.

6.0 Community Involvement at the Stages of LDP dPS: Counter-Reps Consultation, Reps Re-Consultation, C-Reps Re-Consultation and dPS Proposed Changes (March to November 2020)

6.1 The LDP draft Plan Strategy (dPS) had been published on 2nd December 2019 and the ensuing 8-week consultation period ran to 27th January 2020. The Reps were then sorted, referenced and were made available and consultation for Counter Reps was commenced for an 8-week period to run from 5th March to 30th April 2020. However, following the closure of the Council's offices in mid-March due to the Coronavirus pandemic, a decision was made to cancel this consultation period in mid-March, as the statutory requirements for 'public inspection' could not be complied with. Accordingly, a notice was placed on the Council's website and all consultees and stakeholders were written-to. The consultation for Counter Reps was eventually re-run, between 27th November 2020 and 22nd January 2021. However, the consultation had commenced and was implemented – all in accordance with the steps set out in the SCI, summarised as follows:

The SCI requirement for the Public Inspection of dPS Reps & Inviting Counter-Reps Stage was:

- To issue a public notice in the local newspapers, Belfast Gazette and on the Council website.
- To make the dPS Reps and Regulation 17 Statement available to view at specified locations
- To make the dPS Reps available to view on the Council's website
- Notify the Consultation Bodies
- Write to everyone who submitted a POP Representation

6.2 In accordance with the requirements of the SCI (and the LDP Regulations), the LDP dPS Reps received were made available and consultation for Counter Reps was commenced for an 8-week period to run from 5th March to 30th April 2020. They were made available to view at the Council's principal offices in Derry and Strabane. The Council issued a public notice in the local newspapers, in the Belfast Gazette and on the Council website. The Reps were made available to view on the Council's website. The Council wrote notification / consultation letters to the various LDP stakeholders, including the Consultation Bodies and other consultees, and also to everyone who submitted a POP Representation. For details of dPS Public Notices and Website, see document DS-600b. See pages 52-55 of document DS-600c for details of the Reps display at the offices, the Regulation 17 Statement and the notification letters issued.

6.3 Following the closure of the Council's offices in mid-March due to the Coronavirus pandemic, a decision was made to cancel this consultation period in mid-March, as the statutory requirements for 'public inspection' could not be complied with. Accordingly, a notice was placed on the Council's website and all the same consultees and stakeholders were written-to, advising them accordingly. Again, see page 56 of document DS-600c for details of the cancellation letters issued on 8th April 2020.

6.4 A decision was made to carry out a Re-Consultation of the LDP dPS and inviting Representations (due to the identification of a procedural error in the alignment of the consultation period and the advertisement period during the original consultation in December 2019). The arrangements for the Re-Consultation, between 11th September and 6th November 2020, were done fully in accordance with the requirements of the Regulations (and the SCI). As explained in the Regulation 15 Statement, the dPS documents were all made available for inspection (by prior appointment or by alternative arrangements) at the Council's principal offices and in other public buildings - in a Covid-compliant and safe manner. For details of dPS Public Notices and Website, see document DS-600b.

- 6.5 Same as for the original dPS launch, the LDP Notification Database was utilised, with the 553 bodies and individuals, who were categorised into ‘Consultation Bodies’, those who had ‘Submitted POP Reps’ in 2017 and ‘Other Stakeholders’ who were involved with the earlier stages of the LDP, attended Stakeholder workshops or who otherwise asked to be kept informed. These bodies / persons were each issued the relevant notification / consultation letter on 10th September 2020. (A further letter was again issued to the Section 75 Groups, through the database of the Council’s Equality Officer.) Details of the Re-Consultation Regulation 15 Notice, as well as the required re-consultation letters are included in pages 59 to 63 of document DS-600c.
- 6.6 The consultation for Counter Reps was eventually re-run, between 27th November 2020 and 22nd January 2021. Again, all arrangements for the Re-Consultation for Counter Reps were done fully in accordance with the requirements of the Regulations (and the SCI). Specifically, all of the LDP dPS Reps received (the originals plus those from the Re-consultation period) were made available and consultation for Counter Reps was again commenced for an 8-week period. They were made available to view at the Council’s principal offices in Derry and Strabane. The Council issued a public notice in the local newspapers, in the Belfast Gazette and on the Council website. The Reps were made available to view on the Council’s website. The Council wrote notification / consultation letters to the various LDP stakeholders, including the Consultation Bodies and other consultees, and also to everyone who submitted a POP Representation. For details of dPS Public Notices and Website, see document DS-600b. See pages 65-67 of document DS-600c for details of the Regulation 17 Statement and the notification letters issued.
- 6.7 After the expiry of the counter representation consultation period, the Council made a copy of the counter representations available for inspection during normal working hours (by prior appointment only - due to Covid restrictions) at the offices in Derry & Strabane. This information was also published on the Council’s website on 2nd February 2021; see: <https://www.derrystrabane.com/planningnews>
- 6.8 Therefore, the Council has complied with the SCI at this LDP stage(s) i.e. Availability of Reps, Counter-Reps Consultation, Reps Re-Consultation and C-Reps Re-Consultation. Specifically, the Council issued a public notice in the local newspapers, in the Belfast Gazette and on the Council website. The Reps and Regulation 17 Statements were made available to view at the Council’s offices. The Council wrote notification / consultation letters to the various LDP stakeholders, including key consultees and also to everyone who had submitted a POP Representation. The Counter Reps were then made publicly available on the website.

7.0 Community Involvement at the Stages of LDP dPS Proposed Changes (December 2021)

7.1 Following on from the consultations and receipt of Reps and Counter Reps in February 2021, the Council's officers and elected Members proceeded to consider them, holding a series of 10 RTD Round Table Discussion meetings with Members and other key LDP stakeholders – in order to resolve issues raised. A decision was made to issue a Schedule of Proposed Changes to the LDP draft Plan Strategy. Though there is no statutory requirement to advertise / consult on any such 'focussed changes', the guidance in DfI Development Plan Practice Note No. 10 (DPPN 10, DfI, Dec. 2019, para. 4.10) is that any 'focussed changes' should be published for consultation for a period of 8 weeks. This non-statutory 'administrative stage' was included in the 2021-Revised version of the SCI, which set out a programme of public consultation steps similar to that of the previous stages, summarised as follows:

The SCI requirement for the consultation on the Schedule of Proposed Changes to the dPS was:

- To issue a public notice in the local newspapers, Belfast Gazette and on the Council website.
- To make the Schedule of Proposed Changes available to view at specified locations
- To make the dPS Reps available to view on the Council's website
- Notify the Consultation Bodies
- Write to everyone who submitted a POP Representation

7.2 In accordance with the requirements of the SCI (and the LDP Regulations), the Schedule of Proposed Changes (and associated assessment documents – SA, HRA, EQIA & RNIA Addendums) were made available and consultation for Comments was commenced for an 8-week period to run from 9th December 2021 to 3rd February 2022. They were made available to view at the Council's principal offices in Derry and Strabane. The Council issued a public notice in the local newspapers, in the Belfast Gazette and on the Council website. The Schedule was also made available to view on the Council's website (see weblink below). The Council wrote notification / consultation letters to the various LDP stakeholders, including the Consultation Bodies and other consultees, and also to everyone who submitted a POP Representation. For details of dPS Public Notices, see pages 32 to 34 of document DS-600b. See page 75 of document DS-600c for details of the notification letters issued.

7.3 After the expiry of the consultation period, the Council made a copy of the PC Comment that were received, available for inspection during normal working hours (by prior appointment only - due to Covid restrictions) at the offices in Derry & Strabane. This information was also published on the Council's website on 21st February 2022; see: [https://www.derrystrabane.com/Subsites/LDP/LDP-draft-Plan-Strategy-\(dPS\)/Viewing-the-LDP-dPS-Schedule-of-Proposed-Changes-a](https://www.derrystrabane.com/Subsites/LDP/LDP-draft-Plan-Strategy-(dPS)/Viewing-the-LDP-dPS-Schedule-of-Proposed-Changes-a)

7.4 Therefore, the Council has complied with the SCI at this LDP stage i.e. Consultation on the LDP dPS Proposed Changes. Specifically, the Council issued a public notice in the local newspapers, in the Belfast Gazette and on the Council website. The Reps and associated documents were made available to view at the Council's offices. The Council wrote notification / consultation letters to the various LDP stakeholders, including key consultees and also to everyone who had submitted a POP Representation. The PC Comments were then made publicly available on the website.

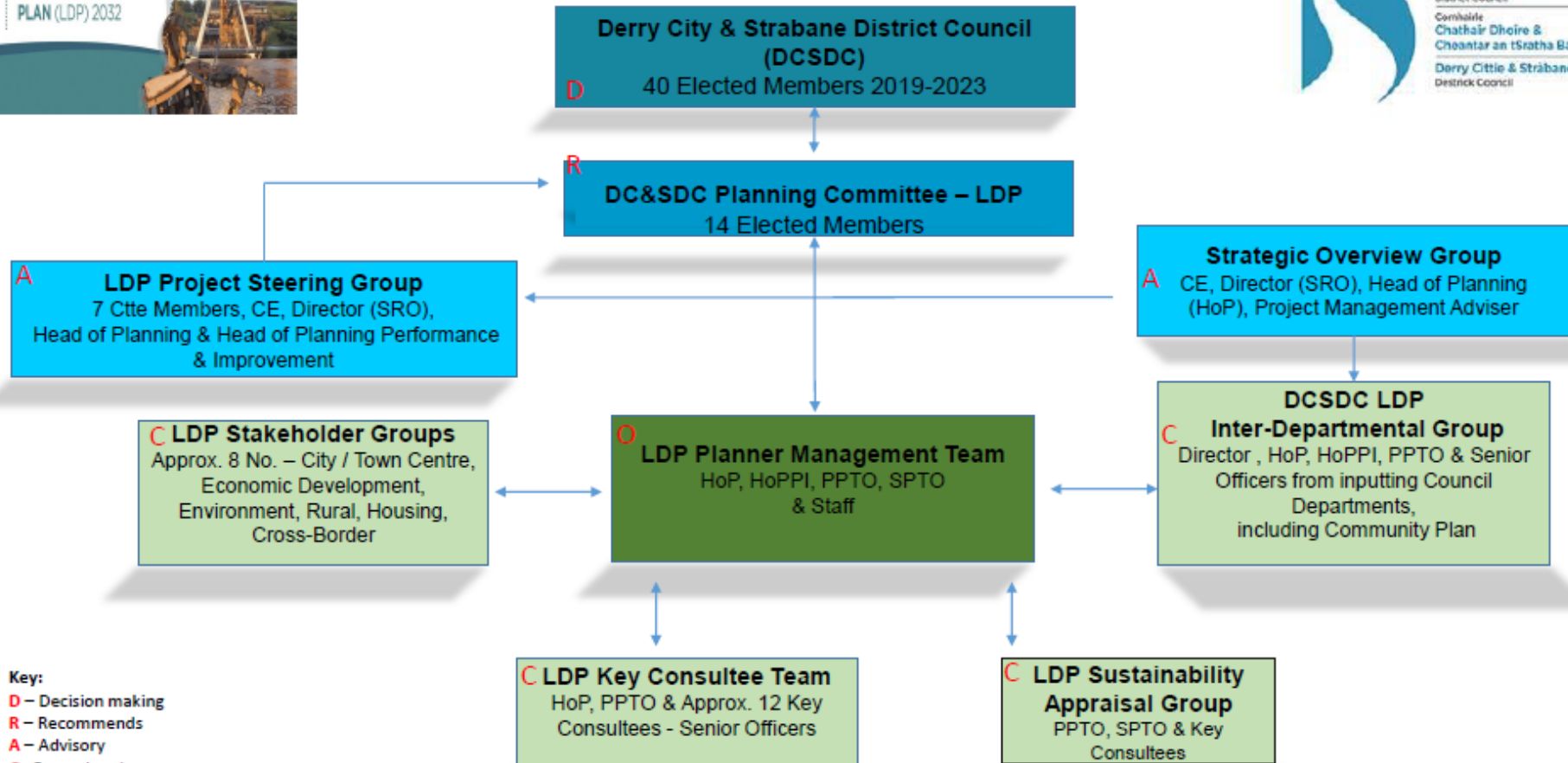
8.0 Conclusions on LDP dPS Compliance with Statement of Community Involvement

- 8.1 As stated at the outset, Section 8(4) of the Planning Act (NI) 2011 requires the LDP Plan Strategy to be prepared in accordance with the Council's SCI and Regulation 20(2)(c) of the Planning (LDP) Regulations 2015 requires that the Council to submit to the Department, evidence that it has complied with its SCI. Therefore, this document has outlined how each main stage of the LDP draft Plan Strategy (dPS) preparation and publication has complied with the actions set out in the SCI.

Appendix 1- LDP Governance Structures & their Meetings



Local Development Plan 2032 (LDP) – Governance Structure



Key:
D – Decision making
R – Recommends
A – Advisory
O – Operational
C – Consultative

Structures and Responsibilities for LDP-Preparation

The following approach will be adopted in the preparation and completion of the LDP: -

- **A formal Timetable** will set out, publicly, the anticipated dates for the key stages of the LDP preparation, so that the public, consultees and key stakeholders will know when to expect to become involved in the LDP formation. This is reviewed annually.
- **A Statement of Community Involvement** will set out how the Council intends to engage with the local community during the preparation of the LDP
- **LDP Team** will be responsible for preparing the evidence base, including topic papers, holding workshops, collating **feedback, formulating policy, etc**
- Members will attend regular meetings of the **Planning Committee (LDP) and Workshops** in the initial 10 months, at which topic papers will be presented and discussed to enable members to develop LDP options, alternatives and Preferred Options.
- **The Public** will be consulted at key three formal statutory stages in the process, as well as early opportunity to comment on the topic papers using the EU IMPROVE portal to allow them to participate in the development of the LDP. (This web based interaction will allow people to input their thoughts into the decision making process on various planning topics as the Council seeks to develop its Preferred Options Paper.)
- The Council will also involve **Key Stakeholder Groups**, again to make early and ongoing input / ownership of key aspects of the Plan.
- The Council will also consult on a wide basis with **relevant Consultees** including but not restricted to; NIEA, NI Water, Transport NI etc.
- **A LDP Project Management Board** will be established comprising 5 nominated members of the Planning Committee, the Chief Executive / Director of Environment and Regeneration (as SRO, or their nominated representative) and the Head of Planning, plus the Project Management Adviser. Their role will be to steer the project and to ensure that key milestones and deliverables are met in a timely manner and that risk is monitored.
- **A Strategic Overview Group** comprising the Chief Executive, Director of Regeneration, Head of Planning and the Project Management Advisor will provide advice and support to the Project Management Board and the DCSDC LDP Inter-Departmental Group.
- **A LDP Consultee Team** will be established comprising Senior Council Planning Officers and representatives from the key statutory government departments. The purpose of this group will be to ensure that key consultees co-operate in the plan making process. A related Group will be involved in the LDP's iterative **Sustainability Appraisal**.
- **A Council Inter-Departmental Group** will be established, comprising the PPTO and Senior officers from inputting Council Departments, including Community Planning.
- **A LDP Planner Management Team** will be established comprising the Head of Planning, the Principal Planning Officer and the Senior Planning Officer, as well as other staff. This team will monitor and manage the day to day operation of the process ensuring that the project remains on track and that appropriate remedial action is taken to avoid slippage and ensure compliance with legislation, regulations and the published Timetable
- **The Planning Appeals Commission (PAC)** will be appointed by DfI to undertake the Independent Examinations of the Plan Strategy and the Local Policies Plan in accordance with the Timetable and regulations.
- **Central Government (DFI)** has a regulatory role and following the Independent Examination will issue a Binding Report to Council directing it to adopt the draft plan document as originally presented or with modifications. Alternatively, Council may be directed to withdraw the draft plan document. Council must incorporate any changes outlined in the Binding Report

The decision makers for this project are the Planning Committee and the Council. Key decisions identified as part of this process will be referred to the Planning Cttee and Council for approvals.



DERRY CITY AND STRABANE DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2032

LDP KEY CONSULTEE TEAM

**Tuesday 27th February 2018,
2.00 pm, Harbour House, Derry**

AGENDA

1. Overview of LDP Governance / Place of Key Consultee Team
2. Overview of LDP Process and Timetable / Workplan / Stage 2a
3. Stage 2a – Current Progress & Impending Consultations & SA Input
4. Preferred Options Paper & EVB & SGP
5. POP Representations
6. Initial Strategic Input from Key Consultee Team, to LDP Plan Strategy
7. AOB & DONM

LDP Key Consultee Team Meeting 27th February 2018

Name/Organisation	Email	Attending Yes/No
Department for Infrastructure (DfI): DfI Roads (Conor Loughrey) (Darren Campbell) (Gordon McKenzie)	Conor.loughrey@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk Darren.campbell@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk	Gordon McKenzie attending on behalf of DfI Roads
DfI Roads (Strategic) Stephen Wood	Stephen.wood@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk	Apologies
Rivers Agency (Neil Jenkinson)	Neil.jenkinson@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk	Walter Morhall attending on behalf of DfI Rivers
Department of Education / Education Authority: Sinead McCartan	Sinead.mccartan1@eani.org.uk	No Response
Department for Communities (DfC): Built Heritage - Historic Env Division (HED) (Liam McQuillan) (Roisin Hamill)	Liam.mcquillan@communities-ni.gov.uk Roisin.hamill@communities-ni.gov.uk	Yes Dermot Madden covering Roisin Hamill's Mat Leave
DfC North West Development Office (Paul McNaught)	Paul.mcnaught@communities-ni.gov.uk	Yes
Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) Marine Plan Team (Colin Armstrong)	Colin.Armstrong@daera-ni.gov.uk	Aoibheann Rooney
DAERA – Natural Heritage (NED) Claire Hempsey	Claire.hempsey@daera-ni.gov.uk	Mark Hammond, NIEA attending
NIHE Fiona McGrath	Fiona.mcgrath@NIHE.GOV.UK	No

Catherine Blease	Catherine.blease@NIHE.GOV.UK	Yes Ruairi Devine attended in place of Fiona McGrath
Invest NI Graham Cardwell	Graham.cardwell@investni.com	Yes
NI Water Marie McCartney	Marie.mccartney@niwater.com	Yes
Loughs Agency Declan Lawlor	Declan.lawlor@loughs-agency.org	Yes
SES - Susanna Allen & Gwyneth Evans	Susanna.allen@midandeastantrim.gov.uk	Yes + Gwyneth Evans
DC&SDC Env Health Paul McSwiggan	Paul.mcswiggan@derrystrabane.com	Yes
DC&SDC Biodiversity Christine Doherty	Christine.doherty@derrystrabane.com	Emma Barron attending
Head of Planning Maura Fox	Maura.fox@derrystrabane.com	Yes
LDP PPTO Proinsias McCaughey	Proinsias.mccaughey@derrystrabane.com	Yes



DERRY CITY AND STRABANE DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2032

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP

Weds 7th February 2018,

10.30 am, Harbour House

AGENDA

8. Welcome / Introductions
9. Overview of LDP Process and Timetable / Workplan
10. LDP Governance and Inter-Departmental Group
11. Inputs Required from Council Departments
12. Summary of Key Issues / Content of the LDP Plan Strategy
13. Initial Strategic Input from Senior Officers, to Plan Strategy
14. AOB & DONM



DERRY CITY AND STRABANE DISTRICT COUNCIL
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2032

LDP STRATEGIC OVERVIEW GROUP

Monday 26th February 2018,
9.00 am, C.Ex Office, Strand Road

AGENDA

1. Overview of LDP Governance / Place of Strategic Overview Group
2. Overview of LDP Process and Timetable / Workplan / Stage 2a
3. LDP Resourcing
4. LDP Governance and Inter-Departmental Group
5. LDP Governance and Other Engagement
6. Initial Strategic Input from Senior Officers, to LDP Plan Strategy
7. AOB & DONM

29th March 2017

Dear Member

You are hereby requested to attend a meeting of the **Local Development Plan Project Steering Group** to be held in the **Board Room Harbour House, Derry** on **Wednesday the 5th April 2017 at 1.00pm.**

A light lunch will be served.

Steering Group Members:

Yours faithfully



Karen Philips
Director of Environment and Regeneration

Agenda

Notice for meeting

Apologies

1. Overview / Purpose of Steering Group
2. Project Implementation Plan (enclosed)
3. Structures (enclosed)
4. Risk Register (enclosed)
5. Resources (enclosed)
6. Review Timetable to POP Stage/ Mitigation (enclosed)
7. POP Content
8. Meeting schedules
9. Any other Relevant Business

Appendix 2 – Community Involvement for SCI & LDP Timetable

November 25th 2015

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Derry City & Strabane District Council
 John H. Easterbrook & Executive Director
 Derry City & Strabane District Council

Consultation on draft Statement of Community Involvement Planning

In accordance with Regulation 5 of the Planning (Statement of Community Involvement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, Derry City and Strabane District Council is inviting representations from persons who have an interest in development in the Derry City and Strabane District.

The purpose of the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) is to outline how Derry City and Strabane District Council proposes to engage with its citizens and stakeholders in exercising its planning functions. It sets out the procedures for involving the community in the production of the Local Development Plan 2015 – 2030 for the Derry City and Strabane District, in the consideration of planning applications and in other Planning functions.

The draft SCI consulted on document can be viewed at www.derrystrabane.gov.uk/sci if you wish to make a representation to the draft SCI consultation you should do so in writing or via e-mail before 5pm on Friday, 8th January 2016.

Representation can be made to the address below
 Derry / Strabane Planning Office,
 Orchard House,
 40 Foye Street,
 Derry
 BT48 6AT

or via email at planning@derrystrabane.com

You can also respond to this Council consultation via Twitter @dcsdcouncil or via Facebook: Derry City & Strabane District Council

www.planningni.gov.uk

John Kelpie Hogg, CEng, MSc(Inf), MIE
 Chief Executive
 Derry City and Strabane District Council

Derry / Strabane
 City Planning Office
 Orchard House
 40 Foye Street

Temporary Road Closure

B49 Berryhill Road, Donemana (and B48 Main Street (Lisnerragh Road) Junction)

Notice is hereby given that the Department, acting in pursuance of its powers under Article 7 of the Road Traffic Regulation (NI) Order 1927 intends to close temporarily to through traffic approximately 350 metres of B49 Berryhill Road from the Health Centre Carpark to the Strabane side of Donemana Bridge for a period of three days to facilitate temporary roadworks, commencing Wednesday 2nd December 2015. Vehicles requiring access to lanes straddling this length of road will be accommodated.

A diversion route will be signposted via B19 Dunsade Road, A6 Victoria Road, B46 Woodcock Road, B40 Berryhill Road and the river.

Department of
Regional Development
www.rdg.gov.uk

Ulster University

LOCAL GOVERNMENT
(MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS)
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1982
ARTICLE 3 AND SCHEDULE 1

APPLICATION FOR ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCE

Notice is hereby given that Patrick G Donnelly of Ulster University, Clonone Road, Co. Co. Donegal, BT32 1SA has today applied in Derry City and Strabane District Council for the renewal of an Entertainments Licence in respect of The Great Hall, Ulster University, Northland Road, Londonderry, BT48 7JL.

Entertainment is to be provided on the following days and between the following hours: Monday to Sunday 8am to 1am.

The nature of the entertainments to be provided is as follows: Theatrical performance, dancing, singing, music or any other entertainment of a like kind.

Any person wishing to make representation in relation to this Application shall give notice to the Council stating in general terms the nature of the representation, not later than 28 days after the date of the Application.

Dated this 24th day of November 2015

Signed: Patrick G Donnelly, Director of Physical Resources, Ulster University.

Jobs

Education Teaching

NORTH WEST METHODIST MISSION
 Due to a retirement within our organisation we now have a vacancy for a **HOMELESS SERVICES MANAGER**
 North West Methodist Mission premises 411 East Street, Londonderry, Co. Londonderry

Education Teaching

north regional
www.north.ac.uk

Applications are invited to:

LECTURER IN BUILDING
 Ref No: 01454715
 Salary Scale: £22,929
 Location: Strand Road

LECTURER IN PHARMACEUTICAL MEDICAL CHEMISTRY
 Ref No: 01454710
 Salary Scale: £22,929
 Location: Strand Road

SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN
 Ref No: 01475710
 Salary Scale: £22,929
 Duration: June 2016
 Location: Strand Road

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
 Ref No: 01454710
 Salary Scale: £15,231
 Hours: 14 per week
 Location: Strand Road

Further information may be obtained from the HR Enquiry Centre on the North West Regional Council Learning and Skills Centre, Londonderry, BT48 7JL.

CLOSING DATE 12.00 NOON

The Council is committed to equality of opportunity. It will accept all evidence of positive Personal Experience.

Applicants with a disability require a reasonable adjustment to the process available.

PART-TIME TRAINER - 2015/2016

Offender Learning
 The North West Regional Council and Higher Education College are seeking the College to support the Learning and Skills Centre with work and employed Northern Ireland Prisoners. 50 places involved in this project. Salary is £14,545. Further Applications to join Regional to deliver training vocational areas of T.I.T. IT/Computing, at H&P will be obtained on our website.

PART-TIME LECTURER
 The North West Regional Council is seeking applications from interested Lecturers to register in a role. Further information may be obtained on our website.

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 For their 10th anniversary
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Staff Nurses (RNUR) Bank Must have 1 in a lot (preferably in a lot)

For an application www.owicare.com

Launch of SCI consultation – December 2015

<http://www.derrydaily.net/2015/12/03/public-urged-to-engage-with-local-planning/>

The screenshot shows the Derry Daily website interface. At the top, there are browser tabs and a search bar. The main navigation bar includes categories like NEWS, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORT, FEATURES, COURTS, BUSINESS, HEALTH, POLITICS, and JOBS. A large photograph shows three people (two women and one man) holding a document titled 'STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (SCI) DRAFT'. To the right of the photo is a 'KEEP IN TOUCH' section with social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Email. Below the photo is a small article preview titled '5-49 Vehicles? This Tracker Is Taking The UK By Storm'.

NEWS • POLITICS PUBLIC URGED TO ENGAGE WITH LOCAL PLANNING

written by John | December 3, 2015

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DERRY City and Strabane District Council have today launched the draft Statement of Community Involvement, a document to inform the public on the delivery of planning functions.

It aims to describe how and when the Council intends to involve the community in the production of the Local Development Plan 2015 – 2030, in the processing of planning applications, undertaking planning enforcement and in other planning matters.

The Local Development Plan for the district will, when adopted, replace the current separate development plans previously produced by the Department of the Environment.

This provides a unique opportunity for Derry City and Strabane District Council to shape places for local communities and enable Council to adopt a joined up approach, incorporating linkages to other functions such as regeneration, local economic development and local tourism with the framework of the Council's Community Plan.

- 4 minutes away**
December 20, 2021
- DD Travel Feature: The Unsung Shores of Portugal**
November 12, 2021
- Derry meeting led young Donegal woman to high profile murder**
July 16, 2021
- DD Travel: Living like a local in Lixouri**
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Man jailed for causing death by careless driving

Press Release

July 6th 2016

Mayor praises publication of Council's key Planning documents

The Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District, Alderman Hilary McClintock, has welcomed the publication of two notable documents relating to the operation of Planning across the Derry and Strabane area.

The Council's Planning Department has just announced the publication of its Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which sets out the policy for involving and engaging the community in the production of the new Local Development Plan for the District, as well as in the consideration of Planning Applications and in Planning Enforcement.

A Timetable for the production of the Local Development Plan (LDP) 2030 has also been released, outlining when the Council expects to reach key stages in its progress towards the adoption of the LDP Plan Strategy and the subsequent Local Policies Plan.

Mayor McClintock said the documents would be extremely useful in terms of involving the public in the future development of urban and rural areas across the District. "The publication of these two important documents are a public statement of the Council's commitment to improving and enhancing our Planning process," she declared.

"The SCI outlines a new approach to engaging with local citizens in terms of Planning – whether it is commenting on an individual planning application, or having their say on the long-term planning of our District".

"I'm also particularly glad to see the publication of the LDP Timetable which marks the formal commencement of a strategic Planning process which, together with the Community Plan, will be pivotal to delivering our social, economic and environmental vision for this District until 2030."

The new LDP will replace both the Strabane Area Plan 2001 and the Derry Area Plan 2011, as well as a raft of Planning Policy Statements. This Plan will mark out a more cohesive strategic way forward for Planning following the transfer of Planning powers to local councils in April 2015. This Timetable will be reviewed throughout the process as Council moves towards the adoption of the Local Development Plan for the District.

The Head of Planning with Derry City and Strabane District Council said: "The Local Development Plan integrates with the Community Planning Process currently being implemented by the local Council.

"Its primary focus is the responsible and dynamic development of the District in keeping with the aspirations of local citizens, ensuring that lands are appropriately and sustainably zoned, policies are effective and that the correct infrastructure is in place to meet the needs of future generations.

"The LDP will inform the public, statutory authorities and developers regarding the policy framework and land use proposals which will influence development decisions here until 2030."

The SCI and the Timetable documents can be viewed at www.derrystrabane.com/sci

Hard copies can also be viewed at two main Council offices, at 98 Strand Rd, Derry and at Derry Rd, Strabane, during normal opening hours.

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Date: 1st July 2016



Denis McGrath / Philip McNally
Derg Valley Leisure Centre
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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Publication of Statement of Community Involvement and Local Development Plan Timetable

Derry and Strabane District Council Planning Department have published their Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which sets out the policy for involving and engaging the community in the production of the Derry City and Strabane District Local Development Plan (LDP) 2030, in the consideration of Planning Applications and in Planning Enforcement. A much briefer Overview Version of the SCI has also been produced. Also published is a Timetable for the production of the Derry City and Strabane District Local Development Plan (LDP) 2030 which will subsequently replace both the Strabane Area Plan 2001 and the Derry Area Plan 2011.

The Timetable sets out when Council expects to reach key stages of the process from the initial stages of the Preferred Options Paper through to the preparation and adoption of the Plan Strategy and the subsequent Local Policies Plan. The Council will keep under review the Timetable for the preparation and adoption of its LDP. The purpose of the LDP is to inform the general public, statutory authorities, developers and other interested parties of the policy framework and land use proposals that will guide development decisions within the District up to 2030. It will also provide certainty for those wishing to make investment decisions within the District.

I would be grateful if you could prominently display this letter and the three hard copies of these documents for the attention of those citizens using your facilities. These documents can also be viewed on the Council's website at www.derrystrabane.com/sci

Yours faithfully,

Planning Officer, LDP team

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Date: 24th May 2018



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Steve Setterfield
Foyle Arena
Limavady Road
Derry

Dear Steve,

RE: Publication of Revised Statement of Community Involvement and Revised Local Development Plan (LDP) Timetable

Derry and Strabane District Council Planning Department have revised their Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which sets out the policy for involving and engaging the community in the production of the Derry City and Strabane District Local Development Plan (LDP) 2032, in the consideration of Planning Applications and in Planning Enforcement. A much briefer Overview Version of the SCI has also been produced. Also revised is the Timetable for the production of the Derry City and Strabane District Local Development Plan (LDP) 2032 which will subsequently replace both the Strabane Area Plan 2001 and the Derry Area Plan 2011.

The Timetable sets out when Council expects to reach key stages of the process from the initial stages of the Preferred Options Paper through to the preparation and adoption of the Plan Strategy and the subsequent Local Policies Plan. The Council will keep under review the Timetable for the preparation and adoption of its LDP. The purpose of the LDP is to inform the general public, statutory authorities, developers and other interested parties of the policy framework and land use proposals that will guide development decisions within the District up to 2032. It will also provide certainty for those wishing to make investment decisions within the District.

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Yours faithfully,

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6th December 2021

Dear LDP Stakeholder,

Re: Derry City and Strabane District Council Local Development Plan (LDP 2032) – Consultation on the Proposed Changes to the LDP draft Plan Strategy (dPS)

I am writing to you as a stakeholder in the preparation of the Council's Local Development Plan (LDP), particularly if you submitted a Representation or Counter Representation to the LDP draft Plan Strategy (dPS, December 2019).

The Council has now agreed to a number of Proposed Changes to the LDP draft Plan Strategy, primarily arising from our consideration of the received Representations (Reps) and Counter Reps. In line with the guidance of Development Plan Practice Note DPPN 10 (DfI, Dec 2019), the Council will now advertise / consult on those Changes during December and January. This final consultation will then allow the Council to proceed to formally submit the LDP dPS to DfI Strategic Planning in February 2022 and hence to the PAC. A full Consultation Report will also be published then, explaining the Council's response to the Representations.

The consultation will run for 8 weeks from Thursday 9th December 2021, closing on Thursday 3rd February 2022. Any comments on the Proposed Changes, or on the accompanying Appraisal Addendums can be submitted during this consultation period, before being submitted to DfI / PAC. It should be noted that only comments in relation to the Proposed Changes (or their Appraisals) may be considered at this time. The consultation will be publicly advertised in the local press; the documents and full details of the consultation may be viewed at: <https://www.derrystrabane.com/Subsites/LDP/Local-Development-Plan>

Derry City and Strabane District Council has also agreed and published a **revised LDP Timetable**, as well as a **Revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)**. Both documents are available to view on the Council's website, at: <https://www.derrystrabane.com/Subsites/LDP/Local-Development-Plan> <https://www.derrystrabane.com/sci>

Yours faithfully,

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Press Release

xx July 2019

Local Development Plan Revised Timetable released

Derry City and Strabane District Council has formally revised the Timetable for the production of the Derry City and Strabane District Local Development Plan (LDP) 2032.

The new Timetable clearly sets out when the Council expects to reach key stages of the process, from the initial stages of the Preferred Options Paper (May 2017) through to the preparation and adoption of the LDP Plan Strategy and the subsequent LDP Local Policies Plan. The next key stage will be the publication of the LDP draft Plan Strategy (dPS) in Autumn 2019

The LDP, once complete, will replace both the Strabane Area Plan 2001 and the Derry Area Plan 2011.

The purpose of the LDP is to inform the general public, statutory authorities, developers and other interested parties of the policy framework and land use proposals that will guide development decisions within the District up to 2032. It will also provide certainty for those wishing to make investment decisions within the District.

The Council has also made the commitment to keep under review the timetable for the preparation and adoption of the LDP

Welcoming the release of the revised timetable, Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District Council spoke of the importance of the Local Development Plan in shaping the future of Derry and Strabane.

She said: "The LDP is a key policy document that will inform the general public, statutory authorities, developers and other interested bodies of the policy framework and land use proposals that will guide development decisions within this District to 2032. I know many people have engaged with the LDP preparation process and I look forward to the publication of the draft Plan Strategy later in the year. I welcome the revised Timetable which will soon deliver the next key stage of the LDP which will strategically plan for the future sustainable development of this District in line with our ambitious proposals as set out in the Strategic Growth Plan – Our Community Plan".

Copies of the report are available for viewing at the Council offices in Derry (Strand Rd) and Strabane (Derry Rd) during normal office hours. Copies can also be viewed at the Council's Leisure Centres across the District. Documents are also available on the LDP section of the Council website www.derrystrabane.com/sci

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Appendix 3 – Community Involvement for Preparation of LDP POP

List of Pre-POP LDP Workshop Dates for Members of Planning Committee, plus other Councillors

Workshop 1-Population and Growth Strategy, **20th June 2016**

Workshop 2- LDP Context and Requirements & Policy Evaluation **4th July 2016**

Workshop 3- Built Environment and the LDP, Countryside and Landscape Assessment and Natural Environment and the LDP **25th July 2016**

Workshop 4- Housing in Settlement Hierarchy **12th September 2016**

Workshop 5- City and Town Centres, Economic Development and Retailing **26th September 2016**

Workshop 6- Transportation and Movement and Urban Design and Townscape **17th October 2016**

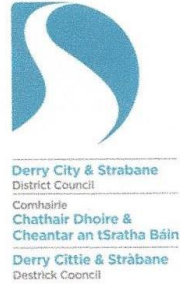
Workshop 7- Open Space and Recreation, Renewable Energy, Tourism **24th October 2016**

Workshop 8- No papers on LDP. PAC had a capacity building event with Members **14th November 2016**

Workshop 9- Minerals, Public Utilities, Waste Management, Coastal Development and Community Infrastructure **30th November 2016**

Workshop 10- Settlement Hierarchy and Strategic Settlement Evaluation **30th January 2017**

Pre-POP LDP Stakeholder Event at the Everglades, 4th April 2017



Date: 15th March 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

Invite to Local Development Plan Stakeholder Event, 4th April 2017 – Everglades Hotel, Derry.

As you may be aware, Derry City and Strabane District Council is currently preparing the Local Development Plan (LDP) for our District. The purpose of the Local Development Plan is to inform the general public, statutory authorities, developers and other interested parties of the policy framework and land use proposals that will guide development decisions within the District up to 2030.

The next formal step in the process will be the publication of the Preferred Option Paper (POP) in late May 2017. The purpose of the POP is to set out:

- A series of options for dealing with key planning issues in our District;
- Evidence to appraise the different issues and options; and
- Council's preferred options and their justification.

You have been identified as a 'key stakeholder' for the LDP and therefore you are invited to a Pre-POP Stakeholder Event in the Everglades Hotel on Tuesday 4th April 2017 starting at 9.30 am with Registration. A light lunch will be served at the close of the event, at 1 pm.

This event will bring together a range of key economic, social and environmental Stakeholders who are concerned about the planning and development of this City and District, for round-table facilitated discussions. It will provide you, at this early stage in the LDP process, with an opportunity to tell us about key and relevant planning issues for your sector, which Council needs to consider right from the outset of plan preparation. The event will also provide an opportunity to consider different options as to how these key planning issues could be addressed.

The following Stakeholder groups / tables will be convened: Economic Development; Derry City Centre and Retailing, Strabane Town Centre and Retailing; Rural Development; Housing; Built Environment; Natural Environment; Tourism; Cross-Cutting Issues; Renewables / Transport / Community Infrastructure.

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I would appreciate if, in advance of the event, you could give some thought as to areas of common interest in regard to the commencement of our LDP preparation and your role as a Stakeholder. For example,

- Are there specific projects or strategies that your organisation has been involved in and that needs to be incorporated or identified in the LDP?
- Are there specific areas of relevant policy that you would find helpful to discuss?
- Are there any other additional areas of relevance to your group that you feel would be beneficial to raise?

In addition, we are also keen to establish what current baseline data you hold which could be beneficial to the LDP process (and its format to allow for potential future use in published LDP documents).

The Council published our Statement of Community Involvement in July 2016. Both documents are available to view at www.derrystrabane.com/sci and we have some general information on the LDP process at the link below.

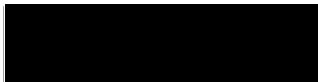
<http://www.derrystrabane.com/Subsites/LDP/Local-Development-Plan>

An Agenda will be issued for the Event in due course. I would appreciate if you could **RSVP to Annette Coyle by 5pm on Tuesday 31st March 2017** to confirm your attendance.

The Derry City & Strabane District LDP 2030 is being progressed by the LDP team within the Council's Planning Department located in the Council offices in Derry. Key contacts are set out below for your information.

I look forward to meeting you at the event and welcome your participation at this early stage of the LDP preparation process.

Yours sincerely



Maura Fox

Head of Planning

Key LDP contacts

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Maura Fitzpatrick

LDP Planning Officer - Maura.fitzpatrick@derrystrabane.com

LDP POP Stakeholder List, Event 04 04 17

List of Stakeholder Groups / Council Officials & Table Facilitators for LDP Event on 4th April 2017, Everglades Hotel

TABLE 1 Economic Development Stakeholders	Accepted	Not attending	Chased
Invest NI - NW Office and Graeme Cardwell			
The Enterprise Hub – Skeoge			
Strabane Enterprise Agency			
Creggan Enterprise Agency			
North West Regional College			
City of Derry Airport			
Ulster University - Estates			
Allstate – Derry & Strabane			
Seagate			
Invista			
Heron Bros			
Paddy Shorthall			
Perfectseal			
McColgan's Quality Foods, Strabane			
O'Neills, Strabane			
Urban Villages Initiative			
Altnagelvin Hospital - Estates			
Translink			
Strategic Investment Board – Brenda Burns			
Fort George – Paul Laughlin / Pauline Campbell			
Ebrington – Siobhan Broderick NIEO, Martin Toner			
Londonderry Port – Brian McGrath			
Science Park – Catalyst Inc			
Kevin O'Connor DC&SDC			
Michael Gallagher			
Table Facilitator: Proinsias McCaughey (& Claire Higgins)			

TABLE 2 Derry City Centre and Retailing Stakeholders	Accepted	Not attending	Chased
City Centre Initiative			
Chamber of Commerce – Derry			
Northern Ireland Independent Retail Trade Association			
Foyleside Shopping Centre			
Quayside Shopping Centre			
Richmond Centre			
Simpco Ltd			
Northside Shopping Centre			
Lisnagelvin Shopping Centre			
Niche Drinks			
Urban Villages			
The Playhouse			
An Cultúrlann			
Rath Mor Shopping Centre			
Murdoch Crescent Link (Lotus Group)			
Martin Bros.			
Patrick Durkan			
(Brendan) Duddy Group			
NI Federation of Small Businesses			
Chair of Waterside DEA LCP			
Chair of Ballyarnet DEA LCP			
Chair of Foyleside DEA LCP			
Chair of Moor DEA LCP			
Stephen Gillespie DC&SDC			
Table Facilitator: Malachy McCarron (& Katrina Hope)			

TABLE 3 Strabane Town Centre and Retailing Stakeholders	Accepted	Not attending	Chased
Chamber of Commerce			
Strabane Enterprise Centre			
Business Improvement District – Strabane			
Strabane Vintners Association			
Northern Ireland Federation of Small Businesses			
William Mealiffe			
James Elliott			
Castleberg Traders (?) via Catherine Collins (Olga Walls?)			
Chair of Strabane Town LCP			
Econ Dev Officer DC&SDC			
Karen McFarland			
Rachael Craig DC&SDC			
Table Facilitator: John Monaghan / Ciaran Rodgers			

TABLE 4 Rural Development Stakeholders	Accepted	Not attending	Chased
Ulster Farmer's Union			
NI APA			
RAPID			
Rural Area Partnership			
Rural Network NI			
Rural Northwest Community Support			
Chair of Sperrin DEA LCP			
Chair of Derg DEA LCP			
Chair of Faughan DEA LCP			
Rural Tourism Officer – Jenny O'Donnell			
Deidre Harte DC&SDC			
Table Facilitator: Rosemarie McMenamin / Maura Fitzpatrick.			

TABLE 5 Housing Stakeholders	Accepted	Not attending	Chased
Apex Housing Association			
FOLD Housing Association			
NIHE – John Cassidy / Ruairi Devine, Catherine Blease			
Habinteg Housing Association			
Choice Housing			
Clanmill Housing Group			
Taggarts			
Braidwater / McGinnis			
McGinnis Group (via IMPROVE - Strategic Planning)			
Kevin Watson Group			
Table Facilitator: Andree McNee / James Duffy			

TABLE 6 Built Environment Stakeholders	Accepted	Not attending	Chased
Built - Walled City Partnership - Mary McLaughlin			
Built - Ulster Architectural Heritage Society			
Built - Inner City Trust - Helen Quigley			
Built - Foyle Civic Trust			
Built - Historical Monuments Council			
Built - Historic Buildings Council			
Built – Mary Kerrigan			
<i>Built - Culmore Area Forum – Mary Cleary</i>			
<i>Built - Friends of the Derry Walls – Mark Lusby</i>			
<i>Built - Sion Mills Preservation Trust - Celia Ferguson</i>			
DfC HED Built – Manus Deery			
Ronan O'Donnell DC&SDC			
Table Facilitator: Nichola Carr / Tony Monaghan (& Stephanie Cartin)			

TABLE 7 Natural Environment Stakeholders	Accepted	Not attending	Chased
Natural - Loughs Agency			
Natural - Creggan Country Park			
Natural - Faughan Anglers			
Natural – Woodland Trust			
Natural - Prehen Historical and Environmental Society			
Natural - Royal Society for the Protection of Birds			
Natural - Ulster Wildlife			
Natural - Strabane and Lifford Anglers Association			
Natural - Strathfoyle Enagh Youth Forum			
Baronscourt Estate – Robert Scott			
Julie Hannaway DC&SDC Biodiversity			
Table Facilitator: Jonny McNee (& Áine McLaughlin)			

TABLE 8 Tourism	Accepted	Not attending	Chased
Northern Ireland Hotels Federation			
Tourism NI			
Discover Tyrone and Sperrins			
Derry Visitor & Convention Bureau			
Strabane Visitor Information Centre			
Garbhan O'Doherty Group			
Aeidin McCarter DC&SDC			
Table Facilitator: Paula McAteer (& Michelle Gormley)			

TABLE 9 Cross-cutting / Community Infrastructure / Renewables / Minerals / Waste	Accepted	Not attending	Chased
Education Authority - Estates			
PSNI - Estates			
CCMS- Estates			
WHSCT- Estates			
Fire Service - Estates			
DfI TransportNI – Darren / Lorraine / Orla			
Renewables -			
Renewables -			
Waste -			
Waste -			
Quarry Products Association			
FP McCann (via IMPROVE)			
Dalradian Gold Ltd (via IMPROVE)			
Equality & Scrutiny Group (Kay McIvor DC&SDC)			
Table Facilitator: Suzanne McCracken / Kenny Donaghey (& Planner)			

Planning Committee Members and other Councillors, Officers & Planning Agents	Accepted	Not attending	Chased
Planning Agents – (via IMPROVE but may RSVP here) to sit at tables of their interest			
Other Council Members - to sit at tables of their interest			
Staff – approx. 15 Planning staff			
Shared Env Services - Gwynneth Evans - to sit at Cross-cutting table and Roam the Stakeholder Groups / Tables during Discussion Session			
LDP Student Edward McGrory - table of interest / take notes?			
Community Places - Claudine Doherty - roving mike, assist facilitation generally, etc			
John Kelpie, Karen Phillips, Maura Fox & Colm Bradley – at Top Table and to Roam the Stakeholder Groups / Tables during Discussion Session			

EU IMPROVE Project – using Website & Social Media to Consult the Public / Younger People

The screenshot shows the website for Derry City & Strabane District Council. The main heading is 'Your Feedback'. Below this is a banner image of a group of people sitting in a circle, with the text 'Your Feedback' overlaid. To the left is a sidebar menu with various service categories. Below the banner is a paragraph of text explaining the IMPROVE project. At the bottom is a table titled 'CURRENT PLANNING ENGAGEMENT' with columns for 'TOPIC' and 'CLOSING DATE'.

SERVICES

- Marketing
- Sustainable Development & Energy Strategy
- Waste and Recycling
- Tourism
- North West Transport Hub
- Arts and Culture
- Allotments
- Births, Deaths and Marriages
- Derry and Strabane Statistics
- Building Control
- Regeneration
- Business Support
- Car Parking Information
- Cemeteries
- Health & Community Wellbeing
- Irish Language
- Leisure
- Licensing

Your Feedback

Planning Department
Planning Our District's Future

Your Feedback

Planning's IMPROVE project is an EU funded project by the Northern Periphery and Arctic 2014-2020 programme which aims to facilitate the public in helping your Council produce better public services in this district. It is being piloted by the Council and will be subject to future review. It provides citizens with enhanced opportunities to provide your planning related feedback early into the LDP process over and above the usual legislative consultation periods.

It is important that all our citizens with an interest in the future development of our District over this time period become engaged in this LDP process. We will also be consulting with Councillors, consultation bodies and stakeholder groups.

CURRENT PLANNING ENGAGEMENT

TOPIC	CLOSING DATE
Local Development Plan – Planning Agents Pre POP Feedback	7 th April 2017

SERVICES

- Marketing
- Sustainable Development & Energy Strategy
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- Leisure
- Licensing
- Parks and Play
- Planning
 - o Development Management(DM)
 - o Local Development Plan(LDP)
 - o Statement of Community

Planning Agent Pre POP Feedback



PLANNING AGENT PRE POP FEEDBACK

Council is actively progressing the Local Development Plan (LDP) towards its next key stage – the publication of the Preferred Options Paper (POP) which is due to be published in May 2017. This will provide a basis for the Council to consult with its citizens and stakeholders on a series of options for dealing with key planning issues in the District. **The LDP will replace the Derry Area Plan, Strabane Area Plan and all Planning Policy Statements.**

As a key stakeholder and front-line customer of the Council's Planning service, I would welcome your initial thoughts and views which will assist and inform the preparation of the POP. I would stress that this is an early opportunity for you, and that of your clients, to provide relevant local planning-related input to the forthcoming POP. **It is not a request for official representations to the LDP process.**

In terms of contributing to the future development of this District and an economically strong North West region, what do you consider are the main planning issues, and what are your suggestions, for the LDP to focus on in order to deliver sustainable planning and development?:

Email:

Sign up for Planning Newsletter to receive latest news on local planning issues.:

- Your Feedback
 - Planning Agent Pre POP Feedback
- Strategic Finance & Funding
- Contact Us

Yes

Submit

If you wish, you can refer to specific planning topics as set out in the previous consultation, see below:

LDP PLANNING TOPICS

- City And Town Centres
- Economic Development
- Retailing
- Population
- Growth Strategy
- LDP Context
- Policy Evaluation
- Built & Natural Environment
- Countryside & Landscape Assessment
- Housing In Settlement Hierarchy
- Sustainability Scoping
- Urban Design And Townscape
- Transport And Movement
- Open Space And Recreation
- Tourism
- Renewable Energy
- Public Utilities
- Community Infrastructure
- Coastal Development
- Minerals
- Waste Management
- Hierarchy Of Settlements



Appendix 4 – Community Involvement for Publication of LDP POP & dPS- Preparation Stage, from May 2017

LDP POP (& Community Plan) Launch Event at the Guildhall, 30th May 2017

Mayor, Chair of Planning Committee, Council Chief Executive, Director E&R, Head of Planning



Public Availability of LDP POP and Supporting Documents at the Council's Principal offices, June 2017



Public Consultation Workshops on Strategic Growth Plan (Community Plan) & LDP Preferred Options Paper (POP) for Derry City & Strabane District



The Strategic Growth Partnership for Derry City & Strabane District, together with Derry City and Strabane District Council have jointly launched two important documents designed to improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of our City and District.

The draft, Inclusive Strategic Growth Plan is open for consultation until **Friday 15th September 2017**. The details can be accessed at Council Offices and at www.derrystrabane.com/communityplanning

The Preferred Options Paper for the Local Development Plan 2032 (LDP) is open for consultation from **Wednesday 31st May until Tuesday 22nd August 2017**; the details can be accessed at Council Offices and at www.derrystrabane.com/ldp

A series of public consultation events will be held across the City and District during June 2017, to engage local stakeholders on the proposals within both documents, as follows:

Location	Evening Meeting (LDP & SGP - Strategic Growth Plan)	Daytime Workshop (focussed on LDP, as well as SGP)
Guildhall, Derry	Tues 6th June @ 7pm	Wed 7th June, 2pm - 4pm
Alley Theatre, Strabane	Wed 7th June @ 7pm	Fri 9th June, 2pm - 4pm
Ulster University @ Magee, Great Hall	Tues 13th June @ 7pm	
The Glen Community Centre, Derry		Thurs 15th June, 3pm - 5pm
Claudy Community Centre	Thurs 15th June @ 7pm	Fri 16th June, 2pm - 4pm
Derg Valley Leisure Centre, Castlederg	Mon 19th June @ 7pm	Tues 20th June, 11.15am - 1pm
Annuity House Donemana	Tues 20th June @ 7pm	Wed 21st June, 2pm - 4pm
Skeoge House, Leafair, Derry	Thurs 22nd June @ 7pm	Fri 23rd June, 2pm - 4pm
St. Columb's Park House, Derry	Tues 27th June @ 7pm	Wed 28th June, 2pm - 4pm



Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings and events.
For further information please visit www.derrystrabane.com





**Council launches public consultation on first
Community Plan and Local Development Plan**

The Strategic Growth Partnership for Derry City and Strabane District together with Derry City and Strabane District Council launched two significant documents for consultation this week.



The draft, inclusive, Strategic Growth Plan, and its associated Equality Impact Assessment is open for consultation until **Friday 15th September 2017**.

A series of public [consultation events](#) will be held across the District during June 2017. Feedback can also be submitted via our online [questionnaire](#). See website for full details.

[Download the plan](#)



The Preferred Options Paper (POP) for the Local Development Plan 2032 (LDP) is open for consultation until **Tuesday 22nd August 2017**.

A series of public [consultation events](#) will be held across the District during June 2017. Feedback can also be submitted via our online [questionnaire](#). See website for full details.

[Download the plan](#)

The POP will be issued for a 12-week consultation period from 31st May to the 22nd August 2017. You can get further details of the POP documents online at: www.derrystrabane.com/ldp or by emailing us at ldp@derrystrabane.com or in writing to: Planning LDP Team, Derry City & Strabane District Council, 98 Strand Road, Derry, BT48 7NN. Copies will also be available in all public buildings, such as the Council Offices, Leisure Centres and Libraries.

Staying involved:

There will be a series of consultation events held across the City and District during June 2017. Please visit the above websites and come along to one of the following meetings:

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Alley Theatre, Strabane	Weds 7 th June, 7pm	Friday 9 th June, 2 - 4pm
Magee, Great Hall	Tuesday 13 th June, 7pm	
The Glen Community Centre, Derry		Thurs 15 th June, 3pm - 5pm
Claudy Community Centre	Thurs 15 th June, 7pm	Friday 16 th June, 2 - 4pm
Derg Valley Leisure Centre, Castlederg	Monday 19 th June, 7pm	Tuesday 20 th June, 11.15am - 1pm
Amnity House, Donemana	Tuesday 20 th June, 7pm	Weds 21 st June, 2 - 4pm
Skeoge House, Leafair, Derry	Thurs 22 nd June, 7pm	Friday 23 rd June, 2 - 4pm
St. Columbs Park House, Derry	Tuesday 27 th June, 7pm	Wednesday 28 th June 2 - 4pm

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CONSULTATION ON

Strategic Growth Plan & LDP Preferred Options Paper



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District Council



So what's this got to do with me?

Both plans provide an opportunity to set our own priorities to meet the needs of our City and District. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the consultation process, starting by submitting your comments in response to these plans. Together we can deliver the jobs, homes, facilities and infrastructure in a sustainable manner, to make our City and District thrive and prosper for everyone.

Our Vision: A thriving, prosperous and sustainable City and District with equality of opportunity for all.

Working in tandem, the LDP will help to deliver the outcomes for the City and District's new Strategic Growth Plan; they are:

- We are better skilled and educated;
- We prosper through a strong, competitive, entrepreneurial and innovative economy;
- We live in the cultural destination of choice
- We live sustainably – protecting the environment;
- We connect people and opportunities through our infrastructure;
- We live long, healthy and fulfilling lives;
- We live in a shared, equal, and safe community;
- Our children and young people have the best start in life;

How do I get involved in these important consultations?

The draft Strategic Growth Plan will be issued for an extended 16-week public consultation (to allow for the summer recess period) from the 31st May to the 15th September 2017. You can download copies of the draft Strategic Growth Plan at www.derrystrabane.com/communityplanning or by emailing us at communityplanning@derrystrabane.com. Copies will also be available in all public buildings, such as the Council Offices, Leisure Centres and Libraries.

The Strategic Growth Partnership for Derry City & Strabane District, together with Derry City and Strabane District Council, have jointly launched two highly significant documents designed to improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of our City and District. The draft, inclusive, Strategic Growth Plan is open for consultation until Friday 15th September 2017; the details can be accessed at Council Offices and on www.derrystrabane.com/communityplanning

The Preferred Options Paper (POP) for the Local Development Plan 2032 (LDP) is open for consultation from Wednesday 31st May until Tuesday 22nd August 2017; the details can be accessed at Council Offices and on www.derrystrabane.com/ldp.

A series of public consultation events will be held across the District during June 2017. See below for details.

What is the Strategic Growth Plan?

The Strategic Growth Plan is the City and District's Community Plan. Community Planning is a process led by Councils in conjunction with partners and communities to develop and implement a shared, long-term vision to improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of our City and District. It will also guide how our public services will work together locally to plan and deliver better services.

What is the Local Development Plan (LDP)? What is the Preferred Options Paper (POP)?

Taking account of the Strategic Growth Plan, the Council is preparing the new LDP which will guide land-use development and set out policies and proposals for the use, development and protection of our settlements and countryside across our District. Once adopted, it will be used to determine planning applications.

The Preferred Options Paper (POP) is a consultation document, which sets out:

- A series of options for dealing with key planning issues in the District;
- Evidence used to appraise the different issues and options; and
- Council's preferred options and their justification

Press Release upon Launch of LDP POP

**Press Release
May 30, 2017**

Council launches public consultation on first Community Plan and Local Development Plan

Local people across Derry and Strabane are being asked to give their views on the first draft of the Strategic Inclusive Growth Plan - or Community Plan - for the District as part of a major consultation process beginning today.

The campaign was launched in the Guildhall by the Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District, Alderman Hilary McClintock, and Derry City and Strabane District Council's Chief Executive John Kelpie, as the plan was unveiled to the public for the first time.

The Transitional Community Planning Partnership gathered on Friday to endorse the strategy, which embodies the views of over 5,000 local people who have taken part in a major public engagement campaign which has taken place over the past 18 months.

In tandem with the consultation on the Growth Strategy, people are also being asked for their views on a Preferred Options Paper (POP) for the Local Development Plan (LDP), which is the spatial articulation realisation of the Strategic Growth Plan Strategy. The LDP will shape planning policy here locally and all future major developments. The Preferred Options presented are based on the needs and aspirations of those living and working here.

Local people will now have the opportunity to find out more about both the draft Strategic Growth Plan and the LDP at a series of roadshow events planned across the District.

Speaking at the launch, the Mayor urged local people to take the opportunity to get involved in this next stage of public engagement, and contribute to two of the most important blueprints for the future development of Derry and Strabane.

"The Draft Plan and the POP embody the aspirations for a better city and district as laid out by the people who live here," she explained. "I can confidently say that Council, alongside our community and statutory partners, have made every effort to ensure that both documents are truly reflective of the needs and ambitions of all spectrums of our community".

"The next challenge, once the public have given their endorsement, is to finalise both Plans and then work together to deliver the outcomes identified and achieve a more positive and sustainable future for everyone."

Community Planning is a new power which passed to local councils under the Review of Public Administration, and the eleven local councils have each been tasked with creating an over-arching strategy which will enhance service delivery and generally improve the well-being of all local citizens. The LDP once complete will form an integral part of the Strategic Inclusive Growth Plan setting an exciting framework for delivering planning across the District, providing certainty and clarity and meeting future needs.

Working with a wide range of statutory agencies and the public, Council will adhere to the objectives and outcomes identified in the Strategic Inclusive Growth Plan, which will be reviewed every four years. The Plan ushers in a new era of partnership working focused on achieving strategic growth and economic stability for the North West as Council Chief Executive, John

Kelpie, explained. “At the very heart of the Strategic Growth Plan is the drive to create an economically stable region where we have the infrastructure in place to attract inward investment and promote job creation, all in a sustainable manner.

“This, coupled with the successful delivery of a number of key strategic projects including the expansion of the Ulster University at Magee, the upgrade of our road and rail infrastructure and the enhancement of our education and skills programme, will significantly affect the prospects and well-being of everyone. I look forward to moving now to the next stage in the Community Planning process and seeing the vision become a reality.”

Commenting on the launch of the Preferred Options Paper, Chair of Council’s Planning Committee, Councillor John Boyle, said: “The role of the POP is to stimulate public debate and feedback as we seek to develop a comprehensive and fit-for-purpose development framework for the sustainable development of the District. I would really encourage people to find out more about the public POP consultation events in their area and take the opportunity to have their say throughout the consultation.”

16 workshop events will take place throughout the seven District Electoral Areas and Strabane Town beginning in June, providing further information and an opportunity to register feedback on both the Strategic Inclusive Growth Plan and the Preferred Options Paper.

A series of Local Community Plans for the seven local District Electoral Areas and Strabane Town are also in the final stages of being drafted following extensive discussion with people in local communities. Once complete they will become the vision for change in each individual community area, and will be delivered alongside the overall Strategic Inclusive Growth Plan.

To find out more about the public consultation roadshow events in your area, see the press advertisements and information at the Council Offices, public buildings and social media. For further details, go to www.derrystrabane.com/Subsites/Community-Planning/Public-Consultation

To read the full digital copy of the draft Community Plan, go to www.derrystrabane.com/Community-Planning.

To read the Preferred Options Paper for the Local Development Plan and contribute your views, go to www.derrystrabane.com/ldp

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Editor’s notes:

Follow-up Press Release on 12th June 2017

Press Release

June 12, 2017

Public urged to have their say on vital Plans for District

The public consultation focusing on two of the most significant strategies for the Derry and Strabane area - the Strategic Growth Plan and the Local Development Plan – is well underway, and people are reminded that further information sessions will be taking place throughout June.

The strategies are the result of an extensive campaign of public engagement and everyone can have a say in how they now take shape by providing their feedback at a series of public meetings or online.

The Strategic Growth Plan is the City and District's Community Plan which sets out the long-term vision for the development and improvement of the social, economic and environmental well-being of the DCSDC area.

The Local Development Plan will reflect the values and aspirations set out in the Growth Plan, to establish clear guidelines for the use, development and protection of our urban and rural areas. A Preferred Options Paper (POP) has now been published setting out Council's preferred options in dealing with key planning issues in the district.

Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District Maolíosa McHugh urged local people to read both strategies and to consider their potential impact on the City and District going forwards.

"Community Planning is a new power for Council and one which we must properly utilise, working with our partners to drive positive change across all areas of the district. The Local Development Plan will transform the planning service as we know it and it's essential that we now put the guidelines in place which will allow us the scope to significantly enhance and preserve both our natural landscape and our urban settlements.

"These strategies map the way forward until 2032, so it's important that we ensure at the planning stage that they reflect the genuine needs and aspirations of all those who live in our community. This will give us a strong platform on which we can base the successful delivery of both the Strategic Growth Plan and its spatial realisation in the LDP."

Head of Environment and Regeneration with Council Karen Phillips said: "We hope that the Preferred Options Paper for the LDP will stimulate public debate and feedback as we seek to develop a comprehensive and fit-for-purpose development framework for the sustainable development of the District.

"The public meetings provide the opportunity for everyone - not just industry experts - to come along and give their views on the options laid out in the paper, and to have a direct influence on how we shape the future of our Planning Service."

A series of events are now taking place throughout the month to give the public more insight into both reports and to gauge their views. These meetings are being held at a variety of venues across the District Electoral Areas during both afternoons and evenings to give everyone with an interest the opportunity to attend.

To find out more about the public consultation roadshow events in your area, see the press advertisements and information at the Council Offices, public buildings and social media. For further details, go to www.derrystrabane.com/Subsites/Community-Planning/Public-Consultation

To read the full digital copy of the draft Community Plan, go to www.derrystrabane.com/Community-Planning.

To read the Preferred Options Paper for the Local Development Plan and contribute your views, go to www.derrystrabane.com/ldp

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Preferred Options Paper – May 2017

Our Ref:

Date: 2nd June 2017

Dear Consultee

Local Development Plan - Preferred Options Paper Consultation

Derry City and Strabane District Council published on 31st May 2017 its Preferred Options Paper (POP), which is the first formal stage in the preparation of a new Local Development Plan (LDP) for the District. The LDP will guide land-use development and set out policies and proposals for the use, development and protection of our settlements and countryside across our District. Once adopted, it will be used to determine planning applications.

Under Regulations 10 & 11 of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, Derry City and Strabane District Council is now undertaking a 12 week public consultation on the POP and invites you to take part in our consultation process.

The consultation period runs from 31st May to 5pm on 22 August 2017. The POP and the supporting suite of documents that together form the evidence base for the POP are available on our website www.derrystrabane.com/ldp . A feedback questionnaire for your to provide your response can also be completed on-line at the above website. You can also email your responses to ldp@derrystrabane.com or provide them in writing to:

Planning LDP Team
Derry City & Strabane District Council
98 Strand Rd,
Derry BT48 7NN

Details of public consultation meetings across the District during June can also be found on the website. Hard copies of the POP documents are available to view during normal office hours at the Council offices in Derry and Strabane and other Council venues. This POP and its supporting documents can be supplied in alternative formats; please submit

your request and requirements to the above address or contact the Planning office on 028 71 376501.

Your contribution to the POP public consultation process is important and will be taken into consideration as we prepare the next stage in the LDP process which is the preparation and publication of the draft Plan Strategy in Spring 2018.

We look forward to hearing from you as we plan for our District's future.

Yours faithfully,

Mr John Kelpie
Chief Executive

**Appendix 5 – Community Involvement at the LDP draft Plan Strategy
Publication Stage, December 2019**

*Launch of the LDP dPS at the Guildhall on 2nd Dec 2019, with the Mayor, Chair of Planning Committee,
Director E&R and Head of Planning*



Public Availability of LDP dPS and Supporting Documents at the Council's Principal offices, December 2019

Derry Office



Strabane Office



**Regulation 15 Statement – with details of dPS Availability, Consultation period and
Address for Representations**

**DERRY CITY AND STRABANE DISTRICT COUNCIL
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LDP) 2032**

REGULATION 15 STATEMENT

The Planning Act (NI) 2011
Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (NI) 2015

Publication of LDP Draft Plan Strategy

In accordance with Regulation 15 of the Planning (Local Development Plan Regulations) (NI) 2015, Derry City and Strabane District Council hereby gives notice of the publication and commencement of consultation on the draft Plan Strategy (dPS) of the Local Development Plan 2032 (LDP).

The Council's LDP draft Plan Strategy is published on Monday 2nd December 2019 as part of the Local Development Plan process. The draft Plan Strategy sets out the Council's vision, objectives and strategic Planning policies in relation to the development and use of land in the City and District to 2032.

Availability of Documents

The LDP draft Plan Strategy and supporting documents, including the Sustainability Appraisal Report (incorporating the Strategic Environmental Assessment), the Habitats Regulations Assessment, Rural Needs Impact Assessment and the Equality Impact Assessment, are all available from 3pm on Monday 2nd December 2019 and thereafter between the hours of 9am - 5pm (Monday to Friday) at the Council's offices at 98 Strand Road, Derry BT48 7NN, or at 47 Derry Road, Strabane BT82 8DU.

The dPS document is also available at Council Leisure Centres and Public Libraries in the District. All documents may be viewed on our website at <http://www.derrystrabane.com/ldp> www.derrystrabane.com/ldp If you have any queries on accessing the documentation, the Planning Office can be contacted on 028 71 253 253 Ext. 7014.

How to Respond

Consultation responses regarding the 'soundness' of these documents, preferably using the online Representations Form, should be sent to **Planning LDP Team, Derry City and Strabane District Council, 98 Strand Road Derry BT48 7NN or by email to ldp@derrystrabane.com**

The consultation period will run for 8 weeks, from Monday 2nd December 2019 until close of consultation on Monday 27th January 2020. Representations received after this date will not be considered.

Public Consultation Events

There will be a number of public consultation events across the District during December 2019 / January 2020; for information on upcoming events, please see separate advertisement or visit the Council's website: www.derrystrabane.com/ldp



Publication of:

Local Development Plan

(LDP) 2032

Draft Plan Strategy



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District Council

Derry City and Strabane District Council has published its Local Development Plan (LDP 2032) draft Plan Strategy (dPS) on 2nd December 2019. It will be subject to an 8-week formal consultation period until Monday 27th January 2020.

You can get further details on the dPS online at www.derrystrabane.com/ldp or by emailing LDP@DerryStrabane.com or by writing to: Planning LDP Team, 98 Strand Road, Derry BT48 7NN. Copies of the dPS documents will be available at the Council's Derry and Strabane offices, Public Libraries and Council Leisure Centres throughout the District during the consultation period.

Staying involved:

There will be a series of public consultation events held across the City and District comprising a short presentation and discussion on the LDP documents.

Additionally the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) will host an information session to explain the roles and procedures for the forthcoming Independent Examination of the LDP dPS. The events are as follows:

Location	LDP draft Plan Strategy Consultation Meetings
Guildhall, Derry	Thursday 5 th December, 11am
Alley Theatre, Strabane	Thursday 5 th December, 7pm
St Columb's Park House, Derry	Tuesday 10 th December, 7pm
Derg Valley Leisure Centre, Castlederg	Wednesday 11 th December, 3.30pm
PAC Meeting	
Guildhall, Derry	Thursday 9 th January 2020, 11am

Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings. For further information, please see www.derrystrabane.com/ldp

The PAC requires pre-registration for their information session – see details at www.pacni.gov.uk Please register your interest at info@pacni.gov.uk before 3pm on Monday 6th January 2020.

Consultation Period: 2nd December 2019 to 27th January 2020

Sample Consultation Letters, to Key Consultees / Consultation Bodies, November 2019

Date: 28th November 2019



Deirdre McSorley, Head of Planning, Fermanagh & Omagh District Council

Or, NIE Networks, Electricity Licence Holder

Dear Deirdre or Sir/Madam,

Local Development Plan (LDP 2032): Draft Plan Strategy - Statutory 'Consultation Body'

I write to you, as / like a statutory 'consultation body, in accordance with Regulations 2 and 15(c) of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (the 'LDP Regulations') to advise you that this Council will publish its LDP draft Plan Strategy on Monday 2nd December 2019.

This LDP draft Plan Strategy (dPS) is a consultation document, to which 'soundness'-related representations can be made during a formal consultation period from **Monday 2nd December 2019 to Monday 27th January 2020**. *Representations received after this date will not be considered.*

This LDP dPS document will be available (from 3pm on 2nd December), together with the associated documents, at <http://www.derrystrabane.com/Subsites/LDP/Local-Development-Plan>
These documents are also available to view, during normal opening hours, at:

- Council Offices, 98 Strand Road, Derry, BT48 7NN
- Council Offices, 47 Derry Road, Strabane, BT82 8DY
- Public Libraries and Council Leisure Centres throughout the District (LDP dPS only)

Public Meetings will be held throughout the District during December 2019; see the Council's website and local press advertisements for details.

Representations can also be submitted during the consultation period regarding the associated appraisal documents, namely the draft Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating the Strategic Environmental Assessment, SEA), the draft Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA or AA), draft Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) and draft Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA).

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If you require a hard copy of this LDP draft Plan Strategy (dPS) or supporting documents, or in alternative formats; please submit your request and requirements to the above address (may be subject to reasonable charges).

Full details of Representations requirements can be found within the dPS document. Representations may be submitted by e-mail to: LDP@DerryStrabane.com preferably by using the online Representations Form at the above website. Alternatively, you can write to the *Planning LDP Team, 98 Strand Road, Derry BT48 7NN*. (Please note that, under Freedom of Information and the Council's policy of Transparency, all representations will normally be made publicly available. Any requests otherwise should be clearly stated and the request will be considered by the Council.)

As stated above, we are writing to you because you are considered to be like / a statutory 'consultation body'. However, if you do not wish to receive any further correspondence from the Council regarding this LDP, please write to us and your request will be noted and your details will be removed from our list. If this is the case, we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Should you require further information or have any queries, please contact the LDP Team at the above addresses, or by telephone to 028 71 253 253, Ext 7014.

Please confirm, by return, that you have received this e-mail and that you are the correct contact person or department / section in your organization to deal with this LDP consultation. Please note that more than one letter may have been sent to your organization, so please co-ordinate with any of your other departments / sections that are considered relevant.

Yours sincerely



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Sample Consultation Letters, to all who submitted a POP Rep, November 2019

Date: 28th November 2019



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Name, Organisation

Dear Mr / Ms xxxxxxx,

Local Development Plan (LDP 2032): Draft Plan Strategy, post-POP Representation

I write to you, following your earlier (2017) representation to the LDP Preferred Options Paper (POP), in accordance with Regulations 16 of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (NI) 2015 (the 'LDP Regulations'), to advise you that this Council will publish its LDP draft Plan Strategy on Monday 2nd December 2019.

This LDP draft Plan Strategy (dPS) is a consultation document, to which 'soundness'-related representations can be made during a formal consultation period from **Monday 2nd December 2019 to Monday 27th January 2020**. *Representations received after this date will not be considered.*

This LDP dPS document will be available (from 3pm on 2nd December), together with the associated documents, at <http://www.derrystrabane.com/Subsites/LDP/Local-Development-Plan>

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Representations can also be submitted during the consultation period regarding the associated appraisal documents, namely the draft Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating the Strategic Environmental Assessment, SEA), the draft Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA or AA), draft Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) and draft Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA).

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Full details of Representations requirements can be found within the dPS document. Representations may be submitted by e-mail to: LDP@DerryStrabane.com preferably by using the online Representations Form at the above website. Alternatively, you can write to the *Planning LDP Team, 98 Strand Road, Derry BT48 7NN*. (Please note that, under Freedom of Information and the Council's policy of Transparency, all representations will normally be made publicly available. Any requests otherwise should be clearly stated and the request will be considered by the Council.)

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Yours sincerely



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Date: 2nd December 2019



Dear Consultee

Local Development Plan (LDP 2032): Draft Plan Strategy – Section 75 Groups Notification

I write to you with this notification, as your details are included in the Council's list of Section 75 (Equality) consultees. Accordingly, I wish to advise you that this Council will publish its LDP draft Plan Strategy on Monday 2nd December 2019.

This LDP draft Plan Strategy (dPS) is a consultation document, to which 'soundness'-related representations can be made during a formal consultation period from **Monday 2nd December 2019 to Monday 27th January 2020**. *Representations received after this date will not be considered.*

This LDP dPS document will be available (from 3pm on 2nd December), together with the associated documents, at <http://www.derrystrabane.com/Subsites/LDP/Local-Development-Plan>
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Public Meetings will be held throughout the District during December 2019; see the Council's website and local press advertisements for details.

Representations can also be submitted during the consultation period regarding the associated appraisal documents, namely **the draft Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA)** and draft Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA), as well as the draft Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating the Strategic Environmental Assessment, SEA) and the draft Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA or AA).

If you require a hard copy of this LDP draft Plan Strategy (dPS) or supporting documents, or in alternative formats; please collect from the above addresses or public meetings, or submit your request and requirements to the above address (may be subject to reasonable charges).

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Yours sincerely



Head of Planning

dPS Press Release & Reminder

Press Release
December 2, 2019

Local Development Plan (LDP) draft Plan Strategy for DCSDC is launched by Mayor

The Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District, Councillor Michaela Boyle, today launched the draft Plan Strategy for one of the most significant policy documents to be produced by Council, the Local Development Plan (LDP).

The Plan is huge in its scope, addressing all issues of Planning, guiding land use and setting out the policies and proposals for the use, development and protection of our settlements and countryside. The LDP is closely aligned to the Strategic Growth Plan (Community Plan) and its aim to deliver 9,000 new, quality homes by 2032 at sustainable locations with all the necessary infrastructure, services and facilities. A public consultation on the draft Plan Strategy begins today, and local people are invited to give their views on how the future of Planning policy will develop.

The new framework will contribute directly to the outcomes of the Growth Plan and once adopted will be used to determine all planning applications across Derry and Strabane. The (LDP) Plan Strategy sets out the proposed LDP vision, the LDP objectives, as well as the proposed Growth Strategy and the Hierarchy of Settlements for the District.

Speaking at today's launch, Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District, Councillor Michaela Boyle, praised the work that had been completed to date on the plan.

"This is a very significant document in terms of its potential to transform our surroundings directly impacting on the wellbeing of all who live here. We want to create better communities, maximise opportunities for housing and settlements and conserve and enhance our environment. But we want to do this responsibly by establishing best practice in terms of how we deliver the infrastructure, housing, retail provision, and conservation projects needed to improve Derry and Strabane.

"I just want to acknowledge the intensive work of the Planning team which has gone into the Plan to date and encourage everyone to review the draft Plan Strategy and give their input at this important stage of the process."

Speaking at the launch, Head of Planning with the Council, Maura Fox, said: "The Local Development Plan offers a real opportunity to shape the future of Planning and the policies that will enable Council's Planning team to oversee responsible and positive development encouraging investment, co-ordinating infrastructure and protecting the local environment.

"It covers every aspect of Planning and its impact on social, economic and environmental wellbeing and we want to realise the LDP vision of balanced and appropriate high-quality development whilst protecting our environment. Much work has gone into the development of the LDP draft Plan Strategy and anyone who has concerns about it should submit their objections at this consultation stage."

The LDP Draft Plan Strategy sets out the Council's strategic Planning objectives, designations and policies for the District in line with regional strategies and policies. The strategy has been informed by the Council's LDP Preferred Options Paper which offered a series of options for dealing with key issues in the Plan area and was the subject of widespread public and stakeholder consultation. It sets out the proposed LDP vision, then the LDP objectives, followed by the proposed overall Growth Strategy and the Hierarchy of Settlements for the District.

The Plan is accompanied by a number of legislatively required appraisal documents, namely the Sustainability Appraisal, the draft Habitats Regulations Assessment, Equality Impact Assessment and Rural Needs Impact Assessment. Following the results of the consultation, DfI will appoint an Independent Examiner to test the 'soundness' of the draft Plan Strategy.

Feedback on the consultation document can be submitted up until Monday January 27, 2020. The full Plan Strategy document is available at www.derrystrabane.com/ldp and a number of public meetings and workshops will take place throughout December and January.

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Press Release
January 9, 2020

LDP draft Plan Strategy - Consultation deadline approaches

The public consultation period for one of the most significant strategic plans for the Derry City and Strabane District is coming to a close, with final responses due in by Monday January 27, 2020. The draft Plan Strategy for the Local Development Plan was launched on December 2, marking the next stage in the process of developing an overarching policy document for all issues concerning local Planning and development.

The Plan is huge in its scope, guiding land use and setting out the policies and proposals for the use, development and protection of our settlements and countryside. It has the capacity to help Council achieve some of its key priorities including mitigating against Climate change, celebrating and conserving our rich built heritage, and meeting social housing demand.

The LDP is closely aligned to the Strategic Growth Plan (Community Plan) and its aim to deliver 9,000 new, quality homes by 2032 at sustainable locations with all the necessary infrastructure, services and facilities.

The new framework will contribute directly to the outcomes of the Growth Plan and once adopted will be used to determine all planning applications across Derry and Strabane. The (LDP) Plan Strategy sets out the proposed LDP vision, the LDP objectives, as well as the proposed Growth Strategy and the Hierarchy of Settlements for the District.

The public consultation on the draft Plan Strategy offers the opportunity for the public to consider the robustness of the Strategy proposals before it is submitted to the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) for independent examination to test the soundness of the Strategy.

Speaking after the launch of the consultation, Head of Planning with Derry City and Strabane District Council, Maura Fox, said: “The overall aim of the LDP is to create better communities, maximise opportunities for housing and settlements, employment land, strong city / town centres and to conserve and enhance our environment. But we want to do this responsibly by establishing best practice in terms of how we deliver the infrastructure, housing, retail provision, and conservation projects needed to improve Derry and Strabane.”

“The Council considers this LDP Plan Strategy to be ‘sound’. I would invite anyone with an interest in Planning issues to view the draft Strategy documents and submit any objections, or indeed support, before the deadline date.

The LDP Draft Plan Strategy has been informed by the Council’s LDP Preferred Options Paper which offered a series of options for dealing with key issues in the Plan area and was previously the subject of widespread public and stakeholder consultation.

Following the results of the current consultation, the comments will be considered by the Council and then DfI will appoint an Independent Examiner to test the ‘soundness’ of the draft Plan Strategy.

Representations on the consultation document can be submitted up until Monday January 27, 2020.

The full Plan Strategy document is available at www.derrystrabane.com/ldp Hard copies are also available at the Council offices in Derry or Strabane, as well as at libraries, leisure centres, etc. across the District.

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