



Local Development Plan 2030

Draft Plan Strategy

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**Mid & East
Antrim**
Borough Council

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Mid and East Antrim Borough Council has published its draft Plan Strategy, the first formal stage of the new Local Development Plan 2030, for public consultation.

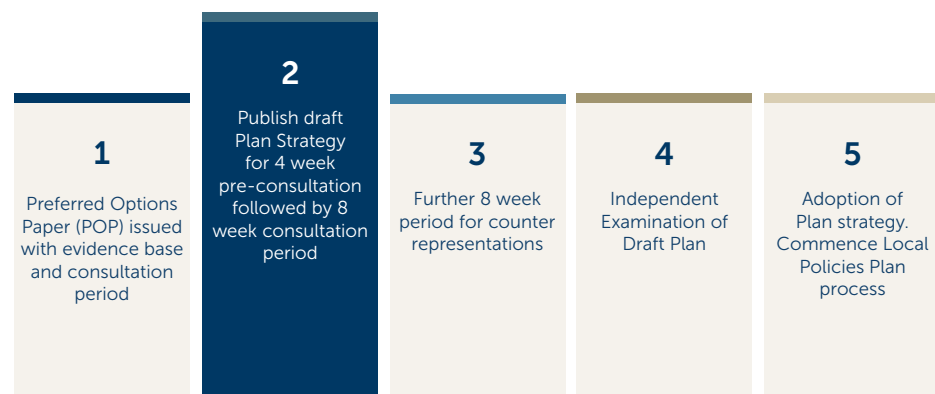
The Local Development Plan is a spatial land use plan, which is primarily about ensuring sustainable development and improving the wellbeing of communities in Mid and East Antrim. This means ensuring that development is high quality, meets local needs and is located in the appropriate places convenient to jobs and public services. The Local Development Plan will also

balance competing demands ensuring that new development respects our quality landscapes and our precious natural and historic environment, all of which underpin our growing tourism sector. Through guiding future development and use of land in our towns, villages and rural areas, the Local Development Plan will provide certainty as it will be the first thing to be taken into account by Council when taking planning decisions in the Borough. The Local Development Plan is a powerful tool for place-shaping and will assist in the delivery of our Community Plan 'Putting People First'.

How we got here

The draft Plan Strategy is the first of two documents, which comprise the Local Development Plan. Once adopted, it will be followed by the Local Policies Plan which will set out our detailed site-specific proposals such as land use zonings and local designations such as settlement limits and town centre boundaries.

The draft Plan Strategy has been developed following extensive engagement with the public, stakeholders and our elected Members and follows on from the publication of our Preferred Options Paper in June 2017. The key stages in this phase of the plan making process are shown below.



The Draft Plan Strategy

The draft Plan Strategy sets out how our Borough will grow and change up to the year 2030. It puts forward our Plan vision and strategic objectives for the future. It also contains a Spatial Growth Strategy and supporting Strategic Spatial Proposals indicating where growth should be directed in the Borough. It also sets out a range of Strategic Subject Policies under five key themes shown opposite, which together will support the Spatial Growth Strategy and guide future planning decisions.



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Pre-consultation on the Draft Plan Strategy

To allow everyone time to read and understand the draft Plan Strategy we will allow for a period of four weeks pre-consultation, before commencing with the formal eight weeks consultation period. This period of pre-consultation will run from:

Tuesday 17 September to Tuesday 15 October 2019.

Please note that no representations should be made during this period.

Copies of the draft Plan Strategy and supporting documents are available to view and download from our website at: www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/LDP

Copies of the draft Plan Strategy and supporting documentation are also available in hard copy for collection or to view during office hours, 9.30am – 4.30pm at the following Council offices:

Planning Department

County Hall, 182 Galgorm Road, Ballymena, BT42 1QF

The Braid

1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ

Carrickfergus Museum and Civic Centre

11 Antrim Street, Carrickfergus, BT38 7DG

Smiley Buildings

Victoria Road, Larne, BT40 1RU

Formal consultation on the Draft Plan Strategy

The draft Plan Strategy is published for formal public consultation for a period of eight weeks beginning on **Wednesday 16 October and closing at 5pm on Wednesday 11 December 2019.**

Please note that representations received after the closing period will not be accepted and will be returned.

How to respond

Representations should be made in writing during the formal public consultation period and we would encourage you to use the methods set out below:

- Via our online consultation portal at: consult.midandeastantrim.gov.uk
- Downloading a copy of the response form from our website and forwarding it to the Local Development Plan Team; or
- Requesting a copy of our response form to be posted to you or you may collect a hard copy from the Planning Department, County Hall, Ballymena and return it to the Local Development Plan team.

Soundness

The draft Plan Strategy will be examined at Independent Examination in regard to its soundness. Accordingly, your responses should be based on soundness and directed at specific strategic policies or proposals that you consider to be unsound, along with your reasons. The tests of soundness are set out below:

Procedural tests

- P1.** Has the plan been prepared in accordance with the Council's timetable and the Statement of Community Involvement?
- P2.** Has the Council prepared its Preferred Options Paper and taken into account any representations made?
- P3.** Has the plan been subject to Sustainability Appraisal including Strategic Environmental Assessment?
- P4.** Did the Council comply with the regulations on the form and content of its plan and on the procedure for preparing the plan?

Consistency tests

- C1.** Did the Council take account of the Regional Development Strategy?
- C2.** Did the Council take account of its Community Plan?
- C3.** Did the Council take account of policy and guidance issued by the Department?
- C4.** Has the plan had regard to other relevant plans, policies and strategies relating to the Council's district or to any adjoining Council districts?

Coherence and effectiveness tests

- CE1.** The plan sets out a coherent strategy from which its policies and allocations logically flow and where cross boundary issues are relevant is it in conflict with the plans of neighbouring Councils.
- CE2.** The strategy, policies and allocations are realistic and appropriate having considered the relevant alternatives and are founded on a robust evidence base.
- CE3.** There are clear mechanisms for implementation and monitoring.
- CE4.** The plan is reasonably flexible to enable it to deal with changing circumstances.

Should you wish to make a representation to the draft Plan Strategy we would recommend that you quote the Soundness Test(s) reference to which you are referring e.g. Consistency Test C4.



Come and meet us

A number of public meetings and drop-in sessions have been organised. Drop-in sessions will be staffed by members of the Development Plan Team who will be happy to answer any queries you may have in an informal setting regarding the draft Plan Strategy. Public meetings will

consist of a short presentation outlining the draft Plan Strategy followed by questions and answers. If you would like to attend one of the public meetings, we would ask you to kindly register your attendance by contacting us by post, email or telephone.

Public Meetings

Date	Venue	Time
25 September	The Braid Ballymena Town Hall 1-29 Bridge St, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ	Session 1 4.00-5.30pm Session 2 7.30-9.00pm
30 September	Larne Town Hall 1-9 Upper Cross Street, Larne, BT40 1RZ	Session 1 4.00-5.30pm Session 2 7.30-9.00pm
8 October	Carrickfergus Town Hall 11 Antrim Street, Carrickfergus, BT38 7DG	Session 1 4.00- 5.30pm Session 2 7.30-9.00pm

Drop-In Sessions

Date	Venue	Time
16 October	Portglenone Community Centre Gortgole Road, Portglenone, BT42 8HT	6.00pm – 8.30pm
22 October	Gobbins Visitor Centre Middle Road, Islandmagee, BT40 3SX	6.00pm – 8.30pm
24 October	Glenlough Community Centre 60 Croft Road, Carnlough, BT44 0EX	6.00pm – 8.30pm

Call In Person

During the consultation period you can also speak to us in County Hall, Ballymena from **9.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.**

What happens next?

Following receipt of comments regarding the soundness of the draft Plan Strategy, we will make all representations available to view, and then allow a further eight week period of public consultation for receipt of counter-representations. All counter-

representations will also be made available for public view. The Council will consider all representations to the draft Plan Strategy before submitting the document to the Department for Infrastructure to move to Independent Examination.

Further reading

You may find it useful to refer to www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/LDP for further information including links to the Department for Infrastructure's 'Development Plan Practice Note 06 - Soundness' as well as the 'Procedures for Independent Examination of Local Development Plans' published by the

Planning Appeals Commission. You may also wish to read our Local Development Plan Privacy Notice available on our website which will inform you as to how we will look after your responses to the draft Plan Strategy.

Contact us

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Remember!

Please submit your representations before the deadline of: 5pm on Wednesday 11 December 2019.





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