

Consultation response from Invest NI

Consultation	Mid & East Antrim Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy – Proposed Modifications January 2021		
Date of Consultation	05/01/21	Reconsultation: yes /no*	
Date of response	05/03/21	Interim*	Substantive*

- *Strikethrough as appropriate*

Comments

Invest NI welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Modifications to the Mid & East Antrim Local Development Plan draft Plan Strategy.

While the bulk of the proposed modifications do not need comment from the organisation, there are a small number of changes that it wishes to note.

PM-002:

Invest NI notes the potential that issues with the Carrickfergus sewerage network system and wastewater treatment works have the potential to impact on capacity for new connections and may lead to new connections being refused. It is important, as the Development Plan moves forward, that these issues are clarified ahead of the identification of new development zonings in the Local Policies Plan as the inability to connect to the sewerage network may, in effect, prevent development in the affected areas.

PM-004:

Invest NI notes the proposed change from “sufficient” to “generous” in the Economic Objectives regarding land supply change, aligning the Plan with the Strategic Planning Policy Statement.

PM-042:

Invest NI notes that, for clarity, in towns permissible economic development Use Classes are now being specified whereas the phrase “business and industry use” in villages & small settlements has been replaced by “economic development use”. Invest NI notes that there may be uses that could be considered as “economic development” that would fall outside Class B (Use Classes Order) and would ask if Council considers if this change raises the potential of land used or last used for Class B uses being lost to another use.

PM-051:

Invest NI notes the clarification on the definition of the Edge of Town Centre boundary.

PM-117:

Invest NI notes, and welcomes, the clarity provided on the criteria for the adoption of SuDS schemes by NI Water.

PM-136:

Invest NI notes the new paragraph on future-proofing of new residential or commercial developments for future telecommunications connections and upgrade and the importance of such future-proofing in facilitating business.

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