



Sustainability Appraisal Interim Report Response Form

(Incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment for the
Preferred Options Paper)

Local Development Plan

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**Mid & East
Antrim**
Borough Council

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How We Are Consulting

The easiest and quickest way to comment is by completing our online questionnaire: consult.midandeantrim.gov.uk

Alternatively, complete this Sustainability Appraisal Interim Report Response Form and either return by email to planning@midandeantrim.gov.uk or download a copy and post to: Local Development Plan Team, County Hall, 182 Galgorm Road, Ballymena, BT42 1QF.

Responses must be received no later than 5pm on Wednesday 6 September 2017.

Please note that in order for comments to be considered valid you must include your contact details. We will use these details to confirm receipt of comments and to seek clarification or request further information. **Anonymous comments or comments which do not directly relate to the Sustainability Appraisal Interim Report will not be considered as part of the consultation process.**

The information you provide will only be used by the Council for the purposes of preparing the Local Development Plan. Comments made on this consultation will be made public, which may include identifying details such as your name or organisation.

All representations will be closely analysed by our Plan team and a Public Consultation Report prepared. Whilst this report will largely deal with the strategic issues raised rather than individual comments, it should be noted that your responses are public documents and may be made available for public scrutiny. All responses will therefore be held on a database used for the preparation of the LDP in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998. Should you have any concerns regarding the holding of such information please email: planning@midandeantrim.gov.uk

Name:	
Organisation: <i>(if applicable)</i>	
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Telephone Number:	

The Sustainability Appraisal is presented in two reports:

- The Scoping Report reviews the strategic context and baseline evidence for social, economic and environment conditions in our council area and presents the Sustainability Appraisal Framework.
- The Interim Report presents the findings of the sustainability appraisal which was carried out on the options presented in the Preferred Options Paper

Your comments are sought on the Sustainability Appraisal Interim Report (incorporating the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)). There is no obligation to complete all of the questions.

Please note that any comments you make should be planning related matters and supported by sound evidence.

Sustainability Appraisal:

Q1. Do you agree with the overall approach taken to Sustainability Appraisal (SA)?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Any additional comments:

Overview of the SA Evidence Base:

Q2. The SA Evidence Base includes 14 topics which span the social, economic and environmental themes. Do you think the Evidence Base covers all appropriate topics?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Any additional comments:

Q3. Do you think all of the Key Sustainability Issues have been identified?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Any additional comments:

Sustainability Appraisal Framework:

Q4. Sustainability Objectives have been identified through consideration of policies, plans, programmes, strategies and initiatives, along with baseline information and apparent trends. Do you agree with the Sustainability Objectives?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Any additional comments:

Appraisal of Preferred Options:

Q5. The SA Interim Report presents the appraisal of the options outlined in the Preferred Options Paper. It considered and assessed the compatibility of each option against the SA Objectives. Do you agree with the appraisal of each of the options?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Any additional comments:

Any further Comments

Q6. Do you have any further comments to make on the SA Interim Report?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Any additional comments:

Should you wish to continue on a separate sheet, please attach your additional comments as supporting documentation.

Supporting Document or Maps

Essential supporting documents such as maps or images may be submitted with this response form and sent to planning@midandeantrim.gov.uk

Representations should relate to **strategic matters** as these will be used to inform the preparation of the draft Plan Strategy which is strategic in nature. There will be opportunity at Local Policies Plan stage to submit representations of a **site specific nature** and such representations will **only** be considered at that stage.

Q7. Please indicate whether you will be submitting supporting documents.

Yes ☐ No ☐

Titles of supporting documents:

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Please ensure that all comments are submitted before the deadline of 5pm on Wednesday 6 September 2017.