

MID AND EAST ANTRIM BOROUGH COUNCIL PUBLIC NOTICE

MID AND EAST ANTRIM LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2030 PUBLICATION OF DRAFT PLAN STRATEGY THE PLANNING (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2015

In accordance with Regulation 15 of The Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 notice is hereby given that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council is publishing its Local Development Plan 2030 – draft Plan Strategy for a period of 8 weeks public consultation. The statutory 8 week consultation will commence on Wednesday 16 October 2019 and close at 5pm on Wednesday 11 December 2019.

Availability of the draft Plan Strategy and supporting documents

The draft Plan Strategy is supported by a Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating a Strategic Environmental Assessment), a draft Habitats Regulations Assessment, a draft Equality (Section 75) Screening Report and Rural Needs Impact Assessment, as well as all other background supporting evidence in the form of a series of 13 Technical Supplements. All documentation will be available from the start of the public consultation period and can be viewed or freely downloaded from the Council's website at:

www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/LDP

These documents are also available for inspection between the hours of 9.30am – 4.30pm from Monday to Friday 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

Copies of the draft Plan Strategy are also available for inspection at the following libraries in the Borough: Ballymena, Carrickfergus, Larne, Greenisland, Whitehead, Kells/Connor, Broughshane, Portglenone and Carnlough.

How to Respond

Representations should be made in writing using one of the following methods:

- Via our online consultation portal at: consult.midandeantrim.gov.uk
- Downloading a copy of the response form from our website and email it to the Local Development Plan Team at planning@midandeantrim.gov.uk; 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, 182 Galgorm Road, Ballymena, BT42 1QF and return it to the Local Development Plan team at the same address.

Further information on how to respond and how the Council will deal with representations made is available on the Council's website.

Public Engagement Events

Further to the public meetings held during the 4 week pre-consultation period on the draft Plan Strategy, the Council is undertaking three drop-in sessions where the draft Plan Strategy and associated documents will be available and planning officials present to respond to any queries.

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

All representations to the draft Plan Strategy and supporting documents must be received no later than 5pm on 11 December 2019. Representations received after this time will not be considered.