**St. Patrick’s Barracks, Ballymena**

**Draft Development Plan:**

**Public Consultation Questionnaire (28th Nov 2016 – 4st March 2017)**

The Department for Communities is conducting a public consultation on the Draft Development Plan for the former military training base at St Patrick’s Barracks in Ballymena.

The Draft Development Plan seeks to optimise the development capacity of this strategic site and its potential to deliver economic, social and cultural benefits across the whole area. It provides for a diverse range of uses including mixed tenure housing, leisure and recreational areas, civic and office space and facilities for community enterprise and knowledge industries. The plan also takes account of travel linkages, with provision for pedestrians and cycle users, and proposed new transport roads to open up wider access and the potential for future development opportunities.

This questionnaire is your opportunity to comment on the Draft Development Plan and associated proposals. Your views will play an important part in shaping the final Development Plan for this important area of Ballymena.

1. **How familiar are you with St. Patricks Barracks?**

**Please tick all relevant boxes below**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| I am not familiar with it |  |
| I live nearby |  |
| I work nearby |  |
| I visit the nearby area |  |
| I used to be based at St Patrick’s Barracks |  |
| I have friends/family who used to be based at St Patricks Barracks |  |
| Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |

1. **Did you attend either of the previous consultation open days on the site in April and June?**

**Yes**

**No**

1. **How much do you agree with the following proposed uses of the St Patrick’s Barracks site?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neither agree or disagree | Agree | Strongly  Agree |
| Event Space |  |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public / Civic Use |  |  |  |  |  |
| Offices |  |  |  |  |  |
| Knowledge Based Business Space |  |  |  |  |  |
| Community Enterprise |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hotel |  |  |  |  |  |
| Leisure and Recreation |  |  |  |  |  |
| Residential |  |  |  |  |  |
| PSNI |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sports Pitch |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public Green Space |  |  |  |  |  |
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Please note any additional comments below:

1. How much do you agree with the following statements?

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|  | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neither agree or disagree | Agree | Strongly  Agree |
| I believe that the redeveloped site will be a good place to live. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I believe that the redeveloped site will be a good place to work. |  |  |  |  |  |
| I believe that the redeveloped site will be a good place to visit. |  |  |  |  |  |

Please note any additional comments below:

1. **How much do you agree with the following statements regarding the St Patrick’s Barracks event space?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Strongly Disagree | Disagree | Neither agree or disagree | Agree | Strongly  Agree |
| I believe the new event space will be widely used |  |  |  |  |  |
| The event space is much needed in Ballymena |  |  |  |  |  |
| I would be interested in attending events in St Patrick’s Barracks |  |  |  |  |  |

Please note any additional comments below:

1. **How would you rate the transport and movement proposals in relation to meeting the following objectives**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very  Poor | Poor | Average | Good | Very  Good |
| **Reducing congestion**  **on town centre streets** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Promoting healthier alternative transport modes rather than cars** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Strengthening connections for pedestrians** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Strengthening connections for**  **cyclists** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Strengthening connections for motorists** |  |  |  |  |  |

Please note any additional comments below:

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**Section 75 Of The Northern Ireland Act 1998**

Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 requires public authorities, in carrying out their functions relating to Northern Ireland, to have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity between all the Section 75 Groups.

* Persons of different religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status, sexual orientation and men and women generally
* Persons with a disability and persons without
* Persons with dependants and persons without

Without prejudice to these obligations, the Department is also required, in carrying out its functions relating to Northern Ireland, to have due regard to the desirability of promoting good relations between persons of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group.

**This Project (St Patrick’s Barracks – Proposed Development Plan) has been subjected to an Equality Screening exercise – available to view online at** [**www.communities-ni.gov.uk/stpatricks-barracks**](http://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/stpatricks-barracks)**. The outcome of this screening exercise indicates no adverse impacts on equality of opportunity or good relations. On this basis, the decision is that the strategy should not be subject to a full equality impact assessment.**

If you would like to comment on any aspect of the Equality Screening exercise you can do so by completing the following:

1. **Do you agree with the overall outcome of the Equality Screening exercise, that is, the proposed Development Plan has no adverse impact on equality of opportunity or good relations for any of the Section 75 groups?**

Yes

No

Please provide any additional comments you have about the Equality Screening exercise below.

1. **Do you have any further comments on the draft Development Plan?**

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