



Information Leaflet

Local Development Plan 2030-Draft Plan Strategy



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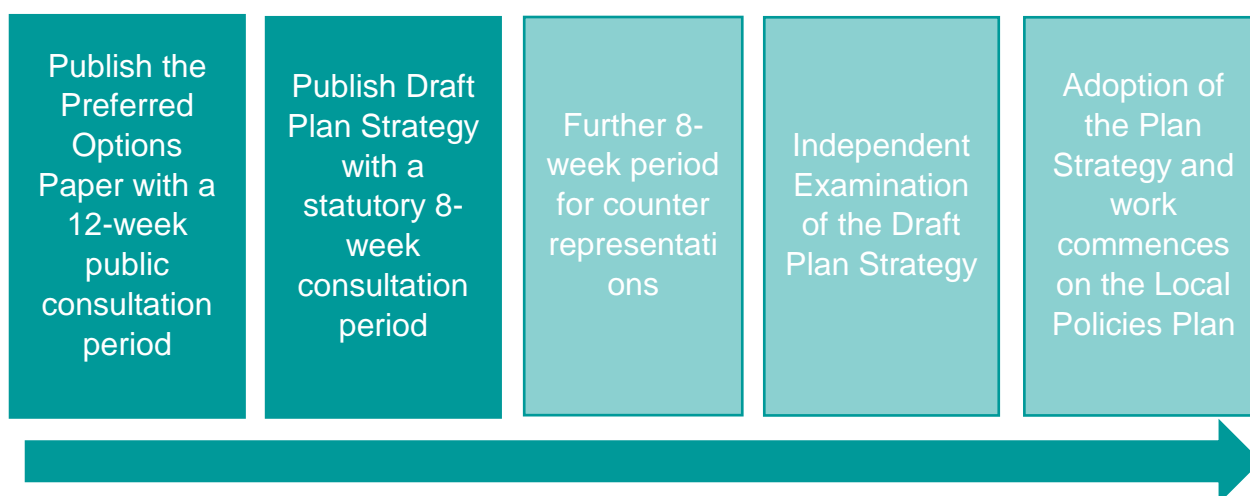
Local Development Plan 2030 - Draft Plan Strategy

Mid Ulster District Council has reached a 'planning milestone' with the publication of its Local Development Plan 2030 – Draft Plan Strategy.

The Draft Plan Strategy sets out the Council's vision for planning land use up to 2030 and details the objectives, spatial planning framework and planning policies which we propose to use to deliver that vision. It supports the vision of the Mid Ulster Community Plan to create a region which is *'a welcoming place where our people are content, healthy and safe; educated and skilled; where our economy is thriving; our environment and heritage are sustained; and where our public services excel'*.

This publication of the Draft Plan Strategy is the first formal stage in the preparation of the Local Development Plan 2030 and follows the publication of the Preferred Options Paper (POP) in November 2016. The Local Development Plan 2030 – Draft Plan Strategy has been compiled taking account of the public representations and consultation body advice made in response to the POP and with the sustained input from Mid Ulster Councillors in the intervening period.

Where we are now



What happens next?

Following the receipt of all representations made during the 8-week consultation period for the Draft Plan Strategy, a further 8-week period will be allowed for the submission of counter representations. The Council will take into account all comments made during these consultation periods.

All information and advice on how to submit a representation and counter representation can be found in **Development Plan Practice Note 09**, which can be found at:

<https://www.planningni.gov.uk/index/advice/practice-notes/common-newpage-9.htm>

What will happen to my representation?

- We will publish all representations on the council's website and they will be made available for inspection at reception in the Council Offices at Magherafelt, Dungannon and Cookstown.
- All names and address will be shown on representations but email addresses; phone numbers, signatures etc. will be redacted.
- Representations may be subject to counter representations and we will publish these in the same way.
- All representations and counter representations will be presented to elected members for consideration and then to the Department of Infrastructure who will forward them to the Planning Appeals Commission for Independent Examination.

When and How to make a Representation

Mid Ulster District Council must receive all representations no later than 4pm on 19th April 2019.

You may make a representation in any of the following ways;

- Online – use online representation from (Survey Monkey) – www.midulstercouncil.org/planning/mid-ulster-development-plan
- Email – email us at DevelopmentPlan@midulstercouncil.org
- In writing – Development Plan Team, Planning Department, Mid Ulster District Council, 50 Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt, BT45 6EN.

When making your representation you are encouraged to use the representation form and to structure your comments around the soundness tests.

Your views – The Soundness Test

In accordance with the new development plan system, it is important that your representations and counter representations relate to the 12 tests of soundness, which refer to the process by which the Draft Strategy was completed;

Procedural Tests

P1 Has the DPD been prepared in accordance with the Council's timetable and Statement of Community Involvement?

P2 Has the Council prepared its Preferred Options Paper and taken account of any representations made?

P3 has the DPD been subject to a sustainability appraisal including a Strategic Environmental Assessment?

P4 Did the Council comply with the regulations on the form and content of its DPD and procedure for preparing the DPD?

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's district?

Coherence and Effectiveness Tests

CE1 The DPD sets out a coherent strategy from which its policies and allocations logically flow and where cross boundary issues are relevant it is not in conflict with the DPDs 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; and

CE4 It is reasonably flexible to enable it to deal with changing circumstances.

Information on the soundness of a Local Development Plan and how to test the soundness of the Plan can be found in **Development Plan Practice Note 06** at:

<https://www.planningni.gov.uk/index/advice/practice-notes/common-newpage-9.htm>

Drop-in Sessions and Exhibitions

Mid Ulster District Council have organised a number of exhibitions and drop-in sessions throughout the District in the coming weeks, all of which are listed below.

Members of the Local Development Plan team will be present at each of the exhibitions and drop-in sessions to answer any questions you may have and provide additional information if required.

Location	Date	Time
Cookstown - The Burnavon Arts Centre	Monday 25 th February 2019	3pm-7pm
Cookstown - The Burnavon Arts Centre	Tuesday 26 th February 2019	3pm-7pm
Dungannon - Ranfurly House Theatre and Arts Centre	Thursday 28 th February 2019	3pm-7pm
Dungannon - Ranfurly House Theatre and Arts Centre	Friday 1 st March 2019	1.30pm-5.30pm
Magherafelt – The Bridewell Centre	Friday 1 st March 2019	1.30pm-5.30pm
Magherafelt – The Bridewell	Monday 4 th March 2019	3pm-7pm
Coalisland - The Cornmill Heritage Centre	Tuesday 5 th March 2019	3pm-7pm
Maghera – Maghera Leisure Centre	Wednesday 6 th March 2019	3pm-7pm
Aughnacloy - Aghaloo Community Centre, 70 Moore Street, Aughnacloy	Thursday 7 th March 2019	3pm-7pm
Swatragh - Granaghan Resource Centre, Old School Lane, Main Street, Swatragh	Friday 8 th March 2019	1.30pm-5.30pm
Draperstown - St Colms Youth Club	Monday 11 th March 2019	3pm-7pm
Clogher - The Old Primary School, 4 Augher Road, Clogher	Tuesday 12 th March 2019	3pm-7pm
Ardboe - Ardboe Parish Centre	Wednesday 13 th March 2019	3pm-7pm
Pomeroy - Rowan Tree Centre	Thursday 14 th March 2019	3pm-7pm
Galbally - Galbally Community Centre	Friday 15 th March 2019	1.30pm-5.30pm