

Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan 2030 - Draft Plan Strategy

Key Policy Changes introduced by Draft Plan Strategy

Below are some examples of the tailored changes to policy brought forward by the Draft Plan Strategy:

Social Policies – Accommodating Growth and Creating Places

- Within settlements, Phase 2 Housing Land can be released for social/affordable housing or where overriding need for a health, education or community facility.
- Greater flexibility introduced for a single dwelling in the countryside including: to meet the needs of carers; for holder of commercial fishing licence; between two buildings in a farm cluster.
- Within Dispersed Rural Communities a single dwelling may be granted for someone who makes a substantial economic and social contribution to the area.
- Introduction of policy to protect our main river corridors and protect public access to them.
- Greater flexibility for outdoor sports facilities in the countryside.

Economic Policies – Creating Jobs and Prosperity

- Greater flexibility introduced for a small workshop in the countryside where it forms part of the curtilage of a dwelling.
- Primary Retail Core Policy.
- Mineral Reserve Policy Areas and Areas of Constraint on Minerals Development updated.
- Introduction of a policy on Peat Extraction.
- Greater flexibility for tourism development - policy to allow a Major Resort Destination and designation of Tourism Opportunities Zones to promote development where otherwise would have been constrained.
- Recognition given to need for ancillary building for holder of commercial fishing licence and existing Farmers no longer asked to prove need.
- Intensive farming need to demonstrate ammonia will not harm environment.

Environmental Policies – Protecting Heritage and Providing Infrastructure

- Policy to protect an extended Area of Special Archaeological Interest (ASAI) at Beaghmore and new ASAI's introduced at Tullahogue and Creggandevsky.
- Special Countryside Area introduced at Lough Neagh/Lough Beg, High Sperrins and Slieve Beagh to protect these areas from inappropriate development.
- Introduction of an Area of Constraint to protect our most vulnerable landscapes from the impact of wind turbines and high structures.
- Introduction of restriction on development on disused transport routes, for uses other than recreation, nature conservation and tourism.



Figure 3 - Plan Process Timetable

