

Date: 10th April 2025

Dear LDP Stakeholder,

**Notification of Consultation on Assessment Documents in advance of Adoption of the
Derry City & Strabane District Council Local Development Plan (LDP) Plan Strategy –
NOTIFICATION OF EXTENSION OF CONSULTATION PERIOD**

Further to my previous letter on this matter, dated 19th March 2025, I now write to advise you that a decision has been taken to extend the current consultation on the LDP Assessment Documents, detailed below, to Thursday 1st May 2025.

If you have already submitted a response, thank you.

Therefore, the following assessment documents are published for public consultation:

- draft Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)
- Sustainability Appraisal Report (SA, incorporating a Strategic Environmental Assessment, SEA - Further Addendum)
- Equality Impact Assessment Report (Further Addendum)
- Rural Needs Impact Assessment (Further Addendum)

Expressions of opinion or comments are invited on the four above-named documents, no later than 1st May 2025.

How to View Documents and Submit Comments

Copies of the above documents, as well as the DfI Direction and the PAC Report, are available for inspection on the Council's webpage, at: <https://www.derrystrabane.com/subsites/ldp> . Copies of the documents are also available for inspection during normal office opening hours, strictly by appointment only, since 20th March 2025 at the Council's two main offices at 98 Strand Road, Derry, BT48 7NN and 47 Derry Road, Strabane, Co. Tyrone, BT82 8DY.

If you do require to inspect the documents in hard copy, please write to us or submit an email to the ldp@derrystrabane.com or telephone the LDP Team during normal office hours on

028 71 253253. Arrangements will be made for an appointment, or alternative arrangements made.

Comments on the four above-named documents can be submitted in writing, by either:

- Emailing to: ldp@derrystrabane.com, or
- Posting to: Local Development Plan, Derry City & Strabane District Council, 98 Strand Road, Derry, BT48 7NN

The consultation period will close on 1st May 2025. Comments received after this date will not be considered.

I look forward to your continued co-operation and input to the LDP process. You can stay updated on LDP progress by visiting <https://www.derrystrabane.com/subsites/ldp>.

Yours sincerely,



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Date: 8th April 2025

Dear Proinsias,

RE: Local Development Plan - Plan Strategy: Pre-Adoption Consultation on Assessment Documents.

Thank you for your letter dated 19th March 2025 inviting comment on the above.

The Council acknowledges that, following receipt of a formal Direction from the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) to proceed to adopt its Plan Strategy for its District, Derry City and Strabane District Council (DC&SDC) has prepared a suite of assessment documents which are being published for public consultation. In response to this the Council wishes to comment as follows:

Habitats Regulations Assessment (Draft):

The Council notes that DC&SDC, on the basis of the analysis set out in the draft HRA, concludes that its Plan Strategy (with the modifications set out in the Direction made by DfI) will not adversely affect the integrity of any European site, either alone or in combination with other plans and projects.

Sustainability Appraisal Report (SA, incorporating a Strategic Environmental Assessment, SEA - Further Addendum):

The Council notes that the conclusions of this report highlight that implementing the recommended modifications within the Plan Strategy would not result in any new significant effects. All the recommended modifications can be made without impacting or changing in a significant manner how the Plan would perform against the Sustainability Objectives. The Council also notes the finding that the overall impact of the Plan Strategy will have no likely significant effects on the environment.

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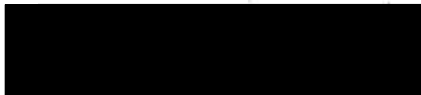
Equality Impact Assessment Report (Further Addendum):

The Council notes that the assessment determined that the modifications do not materially alter the conclusions of the original EQIA or its first Addendum. It concluded that the PS is unlikely to have an adverse impact on Section 75 groups, either directly or indirectly.

Rural Needs Impact Assessment (Further Addendum):

The Council notes the conclusion that those modifications assessed do not alter the outcomes of the RNIA of the dPS or the first Addendum to it. Therefore, it is anticipated that the PS is not likely to have an adverse impact with regard to rural needs, either directly or indirectly.

Yours faithfully,



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