



Date: 10th July 2025

Dear LDP Stakeholder,

**Notification of Adoption of the
Derry City & Strabane District Council Local Development Plan (LDP) Plan Strategy**

Further to my previous letters on this matter, I now write to advise you that Derry City & Strabane District **adopts the Derry City & Strabane District Council Local Development Plan (LDP) 2032 - Plan Strategy on 10th July 2025**. The policies in the LDP Plan Strategy (PS) have already begun to be applied, to a given weight, in accordance with legislation, strategic Planning policy and case law. Full implementation of the LDP PS will apply immediately upon its Adoption and the strategic policies of the existing Area Plans (the maps / zonings still remain, generally, until the LDP LPP) and Planning Policy Statements will no longer be material, even for Planning applications that are already in the system (SPPS para 1.11: Transitional Arrangements).

The LDP Plan Strategy, the Adoption Statement, the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) report into the Independent Examination, the Direction from the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) and the Council's Appraisal of the Sustainability of the LDP Plan Strategy, are all published and are available to view online at the following weblink:

<https://www.derrystrabane.com/subsites/ldp>

Copies of the documents are also available for inspection during normal office opening hours, by appointment only, 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 ldp@derrystrabane.com or telephone the LDP Team during normal office hours on 028 71 253253 and arrangements will be made for an appointment. All documents are available to view and download (free of charge). The printed LDP Plan Strategy will be available to purchase in the near future (at a cost). The documents are also available in alternative formats, in

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accordance with the Council's policy. The report of the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA), Equality Impact Assessment Report (EQIA Further Addendum) and Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA Further Addendum) are also available to view. Please contact the Council or view the website for details of availability and charges.

A series of Draft **Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) documents** are now being made available to view on the Council's webpage, for public consultation. Any comments on any of these Draft SPG documents should be submitted in writing to the above-mentioned Strand Road office or email address, **before 4th September 2025**. A further tranche of SPG documents will also be consulted-upon from September / October 2025; please see the webpage for details at that time.

Derry City & Strabane District Council will now formally **commence the preparation of the Local Development Plan (LDP) Local Policies Plan (LPP)**. The public is not required to take any further action or make any submissions at this time. This LPP will be undertaken in accordance with the Planning (LDP) Regulations (NI) 2015 and the Council's published LDP Timetable and Statement of Community Involvement (Planning, SCI) (both documents are under review, available on the Council website).

The Council thanks you for your input to-date and we 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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