

Council Consultation – Mid Ulster Council Preferred Options Paper (POP)	21 <sup>st</sup> December 2016
PLANNING COMMITTEE	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Outcomes
Leader and Champion	<ul> <li>We will establish key relationships with Government agencies and potential strategic partners in Northern Ireland and external to it which helps us to deliver our vision for this Council area.</li> </ul>
Lead Officer	Principal Planning Officer/Local Development Plan Manager
Cost:	N/A

## For Decision

## 1.0 Background

- 1.1 Mid Ulster Council wrote to Council as a 'consultation body' on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 in accordance with Regulation 10 of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 advising that it has published its Local Development Plan 'Preferred Options Paper' (POP) for public consultation (see letter at Appendix 1).
- 1.2 The POP is a consultation paper intended to promote debate on issues of strategic significance which are likely to influence the shape of future development within Mid Ulster. It sets out the Councils' preferred options for dealing with such issues and will be used, in conjunction with feedback received, to inform the making of the Mid Ulster Local Development Plan 2015 2030.
- 1.3 The period for consultation responses closes at **5pm on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017**.

## 2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Members note the content of the letter and agree to one of the following three options:
- Option 1 Council provides no response;
- Option 2 Workshop to agree a response: or

Option 3 - Planning Staff to draft a response and return it to the January Planning Committee for agreement.

Date: 15 November 2016



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Dear Sir / Madam,

## Mid Ulster District Local Development Plan 2030 - Preferred Options Paper Consultation

Mid Ulster District Council are writing to you as a 'consultation body' and in accordance with Regulation 10 of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015.

Mid Ulster District Council published its Preferred Options Paper (POP) on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016. The POP is a consultation paper intended to promote debate on issues of strategic significance which are likely to influence the shape of future development within Mid Ulster. It sets out the Councils' preferred options for dealing with such issues and will be used, in conjunction with feedback received, to inform the making of the Mid Ulster Local Development Plan 2015 – 2030.

The Preferred Options Paper, related Easy Read Guide, SA/SEA Interim Report, Equality Impact Assessment Progress Report and all Local Development Plan background preparatory and policy review papers are available at the link on the covering email which accompanies this letter. The documents are also available on the Councils website at <u>www.midulstercouncil.org/developmentplan</u>

I would be grateful if you would forward this consultation on to the various sections within your Department who may wish to make comment. The period for consultation responses closes at **5pm on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017**. It would be helpful to receive your comments in advance of this date to allow for timely consideration by the Council.

Any written comments which you wish to make should be addressed to;

Dr C R Boomer Mid Ulster District Council Planning Department Ballyronan Road Magherafelt BT45 6EN

Or alternatively, you can email your comments to;

developmentplan@midulsterdistrictcouncil.org

In accordance with Article 11 of The Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, the Council must take account of all representations made on the Preferred Options Paper before it prepares the Local Development Plan.

Should you wish to discuss this prior to providing your comments please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours faithfully,

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On behalf of Dr Chris Boomer Planning Manger Mid Ulster District Council