

Council Consultation – Derry City & Strabane District Council: Pre-POP Consultation	21st December 2016
PLANNING COMMITTEE	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Outcomes
Leader and Champion	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.
Lead Officer	Principal Planning Officer/Local Development Plan Manager
Cost:	N/A

## For Decision

## 1.0 Background

- 1.1 Derry City & Strabane District Council wrote to Council as a 'consultation body' on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016 in accordance with Regulation 9 of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 prior to the publication of its Local Development Plan 'Preferred Options Paper' (POP) (see letter at Appendix 1).
- 1.2 The purpose of pre-engagement with consultation bodies is to enable the Council to take into account any relevant input this Council, or any other consultee, may have on specific planning issues to allow them to consider these in the development of their alternative strategies and options for their LDP.
- 1.3 The period for consultation responses closes at **5pm on 11<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 – Given the deadline for responses that the Head of Planning responds on behalf of Council.





Date: 30 Nov 2016

Dear Sir / Madam

Derry City and Strabane District Council Local Development Plan 2030 (LDP) Statutory Consultation prior to Preferred Options Paper

I am writing in accordance with Regulation 9 (1) of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 to engage with you, as a 'consultation body', prior to the publication of our Preferred Options Paper (POP). Derry City and Strabane District Council is currently progressing the preparation of the Local Development Plan (LDP) for our District and the next formal step in the process will be the publication of the POP in spring of next year. Further details on the stages of the LDP-preparation process can be found within the Timetable document at <a href="https://www.derrystrabane.com/sci">www.derrystrabane.com/sci</a>

The purpose of engaging with consultation bodies is to enable us to take into account any relevant input you may have on specific planning issues and allow us to consider these as we develop alternative strategies and options. In addition, we are also keen to establish what current baseline data you hold which could be beneficial to the LDP process (and its format to allow for potential future use in published LDP documents). This will generally be publicly available information and is required in a level of detail commensurate with this early stage of the Plan.

Please advise us of the key areas of common interest in regard to our LDP preparation and your role as a Consultee. For example,

- Are there specific projects, proposals or strategies that you have been involved in and that need to be incorporated or identified in the LDP?
- Are there specific areas of planning policy that you wish to see amended or to discuss?
- Are there any other additional areas of LDP-relevance to your organisation that you wish to raise?

In addition to your written submission, if you think it would be useful to meet and to discuss the potential benefits and opportunities arising out of the preparation of our LDP, then Planning officials will endeavour to facilitate this.

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If you do wish to meet, please contact Jonny McNee to arrange a convenient date. However, I would still be grateful for your comments on those pertinent LDP matters, as soon as possible, not later than 6 weeks from this letter, by 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

The Council also proposes to bring together a series of Stakeholder Groups and also a 'LDP Consultee Team, of certain key consultees, for a defined number of meetings at key stages of the LDP preparation process. If relevant, this Team would include a senior operational member of your organisation for the purposes of ensuring consultee co-ordination and partnership, as well as inputting to the LDP's Sustainability Assessment. We will be in touch in due course, as appropriate.

The Derry City & Strabane District LDP 2030 is being progressed by the LDP team within the Council's Planning Department located primarily in the Council offices in Derry. Address details are on the previous page, but key contacts are set out below in Appendix A, for your information.

Please send me within 14 days of receipt of this letter an e-mail acknowledging receipt and giving the name/details of the key contact(s) in your organisation(s) who will be responding in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix A

**Key LDP contacts** 

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