

Mid & East Antrim Borough Council – Council Consultation on publication of Preferred Options Paper.	23rd August 2017
Planning Committee	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Outcome
Leader & Champion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will establish key relationships with Government agencies and potential strategic partners in NI and external to it which helps us to deliver our vision for this Council area.
Protect the environment in which we live	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All environments in the area will benefit from proactive decision making which protects the natural features, characteristics and integrity of the Borough;
Lead Officer	Principal Planning Officer/Local Development Plan Manager
Cost:	N/A

For Decision

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Mid & East Antrim Borough Council wrote to Council on 14th June 2017, as a consultation body and in accordance with Regulation 10 of The Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, advising that it has now published its Local Development Plan: Preferred Options Paper (POP) and Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Interim Report and associated papers.
- 1.2 The correspondence to Council includes the dates of public events in relation to the publication, as well as a link to the documents.
- 1.3 The consultation period will last for 12 weeks, closing on 6th September 2017.

2.0 Financial Implications

- 2.1 None

3.0 Other Implications

- 3.1 None

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Elected Members note the content of the correspondence attached at Appendix 1 and agree to the Head of Planning submitting a response on behalf of Council.

Appendix 1: Mid and East Antrim Borough Council Consultation letter.

Date: 14 June 2016



Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Mid and East Antrim Local Development Plan 2030 - Preferred Options Paper

In accordance with Regulation 10 of The Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, I am writing to inform you, as a consultation body, that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council has today published its Preferred Options Paper (POP).

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 and East Antrim. It sets out the Council's preferred options in relation to a number of key issues, and will be used, in conjunction with feedback received, to inform the making of the Mid and East Antrim Local Development Plan (LDP) 2030.

The Preferred Options Paper, Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Interim Report (incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment), SA Scoping Report, Equality Impact Assessment Report, summary of the POP and all preparatory papers are available for viewing on the Council's website at www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/pop

The POP and the SA Interim Report will also be available in hard copy for examination between 9.30am and 4.30pm (Monday to Friday) at the following Council offices:

- Planning Department, County Hall, 182 Galgorm Road, Ballymena, BT42 1QF
- The Braid, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ
- Carrickfergus Museum and Civic Centre, 11 Antrim Street, Carrickfergus, BT38 7DG
- Smiley Buildings, Victoria Road, Larne, BT40 1RU.

In accordance with Regulation 11 of The Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, the period for consultation on the POP commences today for a period of 12 weeks. During this consultation period there are a number of events planned throughout the Borough and these are highlighted below. You are cordially invited to attend one of these public engagement events.

Date and Time	Event Type	Location
Thursday 22 June Afternoon (2pm) Evening (7pm)	Public event	The Braid Ballymena Town Hall 1-29 Bridge St, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ
Thursday 29 June Afternoon (2pm) Evening (7pm)	Public event	Carrickfergus Town Hall 2B Joymount, Carrickfergus, BT38 7DN
Tuesday 25 July Afternoon (2pm) Evening (7pm)	Public event	Larne Town Hall 1-9 Upper Cross St, Larne, BT40 1RZ

Please reply to:

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Anne Donaghy

Wednesday 2 August Evening (7pm-9pm)	Drop-in session	The Gobbins Visitor Centre Middle Road, Islandmagee, BT40 3SX
Thursday 3 August Evening (7pm-9pm)	Drop-in session	Portglenone Community Centre Gortgole Road, Portglenone, Ballymena, BT44 8HT
Wednesday 9 August Evening (7pm-9pm)	Drop-in session	Glenlough Community Centre 60 Croft Road, Carnlough, Ballymena, BT44 0EX

Should you wish to make comment on the POP and/or SA, please complete the relevant questionnaire/s available at consult.midandeastantrim.gov.uk by 6 September 2017. Representations received by this date will be considered in the preparation of the Draft Plan Strategy.

The Council would also like to take this opportunity to advise that the LDP Timetable has been revised and is available for viewing at: www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/planning

Should you require further information on the Preferred Options Paper, please do not hesitate to contact the Head of Local Development Plan - Michael Francey, or myself.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Duffy
Head of Planning



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