



Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council

Mid Ulster Council – Local Development Plan (LDP): Preferred Options Paper (POP): Council Response	25 th January 2017
PLANNING COMMITTEE	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Outcomes
Leader and Champion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">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 Mid Ulster Council wrote to Council as a 'consultation body' (adjoining council) on 15th November 2016 in accordance with Regulation 10 of the Planning (LDP) Regs (NI) 2015 following publication of its LDP 'Preferred Options Paper' (POP) on 7th November 2016 (see letter at Appendix 1).
- 1.2 The POP is a public 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 preparation of the Mid Ulster Local Development Plan 2015 – 2030.
- 1.3 The letter was presented at the December 2016 Planning Committee, where it was agreed that the Head of Planning would draft a response and return it to this Committee for approval before forwarding to Mid Ulster Council.
- 1.4 The period for consultation responses closes at **5pm on 27th January 2017**.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 **IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Members note the content of the letter and agree to the issue of a response along the lines of the draft attached at Appendix 2.

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 7th 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 www.midulstercouncil.org/developmentplan

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 27th 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

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sinead McEvoy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

On behalf of Dr Chris Boomer
Planning Manger
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Dear Dr Boomer,

Re: Mid Ulster Preferred Options Paper (POP): Council Consultation.

Further to the publication of the Mid Ulster Preferred Options Paper on 7th November 2016 and letter to Council dated 15th November 2016, I wish to make the following comments on behalf of Council:

Council acknowledges the very detailed nature of the POP, and its purpose to stimulate focussed debate on a wide range of planning issues affecting the district.

The spatial profile of the district is helpful in setting the scene in terms of the three strands contained within the Sustainability Appraisal; namely; social, economic; and environmental. The document emphasises the rural nature of the District as well as the opportunities and constraints this creates.

References to the Mid Ulster Community Plan highlights its importance also and the statutory link between both documents.

The POP sets out relevant regional policy and details Council's strategic approach and options, including its 'preferred option', for the development of the district up to 2030.

The proposed Retail Hierarchy and designation of Primary Retail Cores are noted, as is the proposed designation of Rural Industrial Policy Areas and Special Countryside Areas.

The proposed Mineral Reserve Policy Areas; Areas of Constraint on Wind Turbines & High Structures (to include overhead cables and telecommunications); Tourism Conservation Zones (particularly within The Sperrins AONB) are also of interest, as these occur along our common district boundary.

The option to prepare a list of non-designated heritage assets (known as 'local listings') is noted, and it is agreed that the method regarding the selection criteria for the identification of such assets needs to be clear and based on a robust evidence base.

The option to adopt no policy in relation to development in proximity to reservoirs until such times as the required information is made available to the public is also noted.

As an adjoining council, we acknowledge your strategy for the protection of your natural heritage which includes taking account of the implications of your proposed land use zonings, locations for development and settlement limits on the natural features contained within or adjoining your plan area.

Council would be keen to work with Mid Ulster Council in relation to our common areas of interest, including those listed above.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss further.

Yours faithfully,

Denise Dickson
Head of Planning