

Ards and North Down Local Development Plan 2030

Publication of Preferred Options Paper (POP)

In accordance with Regulation 10 of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, Ards and North Down Borough Council hereby gives notice that its Local Development Plan Preferred Options Paper (POP) was launched on 25 March 2019.

The Council recently identified an inadvertent omission from its online version of the POP which has implications in respect of compliance with the relevant regulations for its consultation exercise. To ensure that the Council has fully complied with the legal requirements of The Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, it is necessary to run the consultation period in a full 12-week manner from Friday 17 May 2019.

The public consultation is now open for a period from 17 May 2019 until 4.30 pm 9 August 2019.

Representations received after this time will not be accepted.

The POP is the first of three main public consultation documents that the Council will issue during the Local Development Plan (LDP) preparation.

It is designed to promote focused debate on key issues of strategic significance which are likely to influence the direction of future development within the Borough up to 2030.

The POP outlines the vision and strategic objectives of the LDP, along with a set of key issues and the possible options available to address them, including the Council's 'preferred options'.

The POP is published along with a number of supporting documents which are also the subject of public consultation until 4.30pm Friday 9 August 2019. These include a Sustainability Appraisal [Scoping and Interim Reports, incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA); and Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) Baseline Study] and Section 75 Screening.

Availability of documents

The POP and accompanying documents, including topic-based Position Papers, can be viewed online at the Council's website at: www.ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk

The POP Consultation and other supporting documentation are also available to view in hard copy at the Planning Office, 2 Church Street, Newtownards, BT23 4AP, and the Town Hall, The Castle, Bangor, BT20 4BT during normal office hours (9am–5pm, Monday- Thursday and 9am-4.30pm on Friday).

The POP and supporting documentation can be made available in hard copy and other formats upon request to 028 91824006 or planning@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk

How to respond

An online Comments Sheet is available on the Council's website. Responses can also be forwarded to the Local Development Plan Team at 2 Church Street, Newtownards BT23 4AP, or by email to planning@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk

Public Engagement Events, Exhibition, Drop-in Information Sessions

A number of events/sessions across the Borough, commenced in April 2019 as detailed below, at which Planning officers will be available to answer questions on the LDP process and the POP.

The new 12-week period for the submission of representations will run from 17 May to 4.30 pm on 9 August 2019.

The outcome of the public consultation will inform the next stage in the Plan-making process: The Draft Plan Strategy.

Details of the first set of public engagement/exhibition/public drop-in sessions across the Borough are listed below:

Date	Venue	Times
Monday 8th April 2019	Comber Library, Newtownards Road, Comber, BT23 5AU	10.30am-12.30pm
Wednesday 10 April 2019	Ballygowan Community Hall, Belfast Road, Ballygowan, BT23 6NA	6.30 pm-8.30pm
Monday 15 April 2019	Donaghadee Community Centre, The Parade, Donaghadee, BT21 0HG	1.30 pm-3.30pm
Wednesday 1 May 2019	Hollywood Library, Sullivan Building, 86-88 High St, Hollywood, BT18 9AE	1.30 pm-3.30pm
Thursday 9 May 2019	Portaferry Sports Centre, Cloughey Road, Portaferry, BT22 1ND	6.30-8.30pm
Tuesday 14 May 2019	Ards Blair Mayne Health and Wellbeing Centre, 1 Dairy Hall Lane, Newtownards, BT23 4DB	1.30-3.30pm 6.30-8.30pm
Monday 20 May 2019	Project 24 (Lilac Pod 1), Queen's Parade, Bangor, BT20 3BH	1.30-3.30pm 6.30-8.30pm

Further opportunities to speak with Planners at the public engagement/exhibition/public drop-in sessions shall take place at the venues and times below:

Date	Venue	Times
Monday 3 June 2019	Newtownards Library, Queen's Hall, Regent Street, Newtownards, BT23 4AB	6-8 pm
Wednesday 5 June 2019	Ballygowan Community Hall, Belfast Road, Ballygowan, BT23 6NA	6-8 pm
Monday 10 June 2019	Bangor Carnegie Library, Hamilton Road, Bangor, BT20 4LH	6-8pm
Tuesday 11 June 2019	Comber Library, Newtownards Road, Comber, BT23 5AU	6-8pm
Thursday 13 June 2019	Portaferry Sports Centre, Cloughey Road, Portaferry, BT22 1ND	6-8pm
Wednesday 19 June 2019	Donaghadee Community Centre, The Parade, Donaghadee, BT21 0HG	6-8pm
Thursday 20 June 2019	Hollywood Library, Sullivan Building, 86-88 High St, Hollywood, BT18 9AE	6-8pm