

Appendix 8: Notification to consultation bodies regarding availability of the DPS
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Date: 9 August 2018

Dear Mr Lewis,

Re: Belfast City Local Development Plan 2035 – Draft Plan Strategy Launch

I refer to the above matter and wish to advise that Belfast City Council has published its Local Development Plan draft Plan Strategy for the purpose of public consultation. The period for the receipt of formal comments is open until Thursday 15 November 2018, as outlined on our website, via the link below.

The draft Plan Strategy has been developed to provide the strategic policy framework for the Council area and establishes the strategic direction early in the overall plan process. The plan strategy and strategic policies will provide a level of certainty on which to base future development decisions as well as the necessary framework for the preparation of our local policies plan. The draft Plan Strategy sets out the Council's ambitious vision for Belfast as well as the objectives and strategic policies required to deliver that vision. Your views as a statutory consultee are important and will assist in the plan development.

A number of other documents were published alongside the draft Plan Strategy and are also open for consultation. These include a Sustainability Appraisal incorporating a Strategic Environmental Assessment, a draft Equality Impact Assessment Report and a Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA). It is also accompanied by the Countryside Assessment, Rural Needs Impact Assessment and a suite of technical supplements. These provide an evidence base across a range of topics including housing, employment and economic growth, natural heritage, and transportation. Web links to these documents are appended to this letter.

As a consultee under the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, I would like to invite you to consider the Plan Strategy and associated documents. You may wish to note that submissions on the draft plan Strategy can be

made via the Council's online consultation hub (accessed from the LDP page www.belfastcity.gov.uk/LDP), which will be available during the period for receipt of formal comments. Any feedback should focus on the principle of soundness, as suggested in the Development Plan Practice Note 9 published by the Department for Infrastructure and should you want to discuss this letter or have any queries, we can arrange a meeting to clarify the process and documentation.

You should be aware that in accordance with Regulation 17 of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 the Council must make a copy of any representation available for inspection. The Council is also required to submit the representations to the Department of Infrastructure and they will then be considered as part of the independent examination process.

The plan is available at www.belfastcity.gov.uk/LDP until 15 November 2018. If you have any queries or require a paper copy of the draft Plan Strategy, please email localdevelopmentplan@belfastcity.gov.uk with your request.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith Sutherland". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Keith Sutherland
Development Planning and Policy Manager

Appendix

The Belfast Local Development Plan draft Plan Strategy and associated documentation are available for consideration on www.belfastcity.gov.uk/ldp

Local Development Plan – draft Plan Strategy

[Download the Local Development Plan - draft Plan Strategy](#)

Draft Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA)

[Download the Equality Impact Assessment](#)

Sustainability appraisal incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment

[Download Sustainability Appraisal Report – August 2018](#)

The Habitat Regulations Assessment

[Download the Habitat Regulations Assessment](#)

Consultation

The formal consultation period is now open and closes at 5pm on Thursday 15 November 2018. We recommend that you submit your consultation response via our consultation hub:

- [draft Plan Strategy consultation questionnaire](#)
- [Sustainability Appraisal incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment consultation questionnaire](#)
- [Equality Impact Assessment consultation questionnaire](#)
- [Habitat Regulations Assessment consultation questionnaire](#)

If you prefer, you can also download PDF copies of the response forms or pick them up from Belfast Planning Service office:

Belfast Planning Service
Ground Floor
Cecil Ward Building
4-10 Linenhall Street
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BT2 8BP

Paper copies can be returned to the Belfast Planning Service office before 5pm on Thursday 15 November 2018.

For any queries about the Local Development Plan draft Plan Strategy, or to request a copy of the consultation forms, please email localdevelopmentplan@belfastcity.gov.uk