

Response ID ANON-RWUU-JNHP-3

Submitted to **Belfast LDP 2035 - Plan Strategy**

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Overview

1. Data Protection

Q1. Please tick to confirm that you have read and understood the privacy notice above.

I confirm that I have read and understood the privacy notice above and give my consent for Belfast City Council to hold my personal data for the purposes outlined.

Q2. Do you consent for us to publish your response?

Yes, with my name and/or organisation

2. Your details

Q3. Are you responding as an individual, as an organisation, or as an agent acting on behalf of an individual, group or organisation?

Individual, Organisation or Agent:

Organisation

Q4. What is your name?

Title:

Mr

Full Name:

Ken Humphrey

Q5. What is your telephone number?

Telephone number:

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Q6. What is your email address?

Email:

████████████████████

Q7. Did you respond to the previous Preferred Options Paper consultation phase?

No

If yes, and you have your previous response ID (beginning ANON) please enter it here::

4. Organisation

Q9. If you are responding as a representative of a group or organisation, please provide details below:

Organisation:

Eastside Partnership

Your Job Title:

Neighbourhood Renewal Co-ordinator

Address Line 1:

278 Newtownards Road

Line 2:

Line 3:

City:

Belfast

Postcode:

BT4 1HE

6. Before you submit your comments

7. Is the plan sound?

Your comments should be set out in full. This will help the independent examiner understand the issues you raise. You will only be able to submit further additional information to the Independent Examination if the Independent Examiner invites you to do so.

Q12. Do you consider the Plan Strategy to be sound or unsound?

I believe it to be unsound

8b. Unsound

Q14a. To which part of the Plan Strategy does your representation relate?

Relevant Section or Paragraph::

Overall Plan

Policy (if relevant):

Q15a. If you consider the Plan Strategy to be unsound, please identify which test(s) of soundness your representation relates, having regard to Development Plan Practice Note 6:

P1 - Has the development plan document (DPD) been prepared in accordance with the council's timetable and the Statement of Community Involvement?, C2 - Did the council take account of its Community Plan?, C4 - Has the plan had regard to other relevant plans, policies and strategies relating to the council's district or to any adjoining council's district?

Q16a. Please give details of why you consider the Plan Strategy to be unsound having regard to the test(s) you have identified above. Please be as precise as possible.

Please give your reasons:

The following views were expressed during focus groups concerning the Local Development Plan (LDP) which including a wide range of community activists, political representatives and statutory agency representatives who are engaged in East Belfast.

*The Plan lacked adequate reference to the necessity to help to substantially address disadvantage and marginalisation in Belfast. The Plan mentions disadvantage and inequality in approximately twelve sentences in a 330-page document.

*The stated intentions about the development of more than thirty thousand new houses in the city does not include consideration of how increased traffic and parking in inner city and other disadvantaged communities will increase and how danger will increase commensurately.

*There was concern that inadequate consideration may be given to sewage and wastage demands imposed on an already inadequate system by the building of huge numbers of new houses.

*If impacts upon and outcomes for disadvantaged communities are not comprehensively present in plans such as the LDP, there is a strong risk that such considerations will not be valued thereafter.

* There was inadequate focus in the LDP upon the types of training and employment which might accrue to long-term and other unemployed people as the Plan is outworked.

* There was a general view among focus group participants that their participation in the consultation process would not be influential because it would not be given deserved value by those who manage the consultation.

Q17a. If you consider the Plan Strategy to be unsound, please provide details of what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Plan Strategy sound.

What would make it sound?:

The LDP should contain evidence that the writers have become conversant with the disadvantage and marginalisation which besets many communities in Belfast. The LDP should be written with full understanding of and attention to the impacts and opportunities that the outworking of the LDP may have on people in these communities.

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Q18a. Would you like to highlight another part of the draft Plan Strategy that you consider to be unsound?

No

9. Type of Procedure

Q18. Please indicate if you would like your representation to be dealt with by:

Oral hearing