

Appendix 7: Notification to consultation bodies regarding availability of the POP

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Our Ref: DK/LDP-POP
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Date: 26 January 2017

Dear

BELFAST CITY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2035 – PREFERRED OPTIONS PAPER

Belfast City Council (BCC) is pleased to announce the publication of its Preferred Options Paper (POP) for the purpose of public consultation. The period of consultation will run from the 26 January 2017 until 20 April 2017.

The POP sets out the strategic approach to some of the key issues for the development of Belfast. It provides the Council's preferred options in respect of these issues together with relevant justification. This is the first stage of the plan-making process and is part of an ongoing consultation process. Your views are important and will help the Council develop the Plan Strategy and Policies.

The POP is published along with a number of other key documents which are also subject to a 12-week public consultation. These include a Sustainability Appraisal Interim Report incorporating a Strategic Environmental assessment and a draft Equality Impact Assessment Report. In addition, the POP is also accompanied by a Countryside Assessment and a suite of 17 Position Papers dealing with a range of topic areas including housing, employment and economic growth, natural heritage, and transportation. It is further supplemented by a Preferred Options Paper Summary. Copies of all these documents can be found at:

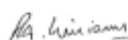
<http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/buildingcontrol-environment/Planning/pop.aspx>

As a statutory consultee under the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, I would like to invite you to comment on the Preferred Options Paper and associated documents. Also comments can be made via the Council's online consultation hub, which can be accessed at: <https://yoursay.belfastcity.gov.uk/planning-and-place/pop/>

Alternatively, you may make a general written submission to the Local Development Plan Team at the address detailed in this letter or by email to planning@belfastcity.gov.uk.

I look forward to future engagement with you.

Yours sincerely



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