

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, but without any identifying information

### 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:**

Individual

**Q4. What is your name?**

**Title:**

[REDACTED]

**Full Name:**

[REDACTED]

**Q5. What is your telephone number?**

**Telephone number:**

[REDACTED]

**Q6. What is your email address?**

**Email:**

[REDACTED]

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

Unsure

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

### 3. Individual

**Q8. What is your address?**

**Address Line 1:**

[REDACTED]

**Line 2:**

**Line 3:**

**City:**

[REDACTED]

**Postcode:**

[REDACTED]

### 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::**

10.5.10

**Policy (if relevant):**

DC2 Housing in the Countryside

**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:**

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?, CE1 - The DPD sets out a coherent strategy from which its policies and allocations logically flow and where cross boundary issues are relevant it is not in conflict with the DPDs of neighbouring councils

**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:**

Belfast is surrounded by dormitory towns in other councils such as Ballyclare, Carryduff, Moneyreagh, Bangor and Newtonards. This is why the 1971 - 2011 decline in population of Belfast occurred. None of these towns has sufficient employment, schools or hospitals to support their population, this results in the 100,000 journeys to Belfast mentioned in the draft and is illustrated daily in the Radio Ulster traffic broadcast.

If the draft plan is to be successful, then all the surrounding councils need to be in agreement to significantly reduce the future number of dwellings being built in their areas and improve facilities, employment etc within their towns for the current numbers. This is needed to reduce the transport demands to and from Belfast, the alternative will be road gridlock during peak travel times. It is not feasible to assume that people in the countryside or country towns can utilise public transport as it is not frequent or flexible enough.

**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?:**

Include in the plan strategy how it is intended that the other councils will address the assumptions on which the Belfast Plan is based.

If the other councils have already made plans, refer to them.

If the other councils have not made plans yet, refer to the higher authority document that would meet this requirement.

Failing all that make a firm commitment and statement in the LDP to address C4 and CE1 issues during routine planning.

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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:**

Written representations