



# Help shape the future of Belfast

Belfast Local Development Plan  
- draft Plan Strategy

# We are now working on the Plan Strategy part of the Local Development Plan (LDP)



## What is the LDP?

The LDP guides investment in Belfast setting out how the city should develop in the future.

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The Plan Strategy sets out the overall aspirations for the future development of Belfast and policies to be used in assessing planning applications.

This is the final stage. It will set our detailed policies and site-specific proposals concerning the development and use of land in Belfast. It will include land use zonings necessary to deliver the vision, objectives and strategic policies set out in the Plan Strategy.

Together the Plan Strategy and Local Policies Plan form the LDP for Belfast, which will:

- Set out a clear vision for Belfast
- Guide development
- Provide certainty and a framework for investment
- Facilitate sustainable growth
- Put communities at the heart of the process
- Allow for speedier decision making under the new plan-led system

## How will this impact me?

The LDP will have an impact on everyone who lives, works and visits Belfast because it will shape how the city will develop in the future. Your views are important and this leaflet sets out how you can get involved in this next stage of consultation.

## The LDP Vision

In 2035, Belfast will be a globally successful, smart regional city that is environmentally resilient with a vibrant economic and social heart. As a centre of learning and business, the knowledge economy flourishes where collaboration and innovation attracts investment, talent and jobs. We will value and conserve our unique natural and built heritage to enhance and develop tourism.

Thriving socially inclusive well connected neighbourhoods, that encourage a healthy active lifestyle with well-designed homes where people love to live. A strong, inclusive local economy will support progressive, safe and vibrant communities. The city will provide a gateway to opportunities locally, nationally and worldwide.



### Shaping a liveable place

Promoting development that enhances the health and wellbeing of communities, neighbourhoods and places.



### Creating a vibrant economy

A strengthened Belfast as the regional economic driver.



### A smart connected and resilient place

Improving connectivity and supporting the efficient movement of people, goods, energy and information to create a dynamic innovative 21st century city with the capacity for adaption to environmental challenges.



### A green and active place

A protected, enhanced and attractive natural setting, reinforcing uniqueness and accessibility to all who live work and enjoy the city.

## Is the plan sound?

Your responses to this stage of the consultation should be based on soundness:

### Procedural tests

- **P1.** Has the plan been prepared in accordance with the council's timetable and the Statement of Community Involvement?
- **P2.** Has the council prepared its Preferred Options Paper and taken into account any representations made?
- **P3.** Has the plan been subject to sustainability appraisal including Strategic Environmental Assessment?
- **P4.** Did the council comply with the regulations on the form and content of plans and on the procedure for preparing such documents?

### Consistency tests

- **C1.** Did the council take account of the Regional Development Strategy?
- **C2.** Did the council take account of its Community Plan?

- **C3.** Did the council take account of policy and guidance issued by the Department?
- **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?

### Coherence and effectiveness tests

- **CE1.** Does the plan set out a coherent strategy from which its policies and allocations logically flow? Where cross boundary issues are relevant is it in conflict with the plans of neighbouring councils?
- **CE2.** Are the strategy, policies and allocations realistic and appropriate having considered the relevant alternatives and are founded on a robust evidence base?
- **CE3.** Are there clear mechanisms for implementation and monitoring?
- **CE4.** Is the plan reasonably flexible to enable it to deal with changing circumstances?

## Have your say

The Belfast Local Development Plan - draft Plan Strategy and supporting documents, including the Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating the Strategic Environmental Assessment) and Equality Impact Assessment are exhibited and available for consideration from Thursday 23 August 2018. The documentation will continue to be available between the hours of 9.00am to 5.00pm (Monday to Friday) at Belfast City Council, Planning Service, Cecil Ward Building, 4-10 Linenhall Street, Belfast, BT2 8BP until close of consultation at 5pm on Thursday 15 November 2018.

The draft Plan Strategy documentation additional information is also available at [www.belfastcity.gov.uk/LDP](http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/LDP). If you have any queries on the LDP, the Planning Service may be contacted on 028 9050 0510.

Representations can be submitted online using the Belfast City Council consultation site accessible at [www.belfastcity.gov.uk/LDP](http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/LDP), by email and by post returning the LDP response form to the address below.

To obtain a response form visit [www.belfastcity.gov.uk/LDP](http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/LDP), collect one at the Belfast Planning Service or request by email: [localdevelopmentplan@belfastcity.gov.uk](mailto:localdevelopmentplan@belfastcity.gov.uk)

Representations should be sent to:

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

**The consultation period will close at 5pm Thursday 15 November 2018 representations received after this time will not be accepted.**

### Consultation events

For information on upcoming consultation events please come along, check our website and register for updates: [www.belfastcity.gov.uk/LDP](http://www.belfastcity.gov.uk/LDP)

#### Innovation Factory

Wednesday 29 August, 11am to 1pm

#### Girdwood

Thursday 30 August, 2pm to 4pm

#### Skainos

Tuesday 18 September, 6pm to 8pm

#### City Hall

Thursday 20 September, 10am to 2pm

#### Olympia

Tuesday 25 September, 6pm to 8pm

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