

Plean Forbartha Áitiúla Chomhairle Ceantair an Iúir, Mhúrn agus an Dúin 2035 Newry, Mourne and Down District Council Local Development Plan 2035

Cáipéis Achomair ar Dhréacht-Straitéis
ár bPlean Forbartha Áitiúla
Draft Plan Strategy
Summary Document

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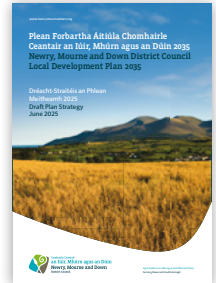
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What is the Local Development Plan (LDP)?

The LDP is principally a land use planning policy document that will guide the future use of land in the district.

It sets the strategic direction for future investment through sustainable economic growth, whilst facilitating the achievement of social and environmental objectives, such as healthier lifestyles, improved connectivity between places, and shaping sustainable and quality places to live, work and visit.



What is the Plan Strategy?

The draft Plan Strategy is the first of two development plan documents which will encompass our Local Development Plan, the second being the Local Policies Plan.

The draft Plan Strategy is set out in two parts:



Plan Strategy

Sets out the purpose, vision, objectives and strategic policies of the Local Development Plan (LDP).



Operational Policies

Provides the suite of operational policies including how policies must be considered which have been grouped under three main headings of sustainable development. These are:

- **Social**
Accommodating People, Creating Quality Places and Improving Health and Wellbeing
- **Economic**
Creating Jobs, Promoting Prosperity and Supporting Transport and other infrastructure
- **Environment**
Protecting and Enhancing the Historic Environment and Natural Heritage



Supporting Documents

The draft Plan Strategy is accompanied by the following documents:

- **Sustainability Appraisal**
(incorporating a Strategic Environmental Assessment)
- **Draft Habitats Regulations Assessment**
- **Draft Equality (Section 75) Screening Report**
- **Rural Needs Impact Assessment**

Additional supporting documents include:

- **Technical Supplements**
- **Supplementary Planning Guidance**



The LDP Vision

The vision of the LDP is that

Newry, Mourne and Down is a place with strong, safe, and vibrant communities, where people enjoy a good quality of life, and equality of opportunity for all. A sustainable, well connected and high-quality place where our environment and cultural heritage are valued and protected to make the district an attractive place to live, work, invest and visit.

Plan Strategy Stages

1

Draft Plan Strategy
Public Consultation
period (see overleaf)



2

Publish
representations
allowing for counter
representations



**3**

Consider if any
amendments needed

4

Independent
Examination of the
draft Plan Strategy

5

Adopt draft Plan
Strategy and begin
production of the
Local Policies Plan

Your Opportunity to Get Involved

We welcome your views on the policies and proposals included within the draft Plan Strategy. In accordance with the new LDP system it is important that your representations relate to soundness, with specific regard to the tests of soundness (listed below) which set out the approach by which the draft Plan Strategy was prepared.

Soundness

Procedural tests

- P1** Has the Development Plan Document (DPD) 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 DPD been subject to sustainability appraisal including Strategic Environmental Assessment?
- P4** Did the council comply with the regulations on the form and content of its DPD and procedure for preparing the DPD?

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** 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;
- CE2** The strategy, policies and allocations are realistic and appropriate having considered the relevant alternatives and are founded on a robust evidence base;
- CE3** There are clear mechanisms for implementation and monitoring; and
- CE4** It is reasonably flexible to enable it to deal with changing circumstances.

When and How To Make a Representation to the Draft Plan Strategy

Formal Consultation

A twelve week consultation period for the Newry, Mourne and Down Local Development Plan draft Plan Strategy will commence on **Friday 27 June 2025** and close at **5pm** on **Monday 22 September 2025**. Please note that representations received after the closing date will not be considered.

The draft Plan Strategy is published alongside a range of assessments which are also available for public consultation and comment over this period. These include:

- **Sustainability Appraisal**
(incorporating a Strategic Environmental Assessment)
- **Draft Habitats Regulations Assessment**
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- **Rural Needs Impact Assessment**

Availability of the Draft Plan Strategy

A copy of the draft Plan Strategy and all supporting documentation, including the Sustainability Appraisal Report, is available on the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council website:

[www.newrymournedown.org/
local-development-plan](http://www.newrymournedown.org/local-development-plan)

The draft Plan Strategy and supporting documents are also available to view in hard copy during office hours, 9am–5pm at the following Council offices:

Newry Office

Monaghan Row, Newry BT35 8DJ

Downpatrick Office

Downshire Civic Centre
Ardglass Road
Downpatrick BT30 6GQ



Informal Drop-in Sessions

Members of the Local Development Plan Team will attend each of the informal drop-in sessions and will be available to discuss any queries you may have in relation to the draft Plan Strategy.

Copies of the draft Plan Strategy and all supporting documentation, including the Sustainability Appraisal Report will be available for viewing at each of these sessions.

Drop-in Session Times and Dates

Crotlieve

Tuesday 29 July 2025

1.30pm–3.30pm

Hilltown Community Centre
Carcullion House
Rostrevor Road
Hilltown BT34 5TU

6pm–8pm

Warrenpoint Town Hall
Church Street
Warrenpoint BT34 3HN

Downpatrick

Tuesday 5 August 2025

1.30pm–3.30pm

Ballymote Sports
& Wellbeing Centre
96 Glebetown Drive
Downpatrick BT30 6PX

6pm–8pm

Down Arts Centre
2-6 Irish Street
Downpatrick BT30 6BP

Newry

Tuesday 12 August 2025

1.30pm–3.30pm

Newry and Mourne Museum
Bagenal's Castle
Castle Street
Newry BT34 2BY

6pm–8pm

Newry Leisure Centre
Cecil Street
Newry BT35 6AU

Rowallane

Tuesday 19 August 2025

1.30pm–3.30pm

Saintfield Community Centre
29 Belfast Road
Saintfield BT24 7EP

6pm–8pm

Bridge Community Centre
Braeside Gardens
Killyleagh BT30 9QE

Slieve Croob

Tuesday 26 August 2025

1.30pm–3.30pm

The Lodge Business
and Cultural Centre
1 Dublin Road
Castlewellan BT31 9AG

6pm–8pm

Castlewellan
Community Centre
32 Circular Road
Castlewellan BT31 9ED

Slieve Gullion

Tuesday 2 September 2025

1.30pm–3.30pm

Crossmaglen
Community Centre
Cardinal O'Fiaich Square
Crossmaglen BT35 9AA

How to Respond

You can submit a representation during the formal consultation period via the following:

Online

Use our online response form at
[www.newrymournedown.org/
local-development-plan](http://www.newrymournedown.org/local-development-plan)

Email

Email us, or download the response form, available from the link above and email it to us at
ldp@nmandd.org

Post

Write to us, or send the response form, available from the link above and post it to us at:

Local Development Plan Team
Planning Office
Downshire Civic Centre
Ardglass Road
Downpatrick BT30 6GQ

Closing Date

Please note that representations received later than **5pm on 22 September 2025** will not be considered.

Slieve Gullion continued

6pm–8pm

Newtownhamilton
Community Centre
The Square
Newtownhamilton
BT35 0AA

The Mournes

Tuesday 16 September 2025

1.30pm–3.30pm

Kitty's Road
Community Centre
Kitty's Road
Kilkeel BT34 4EJ

6pm–8pm

Newcastle Centre
10–14 Central Promenade
Newcastle BT33 0AA

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