

**ARDS AND NORTH DOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN -2032
TIMETABLE**

Revised 2023



**Ards and
North Down
Borough Council**

| Ards and North Down Borough Council Local Development Plan Timetable | | |
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| Local Development Plan process: Key Stages | Sustainability appraisal & other assessments | Indicative Timeframe |
| Stage 1 – Plan Preparation | Statement of Community Involvement & LDP Timetable | |
| | Publication of SCI and initial LDP Timetable | Complete |
| | Preferred Options Paper | |
| | Publication of Preferred Options Paper (POP) | Publication of SA Interim Report comprising Scoping Report and appraisal of alternative options Screening for HRA, EQIA and Rural Proofing Complete |
| Stage 2 – Plan Strategy | Plan Strategy | |
| | Publication of draft Plan Strategy (PS) Statutory public consultation (8 weeks for representation & 8 weeks for counter-representations) | Publication of SA Appraisal Report (Incorporating SEA) Publication of drafts of HRA, EQIA and RPA where relevant Quarter 3-4 2024 - Quarter 3-4 2025 |
| | Independent Examination | |
| | IE of draft Plan Strategy From submission of draft PS for IE, IE hearing, submission of IE Advisory Report to Central Government, to receipt of Binding Report/Direction from Central Government to the Council. | Associated accompanying reports Quarter 1 2026 - Quarter 4 2026 |
| | Council considers Binding Report/Direction and incorporates any changes into the final PS | May require further consultation with statutory bodies Quarter 1 2027 |
| Adoption of Plan Strategy | Publication of SA Adoption Report (incorporating SEA) Publication of HRA, EQIA and RPA where relevant. Quarter 3 2027 | |

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| Stage 3 – Local Policies Plan | Local Policies Plan | | |
| | Statutory Stakeholder engagement. | Invite comments from Consultation Body (NIEA) on draft SA (incorporating SEA) Scoping Report. Publication of SA Interim Report comprising Scoping Report and appraisal of alternative options. | Quarter 4 2027-Quarter 4 2028 |
| | Publication of draft Local Policies Plan (LPP) Statutory public consultation (8 weeks for representation & 8 weeks for counter-representations) | Publication of SA Appraisal Report (Incorporating SEA) Publication of drafts of HRA, EQIA and RPA where relevant. | Quarter 3-4 2028 Quarter 3 2029-Quarter 4 2030 |
| | Independent Examination | | |
| | IE of draft Local Policies Plan From submission of draft LPP for IE, IE hearing, submission of IE Advisory Report to Central Government, to receipt of Binding Report/Direction from Central Government to the Council. | | Quarter 2/3 Autumn 2030 |
| | Council considers Binding Report/Direction and incorporates any changes into the final LPP | | Quarter 3/4 2031 |

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| | Adoption of Local Policies Plan | Publication of SA Adoption Report (Incorporating SEA) | Quarter 4 2031 |
| Stage 4 – Monitor & Review | Monitoring and Review of LDP | | |
| | Monitoring and Review of LDP Annual Monitoring Report Review every 5 years | Monitoring of SA and other assessments. | Ongoing |

Notes:

- This is an indicative Timetable and may be subject to change due to factors outside the Council's control.
- There is no statutory timeframe for the progress of each of the Development Plan Documents (PS and LPP) through the respective IE stage. The timeframe from submission to, and receipt of Binding Report from, Central Government is dependent on both Central Government and the Independent Examiner.
- The indicative timeframe of 12 months for each IE stage is based on current Central Government Departmental advice (5-2-5 i.e. 5 months from submission to IE, 2 months for IE, 5 months from IE to issue of Binding Report).
- The current Central Government department is the Department for Infrastructure (DfI). The current Independent Examiner is the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC).
- The indicative timeframe refers to quarters of the financial year.