

Ards and North Down Borough Council
Local Development Plan -2032
Timetable

Revised 2021



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Appendix 1- LDP Timetable

Key Stages in Local Development Plan Process	Actions/ Assessments	Estimated Timescales
Publication of Timetable and Statement of Community Involvement		Complete
Publication of Preferred Options Paper (POP) for public consultation	Publication of a Sustainability Appraisal Interim Report (incorporating SEA) Equality Screening Interim Report	Complete
Publication of draft Plan Strategy (dPS) Statutory Public Consultation: 8 weeks Representations 8 Weeks Counter Representations	Preparation and publication of dPS and associated documents* for informal viewing – 4 weeks followed by statutory Public consultation. 8 Weeks for representations and 8 weeks for counter - representations *Publication of Sustainability Appraisal Report incorporating SEA, HRA and Rural proofing. Publication of draft EQIA if relevant.	Quarter 2* 2022/2023
Soundness Based Independent Examination Followed by Advisory Report to Central Government. Central Government issues a Binding Report to Council Changes made to finalise Plan		Quarter 2-* 2023/2024-
Adoption of Plan Strategy	Publication of Sustainability Appraisal Adoption Report (Inc. SEA, HRA and Rural Proofing) and publication of final EQIA where required.	Quarter 4* 2024/2025*
Statutory Stakeholder Engagement; Member Engagement on key Issues and public consultation where required.	Invite comments from consultation body on draft Sustainability Appraisal (Inc. SEA, HRA and Rural Proofing) and update Scoping Report)	Q1 2025/2026*
Publication of draft Local Policies Plan Statutory Public Consultation: 8 weeks Representations 8 weeks Counter representations	Preparation and publication of dLPP and associated documents* for informal viewing – 4 weeks followed by Statutory Public Consultation 8 weeks for representations and 8 weeks for counter representations, *Publication of Sustainability Appraisal Report incorporating SEA, HRA and Rural proofing. Publication of draft EQIA if relevant	Quarter 3-4* 2025/2026
Soundness Based Independent Examination Followed by Advisory Report to Central Government. Central Government issues a Binding Report to Council Changes made to finalise Plan		Quarter 3-4 2026/2027
Adoption of Local Policies Plan	Publication of sustainability appraisal adoption report (inc. SEA, HRA, EQIA as relevant)	2028
Monitoring and review of local Development Plan Annual reviews 5 & 10 Year Review Commence preparation of new Local Development Plan	Monitoring of Sustainability appraisal (inc, SEA, and other necessary assessments)	Ongoing

Note 1: SEA (Strategic Environmental Assessment); HRA (Habitats Regulation Assessment); EQIA (Equality Impact Assessment); SA (Sustainability Appraisal)

Note 2: Timescales are indicative only and do not take account of any factors which may delay the progress of the plan such as any legislative changes, any regional policy changes, the availability of resources and other factors outside the control of the Council. The progress to the LPP stage is dependent on receipt of report from Independent Examiner to DfI and subsequent issue of Direction by DfI to Council (of which there is no statutory timeframe - thus the timetable is estimated to best possible turnaround thereafter).

Note 3: Financial Quarters