



Subject:	Notification on Local Development Plan for – Mid and East Antrim Borough Council Revised Timetable and consultation on Supplementary Planning Guidance
Date:	14 May 2024
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After Committee Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	The purpose of this report is to advise members that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mid and East Antrim Borough Council (MEABC) has notified Belfast City Council regarding its revised Local Development Plan timetable (Appendix 1); and• has published for consultation three draft Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) documents to help provide further detail and clarity on the interpretation of some policies contained in their Plan Strategy, which was adopted on 16 October 2023 (Appendices 2-4)
2.0	Recommendations
	The committee is requested to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Note the update which sets out MEABC’s revised LDP timetable; and• Note the three pieces of SPG.
3.0	Main Report
	<u>Background</u>
3.1	MEABC notified Belfast City Council on 24 April 2024 advising that it has published a revised Timetable for their Local Development Plan.
3.2	MEABC’s Plan Strategy was adopted on 16 October 2023. The revised Timetable (Appendix 1) indicates that preparatory work on their Local Policies Plan (LPP) (second stage in the two-part LDP process) will commence in Quarter 2 2024 with a draft LPP

<p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p> <p>3.7</p>	<p>ready to be published for consultation in Quarter 4 2025. The revised LDP Timetable further anticipates that their LPP will be adopted in Quarter 4 2028.</p> <p>In the same correspondence MEABC also advised that it has published for consultation three draft SPG documents (Appendices 2-4) to help provide further detail and clarity on the interpretation of some policies within their Plan Strategy, which was adopted on 16 October 2023. The topics covered in these draft SPGs are: Affordable Housing, Retention of Economic Development Land and Retail and Town Centre Uses. The consultation period closes at 5pm on Friday 21 June 2024.</p> <p>Council officers have reviewed the detail contained with the MEABC's draft SPG and can advise that they follow the same direction of SPG developed by Belfast City Council. The purpose of SPG is to support and clarify policies included within planning policy framework, including development plans and regional planning guidance. The information set out in SPG is a material planning consideration in determining planning applications. The similar approach taken by MEABC will be helpful from a regional perspective and ensure a consistent approach as councils work towards getting their respective LDPs adopted.</p> <p><u>Finance and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no resource implications associated with this report.</p> <p><u>Asset and Other Implications</u></p> <p>None noted.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>There are no relevant equality or good relations implications attached to this report.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Appendices</p> <p>Appendix 1 – MEABC revised LDP Timetable</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Affordable Housing SPG</p> <p>Appendix 3 – Retail and Main Town Centre Uses SPG</p> <p>Appendix 4 – Retention of Economic Development Land SPG</p>