ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2030 -

PLAN STRATEGY DRAFT REVISION PREFERRED OPTIONS PAPER

Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

The Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations 2015 (Regulation 10)

Notice is hereby given that Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council is publishing a Local Development Plan 2030 – Plan Strategy Draft Revision Preferred Options Paper, in relation to retail matters regarding the Abbey Centre retail area, for an eight (8) week public consultation period.

The Preferred Options Paper contains a summary of the key strategic retail planning issues affecting the Abbey Centre retail area, the reasonable options considered for addressing those issues, and the Council's preferred options with supporting reasons. Its purpose is to inform public consultation on the proposed revision to the Local Development Plan 2030 Plan Strategy and to invite representations before the revision is prepared.

The POP is being published alongside an Assessments Scoping Report which is also subject to the eight (8) week public consultation. This scoping document incorporates Sustainability Appraisal, Equality Impact, Rural Needs, and Habitats Regulation Assessment matters.

The Preferred Options Paper along with supporting documentation, including the Assessments Scoping Report, will be available for a period of eight (8) weeks public consultation, commencing on 20 October 2026 and closing at 5:00pm on 15 December 2026.

Availability of Documents

Copies of the POP and supporting documents are available to view and download from our website. https://antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk/residents/planning/local-development-plans/preferred-options-paper/

These documents are also available for inspection at the Council Offices in Mossley Mill, Carnmoney Road North, Newtownabbey from Monday to Friday, between the hours of 08:30am and 5:00pm and Antrim Civic Centre, 50 Stiles Way, Antrim from Monday to Friday, between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm.

How to Respond

Representations should be made in writing and forwarded by email to forwardplanningteam@antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk; or alternatively by writing to:

Forward Planning Team, Mossley Mill, Carnmoney Road North, Newtownabbey BT36 5QA.