From: Planning Section
Sent: 19 September 2019 13:21
To: Forward Planning Team
Subject: FW: Local Development Plan Public Consultation – Draft Plan Strategy - Section 75 Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment Report
Attachments: Autism Act (NI) 2011.pdf

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From: Kerry Boyd <Kerry@autismni.org>
Sent: 19 September 2019 12:50
To: Ellen Boyd <ellen.boyd@antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk>; Planning Section <planning@antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Local Development Plan Public Consultation – Draft Plan Strategy - Section 75 Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment Report

Dear Ellen,

Please find attached some information which forms the Autism NI response to the consultation. The comments from Autism NI are confined to autism specific issues that require prioritisation in this context.

The experiences of the autism community suggest that life is getting more, rather than less, difficult and services are failing to deliver. This is a direct result of a legacy of underfunding which remains unaddressed and a dramatic increase in the prevalence rate. The NI Autism Strategy remains the only UK Autism Strategy without a fully costed and dedicated budget. In addition, there is no coordination regionally across Departments.

Inequalities regarding access to services, external and internal training for the workforce and families, as well as public awareness of Autism, must be addressed as part of required compliance with the Autism Act (NI) 2011.

There is a legal requirement upon all public bodies to take account of the social and communication barriers faced by individuals with Autism in accessing public services and public facilities, e.g.

- improved visual signage and attention to sensory barriers;
- clearly structured public areas delineated by function;
- assessments based upon social functioning, not merely mental and physical ability;
- adjustments to “customer service” procedures that provide for people with Autism;
- specific workforce Autism training to assist compliance and competence;
- information must be conveyed in a literal style with visual prompts when appropriate or required.

With specialist accredited training a range of individuals/agencies can be made more aware of the issues and support the autism community within their remit. The Autism Act (NI) 2011 and subsequent Autism Strategy asks for early identification and appropriate intervention for all ages.

I therefore attach a copy of the Autism Act (NI) 2011 for your consideration.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

Kerry Boyd
Chief Executive

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ellen Boyd <ellen.boyd@antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk>
Date: 25 June 2019 at 16:26:44 BST
To: Undisclosed recipients:;
Subject: Local Development Plan Public Consultation – Draft Plan Strategy - Section 75 Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment Report

Dear Consultee,

Local Development Plan Public Consultation – Draft Plan Strategy - Section 75 Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment Report

We are writing to advise you that the Council, in preparation of its new Local Development Plan, are publishing its draft Plan Strategy on 28 June 2019. This notification is being provided by the Council as your information is included in our database of Section 75 (Equality) consultees.

What is the draft Plan Strategy and its assessments?
The draft Plan Strategy is the next key stage in the preparation of our new Local Development Plan. It includes a range of strategic and detailed policies to facilitate and manage development, along with a spatial growth strategy that indicates at a strategic level where different types of development will be promoted.

The draft Plan Strategy is accompanied by a number of assessments including a Sustainability Appraisal incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment Report (SA/SEA Report), a Section 75 Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment Report and a draft Habitats Regulations Assessment (these assessments are also available for public comment). A number of supporting evidence and background papers are also published.

How do I view the draft Plan Strategy and its assessments?
The draft Plan Strategy can be viewed online from 28 June 2019 at www.antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk/draftplanstrategy. Hard copies are also available for inspection at Mossley Mill and Antrim Civic Centre.

How do I respond?
You can respond to the draft Plan Strategy and its assessments including the Section 75 Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment Report.

Representations should be made in writing and we would encourage you to use the methods set out below:-

Online

- Via our online consultation hub at www.antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk/draftplanstrategy

- Downloading a copy of the response form from the Council's website and forwarding the completed form to the Forward Planning Team; or
- Requesting a copy of the response form to be posted to you or you may collect a hard copy from Antrim Civic Centre or Mossley Mill and return the completed form to the Forward Planning Team.

By mail

- Email us at planning@antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk
- In writing to the following postal address:- Forward Planning Team, Mossley Mill, Carnmoney Road North, Newtownabbey BT36 5QA

When do I respond?

To allow everyone time to read and understand the draft Plan Strategy and all its associated documents, the Council is publishing all documentation in advance of the formal 8 week period of public consultation. This period of pre-consultation will run from Friday 28 June 2019 to Thursday 25 July 2019. Please note that no representations should be made during this period.

The formal public consultation of the draft Plan Strategy will run for a period of 8 weeks, commencing on **Friday 26 July 2019, and closing at 5 pm on Friday 20 September 2019**. The draft Plan Strategy is published alongside a range of assessments, which are also open for public consultation at this time. Please note that representations received after the closing date on Friday 20 September 2019 will not be considered.

Public Meetings and Drop-In Events

As part of this consultation, the Council are undertaking a series of public meetings and drop in events. Public meetings will consist of a short presentation with questions and answers. Drop ins will be one to one meetings with planning officers.

Public Meetings

Please note that you will need to register for our public meetings online at www.antrimandnewtownabbey,co.uk/draftplanstrategy or by telephoning us on 0300 123 6677.

Date	Venue	Time
31 July 2019	Mossley Mill	Session 1 - 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm Session 2 - 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm
01 August 2019	Antrim Civic Centre	Session 1 - 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm Session 2 - 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm
03 September 2019	Mossley Mill	Session 1 - 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm Session 2 - 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

05 September 2019	Antrim Courthouse	Session 1 - 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm Session 2 - 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

Drop in Sessions:

Date	Venue	Time
06 August 2019	Randalstown Arches	3.00 pm – 7.30 pm
06 August 2019	Toome House	3.00 pm – 7.30 pm
07 August 2019	Crumlin Leisure Centre	3.00 pm – 7.30 pm
08 August 2019	Valley Leisure Centre	3.00 pm – 7.30 pm
16 August 2019	Ballyclare Town Hall	3.00 pm – 7.30 pm
27 August 2019	Lillian Bland Pavilion	3.00 pm – 7.30 pm
02 September 2019	Mossley Mill	3.00 pm – 7.30 pm
03 September 2019	Antrim Civic Centre	3.00 pm – 7.30 pm
04 September 2019	Lillian Bland Pavilion	4.00 pm – 7.30 pm
04 September 2019	Crumlin Leisure Centre	3 pm – 7.30 pm
05 September 2019	Ballyclare Town Hall	3 pm – 7.30 pm
05 September 2019	Toome House	3 pm – 7.30 pm
06 September 2019	Randalstown Arches	3 pm – 7.30 pm
06 September 2019	Valley Leisure Centre	3 pm – 7.30 pm

You can also speak to us in Mossley Mill 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday during the consultation period and by appointment only at Antrim Civic Centre.

Please note your response will be made publicly available. All published data will comply with our Local Development Plan Privacy Notice which is available on our website.

Should you require further information in relation to the draft Plan Strategy or the Local Development Plan process in general, please contact the Forward Planning Team at Mossley Mill, or by email on planning@antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk, or by telephone on 0300 123 6677.

Yours sincerely,

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