

# MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN MOSSLEY MILL ON MONDAY 21 JULY 2025 AT 6.00 PM

In the Chair : Councillor R Kinnear

Committee : Aldermen – L Boyle and M Magill

Councillors – J Archibald-Brown, S Cosgrove, **Members Present** 

(In Person) S Flanagan, B Mallon and R Foster

Committee : Councillors - A Bennington, H Cushinan and AM Logue

**Members Present** (Remotely)

**Public Speakers** : Hadleigh Jess In Support (Agent, Item 3.4)

> Fraser Agnew In Support (Item 3.5)

Robert Logan In Support (Agent, Item 3.5) Raymond McAuley In Support (Applicant, Item 3.6) Mark Montgomery In Support (Agent, Item 3.6)

**Officers Present** Director of Economic Development and Planning - M McAlister

> Deputy Director of Planning & Building Control – S Mossman Borough Lawyer and Head of Legal Services – P Casey

> Head of Planning Development Management – B Diamond

Senior Planning Officer – J McKendry

ICT Helpdesk Officer - A Cole Member Services Officer - L Irwin

#### CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

The Chairperson welcomed Committee Members to the July Planning Committee Meeting. The Chairperson reminded all present of the protocol for speaking, timeframes accorded and of the audio recording procedures.

The Chairperson advised that Addendum reports relating to Items 3.6, 3.8 and 3.14 the Site Visit report, and an updated speakers' list had been circulated to Members in advance of the meeting, with hard copies being made available in the Chamber.

The Chairperson further advised Members that Item 3.7 had been withdrawn by the applicant.

The Borough Lawyer and Head of Legal Services reminded Members about a number of issues in relation to their role as Members of the Planning Committee and their obligations under the Code of Conduct.

#### 1 APOLOGIES

Alderman Campbell

#### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

# PART ONE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

ITEM 3.1 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2025/0302/S54

**PROPOSAL:** Proposed storage and distribution facility comprising:

temperature controlled warehouse, ancillary offices, steel processing building and steel storage yard, conversion of dwelling at No.2 Tullywest Road to staff welfare and security building; vehicle maintenance and research and development building; ancillary plant equipment, parking, loading/unloading areas, landscaping including planted earth bunds, and all associated site works. New right turn lane access provided via Nutts Corner Road. (Variation of condition 6 of approval LA03/2023/0561/F regarding construction and marking of hard

surface)

SITE/LOCATION: 50 Nutts Corner Road, Nutts Corner, Crumlin, BT29 4SQ

**APPLICANT:** Hannon Group

Barry Diamond, Head of Planning Development Management, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to grant Section 54 planning permission.

There were no public speakers to address this item.

Proposed by Alderman Magill

Seconded by Councillor Cosgrove that Section 54 planning permission be granted.

On the proposal being put to the meeting 11 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 0 abstentions, and it was unanimously agreed

that Section 54 planning permission be granted for the application subject to the Conditions set out in the Planning Report.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning & Building Control

ITEM 3.2 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2025/0229/O

**PROPOSAL:** Dwelling and garage

**SITE/LOCATION**: To rear of 16 Lenamore Drive, Newtownabbey

**APPLICANT:** G McNabb, J Robinson, J Cochrane, L Fielden, J Thomas

Johanne McKendry, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to grant outline planning permission.

There were no public speakers to address this item.

Proposed by Councillor Foster

Seconded by Councillor Cushinan that outline planning permission be granted.

On the proposal being put to the meeting 11 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 0 abstentions, it was unanimously agreed

that planning permission be granted for the application subject to the Conditions set out in the Planning Report.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning & Building Control

# ITEM 3.3 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2025/0181/F

**PROPOSAL:** Retrospective extension of curtilage to existing business,

including hardstanding area

SITE/LOCATION: Lands approximately 20 metres north of 27 The Diamond Road,

Aldergrove, Crumlin, BT29 4QX

**APPLICANT:** DMC Motors

Johanne McKendry, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to refuse planning permission.

There were no public speakers to address this item.

Proposed by Councillor Cosgrove

Seconded by Alderman Boyle that planning permission be refused.

On the proposal being put to the meeting 11 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 0 abstention, it was agreed

# that planning permission be refused for the following reasons:

 The proposal was contrary to the policy provisions of the Strategic Planning Policy Statement and Policies SP 2.12 and DM 7 of the Councils Plan Strategy, as the proposal lies outside of any designated retailing area and it had not been demonstrated that a suitable site did not exist within the town centre or edge of centre location.

- 2. The proposal was contrary to the provisions contained within the Strategic Planning Policy Statement and Policy SP 3 and Policy DM 10 of the Councils Plan Strategy in that it had not been demonstrated that access to the site would not prejudice road safety.
- 3. The proposal was contrary to the policy provisions contained in the Strategic Planning Policy Statement, Policy SP 8 and Policy DM 39 of the Councils Plan Strategy, in that the proposal would result in the loss of a priority habitat.
- 4. The proposal was contrary to the policy provisions contained in the Strategic Planning Policy Statement, Policy SP 8 and Policy DM 42.3 of the Councils Plan Strategy, in that the proposal would result in the loss of trees and no replacement planting scheme had been submitted.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning & Building Control

#### ITEM 3.4 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2025/0191/F

**PROPOSAL:** Change of use and alterations to form 2no dwellings

SITE/LOCATION: 309-311 Carnmoney Road, Newtownabbey, BT36 6JT

**APPLICANT:** Harry Swann

Johanne McKendry, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to refuse planning permission.

The undernoted public speaker addressed the Committee and responded to enquiries from Members as requested –

Hadleigh Jess In Support/Agent

Proposed by Councillor Foster

Seconded by Councillor Flanagan that the application be deferred for a period of two months to allow the applicant to engage with NI Water and both be invited to attend Planning Committee, with NI Water to answer Elected Members queries in relation to the application including how it defines intensification of the network.

On the proposal being put to the meeting 11 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 0 abstentions, it was agreed

that the application be deferred for a period of two months to allow the applicant to engage with NI Water and both be invited to attend Planning Committee, with NI Water to answer Elected Members queries in relation to the application including how it defines intensification of the network.

Following the consideration of this item Alderman Magill raised concerns regarding the wider implications of the NIW position and the outworkings in the Newtownabbey area.

Proposed by Alderman Magill

Seconded by Councillor Flanagan and agreed that the Deputy Director of Planning and Building Control undertakes to write to NI Water and the Department to request their attendance at a Full Council meeting to explain the current infrastructure issues in the Newtownabbey area and the way forward in relation to this.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning & Building Control

# ITEM 3.5 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2025/0101/O

**PROPOSAL:** Dwelling and garage

SITE/LOCATION: 70 metres Northeast of Mossley Orange Hall, 557a Doagh Road,

Newtownabbey

**APPLICANT:** Victor and Hilary Logan

Johanne McKendry, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to refuse outline planning permission.

The undernoted and public speakers addressed the Committee and responded to enquiries from Members as requested –

Fraser Agnew In Support

Robert Logan In Support/ Agent

Proposed by Councillor Foster

Seconded by Councillor Cosgrove that outline planning permission be granted as the proposed dwelling will consolidate the cluster and not protrude into the countryside with the details of the siting to be conditioned and resolved under a reserved matters application with the remaining conditions delegated to Officers.

On the proposal being put to the meeting 10 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention.

In favour: Aldermen – Boyle and Magill

Councillors - Archibald-Brown, Bennington, Cosgrove, Cushinan,

Mallon, Flanagan, Foster and Kinnear

Abstention: Councillor Logue

It was agreed that outline planning permission be granted as the proposed dwelling will consolidate the cluster and not protrude into the countryside with the details of the siting to be conditioned and resolved under a reserved matters application with the remaining conditions delegated to Officers.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning & Building Control

Alderman Boyle and Alderman Magill left and returned to the Chamber during Item 3.6 and were therefore unable to vote.

# ITEM 3.6 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2025/0187/O

**PROPOSAL:** Site for replacement dwelling

**SITE/LOCATION**: 41 Loanends Road, Nutts Corner, Crumlin, BT29 4YW

**APPLICANT:** Raymond McAuley

Johanne McKendry, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report and associated addendum report to the Committee and made a recommendation to refuse outline planning permission.

The undernoted public speakers addressed the Committee and responded to enquiries from Members as requested –

Raymond McAuley In Support/Applicant Mark Montgomery In Support/Agent

Proposed by Councillor Flanagan

Seconded by Councillor Mallon that outline planning permission be refused.

On the proposal being put to the meeting 4 Members voted in favour, 5 against and 0 abstentions, and the proposal was declared not carried.

A further proposal was then put to the meeting.

# Proposed by Councillor Logue

Seconded by Councillor Cosgrove that outline planning permission be granted on the basis that the external structural walls of the building were substantially intact based on the information presented and that a bat roost potential survey be carried out in consultation with DAERA. Conditions to be delegated to Officers including an additional condition that the existing building be demolished prior to the construction of the replacement dwelling and the identification of the site to be also delegated to officers.

On the proposal being put to the meeting 5 Members voted in favour, 4 against and 0 abstentions.

In favour: Councillors – Cosgrove, Cushinan, Foster, Logue and Kinnear

Against: Councillors – Archibald-Brown, Bennington, Mallon and

Flanagan

It was agreed outline planning permission be granted on the basis that the external structural walls of the building were substantially intact based on the information presented and that a bat roost potential survey be carried out in consultation with DAERA. Conditions to be delegated to Officers including an additional condition that the existing building be demolished prior to the construction of the replacement dwelling and the identification of the site to be also delegated to officers.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning and Building Control

#### ITEM 3.7 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2025/0088/F

**PROPOSAL:** Proposed front façade cladding to existing building

**SITE/LOCATION**: 30 Fountain Street, Antrim, BT41 4BB

**APPLICANT:** Leslie Harte

The Chairperson advised that Item 3.7 had been withdrawn by the Applicant.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning and Building Control

## ITEM 3.8 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2025/0238/F

**PROPOSAL:** Extensions and alterations to dwelling

**SITE/LOCATION**: 89 Temple Hall, Templepatrick, BT39 0FE

**APPLICANT:** Laura Lismore

Johanne McKendry, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report and associated addendum report to the Committee and made a recommendation to refuse planning permission.

There were no public speakers to address this item.

Proposed by Councillor Flanagan

Seconded by Councillor Bennington that planning permission be refused.

On the proposal being put to the meeting 11 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 0 abstentions, it was unanimously agreed

# that planning permission be refused for the following reason:

 The proposal is contrary to the policy provisions of the Strategic Planning Policy Statement and Policy SP 4 and Policy DM 22 of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Local Development Plan, in that the scale, massing, design and external materials of the proposal are not sympathetic to the existing property and detract from the appearance and character of the surrounding area.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning & Building Control

# PART TWO OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

**ITEM 3.9** 

P/PLAN/1 DELEGATED PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS JUNE 2025

# 1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to update Members on the planning applications decided under delegated powers and decisions issued by the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) in June 2025.

# 2. Delegated Decisions of Council

A list of planning decisions issued by Officers during June 2025 under delegated powers together with information relating to planning appeals were circulated for Members' information.

## 3. <u>Planning Appeal Commission Decisions</u>

Four (4) appeals were dismissed during June 2025 by the PAC.

Planning application: LA03/2024/0327/F

PAC reference: 2024/A0107

Proposed Development: Replacement of two sub-standard entrance gates

with new single entrance and agricultural laneway

to service existing fields and existing store

(Retrospective)

Location: Lands approximately 160m north west of 33 Tully

Road, Crumlin, BT29 4SW

Date of Appeal Submission: 17/01/2025 Date of Appeal Decision: 17/06/2025

Decision: Appeal Dismissed - Council Decision Upheld

Planning application: LA03/2024/0637/O

PAC reference: 2024/A0116

Proposed Development: Dwelling and garage on a farm

Location: 80m SW of 55 Church Road, Randalstown, BT41

3JW

Date of Appeal Submission: 04/02/2025 Date of Appeal Decision: 23/06/2025

Decision: Appeal Dismissed - Council Decision Upheld

Planning application: LA03/2024/0476/O

PAC reference: 2024/A0122

Proposed Development: Dwelling and garage on a farm

Location: 110 metres east of 34 Tardree Road, Kells,

Ballymena, BT42 3PE

Date of Appeal Submission: 21/02/2025 Date of Appeal Decision: 25/06/2025

Decision: Appeal Dismissed - Council Decision Upheld

Enforcement Notice: LA03/2023/0181/CA

PAC reference: 2024/E0046

Location: Lands approx. 25m south-west of 47 Knockagh

Road, Newtownabbey,

Date of Appeal Submission: 10/03/2025 Date of Appeal Decision: 27/06/2025 Decision: The appeal on Ground (a) fails - Council Decision

Upheld

The period for compliance was varied to 19 weeks and the appeal on Ground (g) succeeds to that

extent – Council Decision varied

The notice as so varied is upheld - Council

**Decision Upheld** 

Copies of the decisions were circulated.

Proposed by Councillor Flanagan Seconded by Councillor Bennington and agreed that

# that the report be noted.

ACTION BY: Stephanie Boyd, Planning and Economic Development Business Support Supervisor

# **ITEM 3.10**

# P/PLAN/1 PROPOSAL OF APPLICATION NOTICES FOR MAJOR DEVELOPMENT JUNE 2025

#### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to update Members on the Proposal of Application Notices received during June 2025.

# 2. <u>Background</u>

Under Section 27 of the 2011 Planning Act prospective applicants for all development proposals which fell into the Major development category were required to;

- give at least 12 weeks' notice to the Council that an application for planning permission was to be submitted.
- consult the community in advance of submitting a Major development planning application.

Where, following the 12-week period set down in statute, an application was submitted this must be accompanied by a Pre-Application Community consultation report outlining the consultation that had been undertaken regarding the application and detailing how this had influenced the proposal submitted.

# 3. Proposal of Application Notice

PAN Reference:	LA03/2025/0393/PAN
Proposal:	Proposed reconfiguration and subdivision of
	Unit 6 to provide 3 no. units, comprised of a
	ground floor bulky goods retail (6a) and
	leisure swim facility (6b) and a first-floor gym

(6c), including alterations to external

elevations.

**Location:** Unit 6 Longwood Retail Park, Newtownabbey,

BT37 9UF

**Applicant:** Longwood Park Limited

**Date Received:** 4 June 2025 **12 week expiry:** 27 August 2025

Proposed by Councillor Flanagan Seconded by Councillor Bennington and agreed that

## the report be noted.

ACTION BY: Stephanie Boyd, Planning and Economic Development Business Support Supervisor

#### **ITEM 3.11**

P/PLAN/1 NISRA PLANNING STATISTICS 2024/2025 – ANNUAL STATISTICAL BULLETIN 2024/2025 – APRIL 2024 to MARCH 2025

#### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to update Members on the performance of the Councils Planning Section as reported in NISRA's Annual Planning Statistical Bulletin for the period April 2024 to March 2025.

# 2. Background

The 2024/25 Annual Planning Statistical Bulletin, produced by the Analysis, Statistics and Research Branch of the Department for Infrastructure (DfI), a copy of which was circulated, was released on 26 June 2025.

The figures showed that the total number of planning applications received in Northern Ireland by Councils and the Department in 2024/2025 was 9,716, a decrease of 3.1% from the previous financial year (10,025). Eight (8) Councils reported a decrease in the number of planning applications received in 2024/2025 with the greatest percentage of decreases reported in Lisburn and Castlereagh (-12.0%), Ards and North Down and Derry City and Strabane both with a decrease of -11.8%. Three (3) Councils reported an increase over the financial year with Fermanagh and Omagh (14.4%) reporting the largest increase.

The publication indicated a decrease in the total number of planning applications decided in Northern Ireland during the financial year. The total number of planning applications decided during this financial year was 9,284, a decrease of 4.6% from the previous year (9,734) and the lowest annual figure on record.

In relation to performance against statutory targets the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) figures show that the Council was one (1) of only five (5) Councils within the 30-week target time for **Major** planning applications. **Antrim and Newtownabbey** 

processed 12 major applications during the year with an average processing time of 21.8 weeks. This performance ranks second amongst the 11 Councils. It also reflected well against the average processing time of 39.6 weeks across all Councils.

Three (3) of the eleven (11) Councils were within the 15-week target for Local planning applications with **Antrim and Newtownabbey (12.8 weeks) ranked third**, this performance maintains the progress achieved in last year's local performance. It also reflected well against the average processing time of **19.0** weeks across all Councils.

Enforcement was subject to a statutory target that 70% of all enforcement cases were progressed to target conclusion within 39 weeks of receipt of complaint. Across all Councils, 70.7% of enforcement cases were concluded within 39 weeks during 2024/25 meeting the statutory target of 70%. This represents a decrease from the rate reported for the same period last year (76.4%). Antrim and Newtownabbey recorded the highest percentage of cases processed within 39 weeks, with 97.3% processed within target during 2024/25, up from 96.0% recorded in 2023/24. This performance ranks first amongst the 11 Councils.

Members congratulated Council's Planning section on its performance and thanked Officers for their hard work.

Proposed by Councillor Flanagan Seconded by Councillor Bennington and agreed that

#### the report be noted.

ACTION BY: Stephanie Boyd, Planning and Economic Development Business Support Supervisor

**ITEM 3.12** 

## P/PLAN/1 ENFORCEMENT: ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORTING, Q2 2024/2025

# 1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to update Members on the annual performance of the Council's Planning Enforcement Section from Q1-Q4 of the 2024-2025 reporting period.

#### 2. Introduction/Background

The performance reporting and statistics for the Council's Planning Enforcement Section for the periods Q1-Q4 of 2024/2025 was circulated for Members' information.

Proposed by Councillor Flanagan Seconded by Councillor Bennington and agreed that

#### the report be noted.

ACTION BY: Steven McQuillan, Senior Planning Enforcement Officer

#### **ITEM 3.13**

P/PLAN/1, LA03/2024/0925/F NON-DETERMINATION APPEAL – APPLICATION LA03/2024/0925/F - SOCIAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING 45 NO. RESIDENTIAL UNITS WITH ASSOCIATED ACCESS, CAR PARKING LANDSCAPING AND ANCILLARY WORKS AT LANDS WITHIN THE SOUTHWEST PORTION OF THE FORMER CRAIGHILL QUARRY, EAST OF BALLYEASTON ROAD AND SOUTH OF CRAIGHILL PARK, BALLYCLARE

## 1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to enable the Planning Committee to formally consider and agree the Council's position on Planning Application LA03/2024/0925/F, which is now subject to a Non-Determination Appeal lodged with the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC). Although the Council no longer holds decision-making authority over the application, the PAC would seek the Council's view as part of the appeal process.

# 2. <u>Background</u>

The applicant for the above application had lodged an appeal with the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) in default of a decision being made by the Council. This was what was commonly referred to as a Non-Determination Appeal. This meant that jurisdiction for determination of this application had now passed to the PAC, rather than the Council.

**APPLICATION NO:** LA03/2024/0925/F

**APPEAL REF:** 2025/A0033

**PROPOSAL IN BRIEF:** Social housing development comprising 45 no. residential

units with associated access, car parking landscaping and

ancillary works

**SITE/LOCATION:** Lands within the southwest portion of the former Craighill

Quarry, east of Ballyeaston Road and south of Craighill Park,

Ballyclare

**APPLICANT:** Craighill Developments Limited

In line with normal practice for such appeals the PAC would in due course seek a view from the Council as to whether it wishes to provide draft reasons of refusal or conditions for the proposed development.

The Planning Section report (circulated) considered that the proposed development should be refused.

Proposed by Councillor Foster Seconded by Alderman Magill and agreed that

the Officer recommendation of draft reasons for refusal be agreed and that Officers be authorised to submit a Statement of Case to the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) on this basis, and to defend this position at appeal.

ACTION BY: Barry Diamond, Head of Planning Development Management

#### **ITEM 3.14**

P/PLAN/1 NON-DETERMINATION APPEAL – APPLICATION LA03/2025/0294/F - RETENTION OF A SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED DWELLING AT LANDS APPROX. 65M NORTH OF 21 GLEBE ROAD, NEWTOWNABBEY

#### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to enable the Planning Committee to formally consider and agree the Council's position on Planning Application LA03/2025/0294/F, which was now subject to a Non-Determination Appeal lodged with the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC). Although the Council no longer holds decision-making authority over the application, the PAC would seek the Council's view as part of the appeal process.

#### 2. Background

The applicant for the above application had lodged an appeal with the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) in default of a decision being made by the Council. This was what was commonly referred to as a Non-Determination Appeal. This meant that jurisdiction for determination of this application had now passed to the PAC, rather than the Council.

**APPLICATION NO:** LA03/2025/0294/F **APPEAL REF:** 2025/A0036

**PROPOSAL IN BRIEF:** Retention of a substantially completed dwelling

**SITE/LOCATION:** Lands approx. 65m north of 21 Glebe Road, Newtownabbey

**APPLICANT:** Mr S Flynn

In line with normal practice for such appeals, the PAC would have, in due course, sought a view from the Council as to whether it wished to provide draft reasons of refusal or conditions for the proposed development.

The Planning Section report and associated addendum report (circulated) considered that the proposed development should be refused.

Proposed by Alderman Magill Seconded by Councillor Foster and agreed that

the Officer recommendation of draft reasons for refusal be agreed and that Officers be authorised to submit a Statement of Case to the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) on this basis, and to defend this position at appeal.

ACTION BY: Barry Diamond, Head of Planning Development Management

#### 3.15 ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS

None.

# PROPOSAL TO PROCEED 'IN CONFIDENCE'

Proposed by Councillor Flanagan Seconded by Alderman Boyle and agreed that

the following Committee business be taken In Confidence.

The Chairperson advised that the livestream and audio recording would now cease.

Alderman Boyle left the Chamber at this point.

# PART TWO OTHER PLANNING MATTERS - IN CONFIDENCE

**ITEM 3.16** 

G-LEG-3-361 LEGAL UPDATE REPORT IN CONFIDENCE





Proposed by Councillor Flanagan Seconded by Councillor Archibald-Brown and agreed that

# the report be noted.

ACTION BY: Paul Casey, Borough Lawyer and Head of Legal Services

Alderman Boyle returned to the Chamber.

#### **ITEM 3.17**

P/FP/LDP/19 ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL, DRAFT AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE - IN CONFIDENCE

# 1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to seek Members' approval for Supplementary Planning Guidance on Affordable Housing to support the delivery of the Council's recently adopted Plan Strategy publication.





Proposed by Councillor Bennington Seconded by Councillor Flanagan and agreed that

the Affordable Housing Supplementary Guidance be approved to support the application of Affordable Homes policies contained within SP 4 and DM 17 of the Council's adopted Local Development Plan, Plan Strategy and subject to public consultation, the detail of which is delegated to Officers.

ACTION BY: Simon Thompson, Local Development Plan and Enforcement Manager

**ITEM 3.18** 

P/FP/LDP/2 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN, UPDATED TIMETABLE 2025 - IN CONFIDENCE

# 1. Purpose

The purpose of this report was to seek the approval of Members regarding the publication of a revised 'Local Development Plan 2030, Updated Timetable 2025' following the formal adoption of the Local Development Plan, Plan Strategy on 03 July 2025.

#### 2. Introduction/Background

A report was presented to Planning Committee on 19 May 2025 advising that, (1) upon adoption of the Local Development Plan (LDP), Plan Strategy, a revised updated LDP Timetable would be prepared and presented to Members for agreement, to include an indicative timeframe for the preparation, publication and Independent Examination (IE) of the Council's Draft Local Policies Plan (DLPP), and (2) Officers would engage with the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) in relation to its Timetable and also formally submit the Timetable to the Department for Infrastructure (Dfl), Strategic Planning for agreement.

Officers have now prepared a 'Local Development Plan 2030, Updated Timetable 2025' – circulated for Members' information. Under Regulation 5 of The Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, the Council must in the preparation of the Timetable, consult the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC). Officers engaged with the PAC on 27 June 2025 noting that engagement on the matter had previously taken place with Dfl regarding the need for flexibility in the Timetable regarding the timing of the publication of the Department's Section 14 Amendment to the Council's published Plan Strategy i.e. the Council may bring this forward in advance of the DLPP or run it in parallel with the DLPP. Officers have sought the views of the PAC on this matter and an update would be presented to Members in due course. Officers' correspondence with Dfl and the PAC were circulated for Members' information.

Proposed by Councillor Logue Seconded by Councillor Flanagan and agreed that

the Local Development Plan, Updated Timetable 2025 was agreed and published to advise the development industry and public of the Council's indicative timeline to publish a Draft Local Policies for public consultation in 2026/2027 and to be submitted to the Department for Infrastructure for agreement.

ACTION BY: Simon Thompson, Local Development Plan and Enforcement Manager

#### PROPOSAL TO MOVE OUT OF 'IN CONFIDENCE'

Proposed by Councillor Foster Seconded by Councillor Bennington and agreed that

any remaining Committee business be conducted in Open Session.

The Chairperson advised that the audio recording would recommence.

There being no further Committee business the Chairperson thanked Members, for

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their attendance and the meeting concluded at 8.46pm.

Council Minutes have been redacted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 2018, the General Data Protection Regulation, and legal advice.