

North Lanarkshire Council Report

Planning Committee

approval noting

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North Lanarkshire Local Development Plan Examination

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Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek committee approval for the content of the Schedule 4 responses to the objections raised during consultation on the North Lanarkshire Local Development Plan Modified Proposed Plan. These Schedule 4s will be submitted to the Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA) of the Scottish Government as part of the forthcoming Examination of the Modified Proposed Plan.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee

1. Notes progress towards Examination of the Modified Proposed North Lanarkshire Local Development Plan
2. Approves the submission of the documents referred to in this Report for Examination by the DPEA
3. Authorises the Head of Planning and Regeneration in consultation with the Convener of Planning to make such minor amendments, as are appropriate, to these documents in preparation for their submission for Examination.

The Plan for North Lanarkshire

Priority All priorities

Ambition statement All ambition statements

1. Background

- 1.1 Members will be aware that the Development Plan for North Lanarkshire is at Modified Proposed Plan stage. At its meeting on 22nd February 2018, the Committee agreed to a revised Development Plan Scheme for the delivery of the Plan, which set out a timetable for a Modified Proposed Plan to be prepared for public consultation and submission for Examination by Scottish Government Reporters.

- 1.2 The North Lanarkshire Local Development Plan Development Plan Scheme sets out annually the stages and timetable to be followed to deliver the Local Development Plan. The Modified Proposed Plan stage involves consultation and examination as follows:

Consultation Period

- A 7-week period (statutory 6-week minimum) for formal objections to be made to the Modified Proposed Plan.

Examination

- Unresolved objections to the Modified Proposed Plan will be sent, along with the Plan, to the Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA) of the Scottish Government for Examination by Scottish Government Reporters. Adoption of the Local Development Plan is expected later this year.
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2. Report

- 2.1 The North Lanarkshire Local Development Plan is the 10-year land use planning strategy for the area, aimed at achieving increased sustainable growth and regeneration, and the improvement of North Lanarkshire's places. The Proposed Plan can be characterised as providing a long-term strategy for meeting North Lanarkshire's physical development needs and management of demands for land.

Plan Consultation

- 2.2 The 7-week public consultation on the Modified Proposed Plan was carried out between February and April 2019. During the consultation period 404 representations were received.

- 2.2.1 Following analysis of the representations submitted these have been categorised as follows

404 representations
1,109 identifiable contributions
344 supportive
62 comments
703 objections

Schedule 4 Structure

- 2.3 Schedule 4 of The Town and Country Planning (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 sets out how this summary of unresolved Issues shall be presented. For each unresolved Issue a Schedule 4 form is prepared including information on the body or person making the representation, the provision of the Development Plan to which the issue relates, a summary of the representation, the modifications sought in the representation and the Council Response, including why it has not made a modification.
- 2.3.1 Following analysis of the representations submitted there are 32 identifiable Policy Issues and 3 Site specific Issues for which Schedule 4s have been prepared. Many of the issues relate to matters of policy with suggested additional or modified wording in common. The significant issues are related to Housing Policy and proposed

housing sites with submissions relating to the housing land supply, proposed sites and suggested additional sites.

- 2.3.2 The Council can pursue three solutions to dealing with representations
- Make minor non-notifiable amendments prior to the Examination
 - Propose notifiable amendments and re-consult on an amended Proposed Plan
 - Submit unresolved issues for Examination
- 2.3.3 Where practicable suggested minor amendments and additions will be made to the Modified Proposed Plan. As the Plan under consideration is already a Modified Proposed Plan there is no intention to prepare a further notifiable consultation Plan and the intention is to present any non-notifiable amendments for Examination along with unresolved issues. Carrying out a further consultation would prolong the Plan process by a further period of several months.
- 2.3.4 Minor non-notifiable amendments and those the Council would willing to accept if a Reporter is so minded are noted in a Change Log and the proposed Schedule 4 responses are contained in a separate document, arranged by identified issue. These documents can be viewed at www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/planningdocuments

3. Equality and Diversity

3.1 Fairer Scotland Duty

The aim of the Local Development Plan is to manage the use of land to increase sustainable economic growth whilst protecting the environment to make sure that all communities can enjoy a better quality of life.

3.2 Equality Impact Assessment

The Modified Proposed Local Development Plan has undergone an Equalities Impact Assessment, as required by Planning Regulations.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial Impact

Costs for preparation and publication of the Modified Proposed Plan Examination can be met from the Local Development Plan budget.

4.2 HR/Policy/Legislative Impact

There are no Human Resource impacts arising from this report. The North Lanarkshire Local Development Plan will set new Council policy for the development and use of land and buildings and is in response to a legislative requirement to prepare an up to date Development Plan.

4.3 Environmental Impact

The aim of the North Lanarkshire Local development Plan is sustainable economic growth and policies have been designed to minimise or mitigate environmental impacts. The Modified Proposed Plan has undergone both a Strategic Environmental Assessment and a Habitats Regulations Assessment.

4.4 Risk Impact

Corporate risks have been minimised by preparing a more up to date Modified Proposed Plan and retaining control of the timing of the Public Consultation and Examination process.

5. Measures of success

- 5.1 The long-term aim of the Plan is to increase sustainable growth and regeneration, and to improve places in support of our Corporate Vision. The Plan looks to achieve this through policies used to determine applications for planning permission.
- 5.2 In particular the Plan will support delivery against the Improving economic opportunities and outcomes priority and provides the policy framework through which the Economic Regeneration Delivery Plan can deliver against the land use aspects of the Council's Ambition
- Housing regeneration/ re-provisioning
 - Town Centre Regeneration
 - Business and Industry
 - Infrastructure development

6. Supporting documents

- 6.1 Modified Proposed North Lanarkshire Local Development Plan Change Log
Modified Proposed North Lanarkshire Local Development Plan Proposed Schedule 4 Responses to Unresolved Issues
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Head of Planning and Regeneration