

Rural Needs Impact Assessment
Dromore Town Centre Public Realm Scheme
Oct 2018



SECTION 1 - Defining the activity subject to Section 1(1) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016

1A. Name of Public Authority

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council

1B. Please provide a short title which describes the activity being undertaken by the Public Authority that is subject to Section 1(1) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016.

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1C. Please indicate which category the activity specified in Section 1B above relates to

Developing a	Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adopting a	Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementing a	Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Revising a	Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Designing a Public Service		<input type="checkbox"/>				
Delivering a Public Service		<input type="checkbox"/>				

1D. Please provide the official title (if any) of the Strategy, Policy, Plan or Public Service document or initiative relating to the category indicated in Section 1C above

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1E. Please provide the aims and/or objectives of the Strategy, Policy, Plan or Public Service

The policy aims to deliver upon some of the relevant themes of the Dromore Town Centre Masterplan, with particular emphasis on:

- Creating a pedestrian and cycle friendly town;
- Creating active streets, accommodating vehicles but avoiding their domination; and
- Connecting local communities with the town centre.

The policy will:

- Construct high quality pavement finishes and street frontage to commercial properties;
- Provide bespoke lighting, street furniture and decorative features;
- Create an attractive town centre;
- Celebrate the heritage of Dromore through subtle interventions within the Public Realm;
- Improve pedestrian flow, widened footpaths and crossing points;
- Enhance pedestrian safety, whilst accommodating vehicular movements;
- Create a pleasant experience for users and visitors; and
- Raise the profile of the River Lagan, Bridge Street leading to the listed Downshire Bridge.

1F. Which definition of 'rural' is the Public Authority using in respect of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service?

Population Settlements of less than 5,000 (Default definition)

Other Definition (Provide details and the rationale below)

A definition of 'rural' is not applicable

Details of alternative definition of 'rural' used

Urban Town surrounded by rural hinterland

Rationale for using alternative definition of 'rural' used

The Town has aspects and characteristics of both an urban and rural form. The settlement is built up of a population greater than 5000, but is surrounded by a rural setting. The effects of this policy will have a positive effect on the surrounding rural hinterland.



SECTION 2 – Understanding the impact of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service

2A. Is the Policy, Strategy Plan or Public Service intended to impact on people in rural areas?

YES NO If the response is **NO** GO TO Section **2E**

2B. Please explain how the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is intended to impact on people in rural areas

This policy will benefit people both within the town and the rural area surrounding it through the enhancement of Dromore Town Centre's physical environment. The policy will provide improved access and movement to and within public and pedestrian spaces and will enhance the physical appearance of the town centre for the benefit of all users.

2C. If the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is intended to impact on people in rural areas differently from people in urban areas, please explain how it will impact people in rural areas differently

N/A



2D. Please indicate which of the following rural policy areas the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is intended to impact on

Rural Businesses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rural Tourism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rural Housing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs or Employment in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education or Training in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Broadband or Mobile Communications in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transport Services or Infrastructure in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health or Social Care Services in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poverty in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deprivation in Rural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rural Crime or Community Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rural Development	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Please state) <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If the response to Section 2A was YES GO TO Section 3A

2E. Please explain why the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is NOT intended to impact on people in rural areas

N/A



SECTION 3 – Identifying the Social and Economic Needs of Persons in Rural Areas

3A. Has the Public Authority taken steps to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas that are relevant to the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service?

YES NO If the response is **NO** GO TO Section **3E**

3B. Please indicate which of the following methods or information sources we used by the Public Authority to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas

Consultation with Rural Stakeholders	<input type="checkbox"/>	Published Statistics	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consultation with Other Organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>	Research Papers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Surveys or Questionnaires	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Methods or Information Sources (include details in Question 14 below)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

3C. Please provide details of the methods and information sources used to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas including relevant dates, names of organisations, titles of publications, website references, details of surveys or consultations undertaken etc.

N/A



3D. Please provide details of the social and economic needs of people in rural areas which have been identified by the Public Authority?

N/A

If the response to Section 3A was YES GO TO Section 4A

3E. Please explain why no steps were taken by the Public Authority to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas??

This is a Public Realm improvement scheme that is focused on the Dromore Townscape area, but it has positive effects on the surrounding rural hinterland.

SECTION 4 – Considering the Social and Economic Needs of Persons in Rural Areas

4A. Please provide details of the issues considered in relation to the social and economic needs of people in rural areas identified by the Public Authority.

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SECTION 5 – Influencing the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service

5A. Has the development, adoption, implementation or revision of the Policy, Strategy or Plan, or the design or delivery of the Public Service, been influenced by the rural needs identified?

YES NO If the response is **NO** GO TO Section **5C**

5B. Please explain how the development, adoption, implementation or revision of the Policy, Strategy or Plan, or the design or delivery of the Public Service, has been influenced by the rural needs identified

N/A

If the response to **5A** was **YES** GO TO Section **6A**

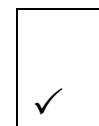
5C. Please explain why the development, adoption, implementation or revision of the Policy, Strategy or Plan, or the design or the delivery of the Public Service, has NOT been influenced by the rural needs identified


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SECTION 6 – Documenting and Recording

6A. Please tick below to confirm that the Rural Needs Impact Assessment will be recorded on the Public Authority's Annual Monitoring Return and the RNIA Template retained by the Public Authority

I confirm that details of the Rural Needs Impact Assessment will be recorded and the RNIA Template retained



Rural Needs Impact Assessment undertaken by:	GM Design Associates Limited- Chris McNabb
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Division/Branch	
Signature:	C McNabb
Date:	25 th October 2018
Rural Needs Impact Assessment approved by:	Armagh City Banbridge Craigavon Borough Council
Position / Grade:	Head of Regeneration Dept.
Division / Branch	
Signature:	
Date:	25 th October 2018