

**ARMAGH CITY, BANBRIDGE & CRAIGAVON BOROUGH COUNCIL
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2035**

PUBLICATION OF DRAFT PLAN STRATEGY

**THE PLANNING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2011; THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF
PLANS AND PROGRAMMES REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2004; THE PLANNING
(LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2015**

Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council hereby gives notice, in accordance with Regulation 15 of The Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, that it published its Local Development Plan 2035 Draft Plan Strategy on 29 September 2026 and that the document together with supporting assessments and Technical Supplements are available for inspection.

The Council is inviting representations on the Draft Plan Strategy during a period of public consultation. The public consultation period will run for **8 weeks**, commencing on the **13 October 2026** and closing at **5.00pm on 8 December 2026**. Any representations made before or after this period will not be accepted.

Availability of the Draft Plan Strategy and Supporting Documents

The Draft Plan Strategy and supporting documentation, including the Sustainability Appraisal Report (incorporating the Strategic Environmental Assessment) and Non-Technical Summary, Draft Habitats Regulations Assessment, Draft Equality Screening Report, Draft Rural Needs Impact Assessment and 18 Technical Supplements are available to view and download on the Council's website: www.armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk/resident/local-development-plan-residents/

These documents are also available for public inspection between 9.00am and 5.00pm from Monday to Friday at the following Council offices:

- Banbridge Civic Building, Downshire Road, Banbridge, BT32 3JY
- Craigavon Civic and Conference Centre, 66 Lakeview Road, Craigavon, BT64 1AL
- Palace Building, The Palace Demesne, Friary Road, Armagh, BT60 4EL

Hard copies can be provided upon request subject to availability.

Public consultation

The Council is inviting representations to its Local Development Plan 2035 Draft Plan Strategy and associated environmental and supporting assessments during the public consultation period, commencing on **13 October 2026** and closing at **5.00pm on 8 December 2026**.

How to respond

Representations to this public consultation should be submitted to the Local Development Plan Team by the following methods:

Via the Council's online consultation portal: www.armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk

By email to: ldp@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk

By post to: Planning Department, Local Development Plan Team,
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council,
Banbridge Civic Building, Downshire Road, Banbridge, BT32 3JY.

When submitting a representation to the consultation, respondents are encouraged to submit representations via the online consultation portal.

Public Engagement Events

The Council will host a series of public engagement / drop-in sessions across the borough during the consultation period. Details of these events are available on the Council's website and are set out below.

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Tuesday 13 October 2026	Tommy Makem Arts & Community Centre 7 Cow Fair, Keady, BT60 3UE	1.30pm – 3.30pm 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Thursday 15 October 2026	Gosford Forest Park Meeting Room, Markethill, BT60 1GD	1.30pm – 3.30pm 5.30pm – 6.30pm
Tuesday 20 October 2026	Palace Building, The Palace Demesne, Friary Road, Armagh, BT60 4EL	1.30pm – 3.30pm 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Tuesday 27 October 2026	Portadown Town Hall 15 Edward Street, Portadown BT62 3LX	1.30pm – 3.30pm 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Tuesday 3 November 2026	Brownlow Community Hub 7 Brownlow Road, Craigavon, BT65 5DL	1.30pm – 3.30pm 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Tuesday 10 November 2026	Lurgan Town Hall, 2-6 Union Street Lurgan, BT66 8DY	1.30pm – 3.30pm 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Tuesday 17 November 2026	Dromore Town Hall 38 Market Square, Dromore, BT25 1AW	1.30pm – 3.30pm 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Tuesday 24 November 2026	The Old Town Hall 1 Scarva Street, Banbridge, BT32 3DA	1.30pm – 3.30pm 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Tuesday 1 December 2026	Rathfriland Community Centre John Street, Rathfriland, BT34 5QH	1.30pm – 3.30pm 5.30pm – 7.30pm

All representations to the Local Development Plan 2035 Draft Plan Strategy and associated environmental and supporting assessments must be received within the public consultation period. Any representations made before or after this period will not be accepted.