

Local Development Plan 2018 – 2033

Preferred Strategy: Consultation Form

Comments are encouraged via the Council's website <u>www.conwy.gov.uk/spps/consultations</u> using the on-line form available. Using the online form ensures that your comments are registered and you receive updates.

Conwy County Borough Council would like to hear your views on the Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) 2018 – 2033 Preferred Strategy. The Preferred Strategy is supported by 12 Topic Papers and 47 Background Papers. We are consulting on this document from **29/07/2019** to **20/09/2019**. All consultation documents are available on the Council's website, and copies are available for inspection during normal opening hours at Conwy's Council offices and libraries.

Once completed, please return your comments form to:

Strategic Planning Policy Service Conwy County Borough Council PO Box 1, Conwy, LL30 9GN Email: <u>cdll-ldp@conwy.gov.uk</u> Website: <u>www.conwy.gov.uk/rldp</u>

Please contact the Strategic Planning Policy Service if you require further information and advice by emailing <u>cdll.ldp@conwy.gov.uk</u> or contact us by phone on: 01492 575461

All comments received will be made publicly available and reported to Cabinet and Council as part of the report back on the consultation. Please continue on separate paper for each question if required.

Your contact details will not be released to any third parties and will only be used for the purposes of Conwy's Local Development Plan process. Please note that your name, comments, and your address will be made publicly available. In order to comply with data protection legislation, email addresses will not be released.

Petitions are sometimes used by groups to offer their opinions on an issue. The petition should clearly state on each page the purpose of the petition, and should have a contact name/ address/ e-mail. Correspondence would be directed to this contact; individual acknowledgements will not be sent to all signatories of the petition.



Local Development Plan 2018 – 2033 Preferred Strategy: **Contact Details and Summary Comments**

	Personal Details	Agent Details (If Applicable)
Name:	BERYL GRIFFITHS	Click here to enter text.
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Telephone No:		Click here to enter text.
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Do you wish to be kept informed regarding future stages of the Plan's preparation?	Yes
Preferred means of contact	e-mail
Do you wish to correspond in English or Welsh?	WELSH

Please provide a summary of your comments below (maximum of 100 words). It is important that a summary version is provided in order to register your comments.

Summary Comment (maximum 100 words):

My main concern is the Welsh language and the Welsh way of life in the village. Since moving here in 1969, I have been saddened to see the decline of the Welsh language/culture, and the main reason for this is the influx of non-Welsh speakers into the new housing estates which have been developed here in recent years.



Local Development Plan 2018 – 2033 Preferred Strategy: Vision and Objectives

The Preferred Strategy is formed on evidence base gathering and an understanding of the issues impacting on Conwy. These have informed a new Vision and 15 Objectives.

Do you have any comments to make on proposed Vision and Objectives? Please comment below:

In your LDP leaflet, page 3, one of the visions noted is 'A Conwy where the Welsh language thrives'. I fail to see how this Plan is going to realize this vision. I have been volunteering with Menter laith Conwy for years, and am therefore fully aware of the daily battle to keep the language on the lips of our children.

Regarding the point about Affordable Housing – this is an easy term to note but a substantial problem to resolve. Who will police this? Who can tell who will be able to buy these houses? Much, much more research is <u>required</u> into this.

In respect of Conwy County protecting the environment and climate change, how on earth does building 400 houses on agricultural land with indigenous trees and wildlife make any kind of sense? I would truly like to know!



Local Development Plan 2018 – 2033 Preferred Strategy: **Proposed Level of Growth**

The Preferred Strategy will make provision for a level of growth comprising of 12 – 14 ha of employment land to accommodate a forecasted 1,800 new jobs. This will be supported by land for 5,150 new homes.

Do you have any comments to make on proposed levels of growth? Please comment below:

In your LDP leaflet, page 9 – Llanfairfechan, it is noted that 0% of the plan will develop local jobs, therefore the phrase 'A Conwy with economic development, in a rural area' is irrelevant.

Your percentage for affordable housing is 35% - I would like to know how you came by this figure. In your LDP booklet, it is noted that you listened to the views of communities, developers and others with regard to this matter. I have asked around many of my neighbours/friends and everyone was agreed that <u>no-one</u> contacted them about this.

I realise that growth is inevitable – this is the nature of society – but genuine research needs to be conducted on the scale of this growth!



Local Development Plan 2018 – 2033 Preferred Strategy: **Proposed Spatial Strategy**

The Preferred Strategy will focus development in the more sustainable and serviced Urban Settlements and Tier 1 Villages within the Coastal Development Strategy Area (CDSA) and Key Service Centres within the Rural Development Strategy Area (RDSA). More limited local growth and diversification will be promoted in other lesser service settlements. The Preferred Strategy also proposes a new Eastern Regeneration and Improvement Area (EIRA) to recognise the high level of constraints (e.g. flooding) within the east of the County Borough.

Do you have any comments to make on the proposed spatial strategy? Please comment below:

I feel that this statement is irrelevant to Llanfairfechan.



Local Development Plan 2018 – 2033 Preferred Strategy: **Strategic Policies**

The primary aim of the Preferred Strategy is to contribute to Sustainable Places in Conwy. This is supported by four overarching sections and draft Strategic Polices as detailed below in the diagram

Sustainable Placemaking in Conwy Sustainable Placemaking, Levels of Housing Growth, Levels of Jobs Growth, Growth Distribution & Hierarchy of Settlements, Placemaking & Good Design ,Promoting Healthier Places, The Welsh Language, Sustainable Management of Natural Resources, Placemaking in Rural Areas, Place Plans, Strategic Sites, Infrastructure & New Development and Managing Settlement Form.

Prosperous Places in Conwy

Economic Development, Tourism, The Rural Economy, Transportation Infrastructure, Telecommunications, Energy and Minerals & Waste.

Sustainable Places in Conwy

Healthy & Social Places in Conwy

Sustainable Transport & Accessibility, Housing, Retail & Commercial Centres, Community Facilities and Recreational Spaces.

Natural and Cultural Places in Conwy

Landscape, Coastal Areas, Historic Environment, Culturally Led Regeneration, Green Infrastructure, Biodiversity, Water, Air, Soundscape & Light and Flooding.



Do you have any comments to make on the proposed Strategic Policies? Please comment below:

This statement could be used to refer to a number of strategies, e.g.

Strategy 1 – GP surgery/ issues regarding recruiting doctors, and the number of patients needing to see a doctor. Traffic around the Surgery area.

Strategy 2 – Flooding – there has been a flooding issue in the area proposed for building the houses since we moved here in 1969.

Are there any other policies that should be included? Please comment below:

The county requires a specific policy regarding the future of the Welsh language. A specific plan <u>must</u> be produced to protect and promote the language. Is it not the aim of our National Assembly to have more Welsh speakers? After all, we do have a Language Act in Wales. Conwy County has a very long way to go.

And what about the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015? How are these incorporated into this Plan?



Preferred Strategy: Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Habitats Regulations Appraisal (HRA)

Do you have any comments to make on the Sustainability Appraisal (SA)? Please note that summary versions are provided on the Council's website. Please comment below:

Failed to find these versions on the Council's website.

Do you have any comments to make on the Habitats Regulations Appraisal (HRA)? Please comment below:

As above - but protecting our Habitats.



Local Development Plan 2018 – 2033 Preferred Strategy: **Candidate Sites Register**

If you wish to comment on any of the proposed Candidate Sites please do so below. All comments should include the reference number of the particular site they refer to.

Instead of a reference number, I am referring to Llanfairfechan specifically.

In my opinion, this is <u>not</u> the site for building so many houses/school/etc. I am aware that the landowner is willing to sell the land for development (or has already done so), but is this not unfair? That one village (Llanfairfechan) has to shoulder the burden of a 400-house development because other landowners in other areas (such as Penmaenmawr and Dwygyfylchi) are not willing to sell their land.

I also feel that this is not the ideal site to build a school. It is possible to build a school on the same site as the existing school – look at Dolgarrog.



Local Development Plan 2018 – 2033 Preferred Strategy: **Any Other Comments**

Are there any other comments that you would like to make on the Preferred Strategy? Please comment below:

According to your LDP leaflet, page 2, we are currently on Stage 5. How on earth did we reach this stage so quickly? I have enquired several times about this, but no-one could give me a clear answer.

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Thank you for your comments on the Preferred Strategy

If you have any further questions or require any assistance, please do hesitate to contact the Strategic Planning Policy Service on: 01492 575461 or email: <u>cdll-ldp@conwy.gov.uk</u>

See the Council's website for information on where to view the Preferred Strategy and for a list of drop-in sessions being held throughout the County Borough.

Comments must be received by 5pm on 20/09/2019

Comments made after this time may not be considered.