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# Local Development Plans

## The Department's Role

**RTPI: The New Planning Landscape: One year on  
The Playhouse Derry/Londonderry  
Thursday 19 May**





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## Overview

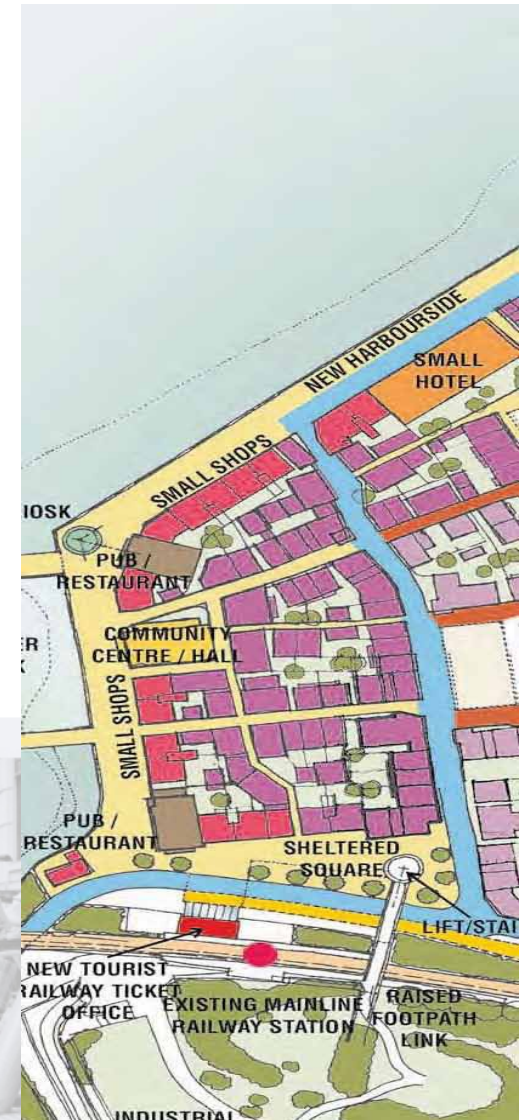
- Local Development Plan process
  - ❖ Legislative/Policy context
  - ❖ New vision and purpose
- Progress to date
- Engagement with Department
- Next steps





## Local Development Plans

- The Planning Act 2011 introduced new Local Development Plan process and a plan led system
- Councils responsible for setting the vision for their area through the Local Development Plan
- Plans will be more strategic in approach with statutory link to new community plans
- More effective participation from public and other key stakeholders in plan preparation

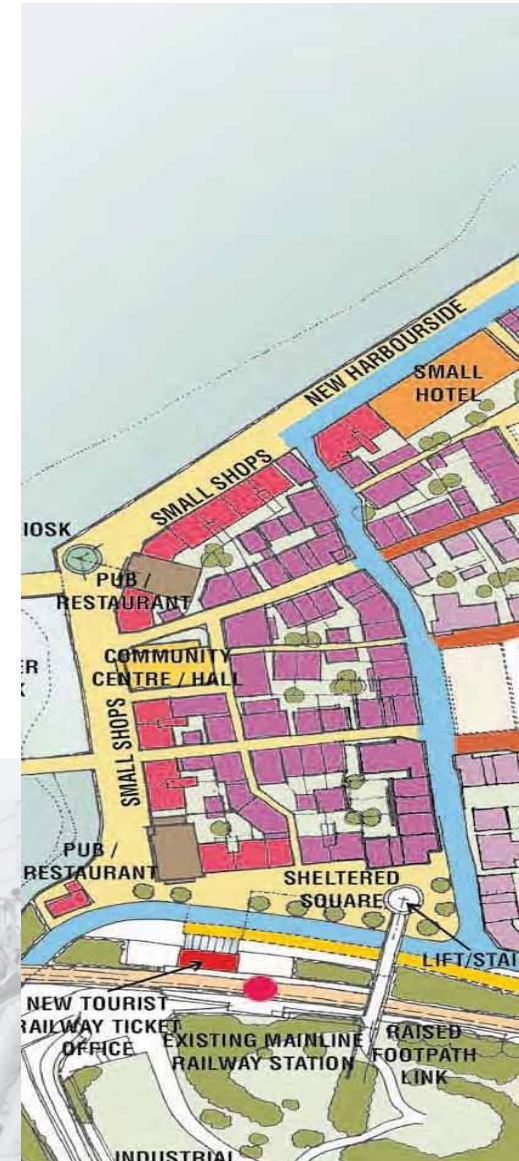






# Local Development Plans

- Informed by a strong evidence base
- Providing legitimacy through consultation and testing of evidence
- A more strategic based independent examination process that focuses on ‘**soundness**’ of the plan
- A faster delivery of plan documents





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# Strategic Planning Policy Statement (SPPS)

- **A New Approach** – More strategic, simpler, shorter and more accessible planning policy
- **New Core Planning Principles** – to explain the new planning system and key concepts
- **Strategic planning policy** on a range of topics
- Must be **taken into account** in decision making and plan preparation
- **Enabling document** - provides flexibility to bring forward bespoke local policy through Local Development Plans





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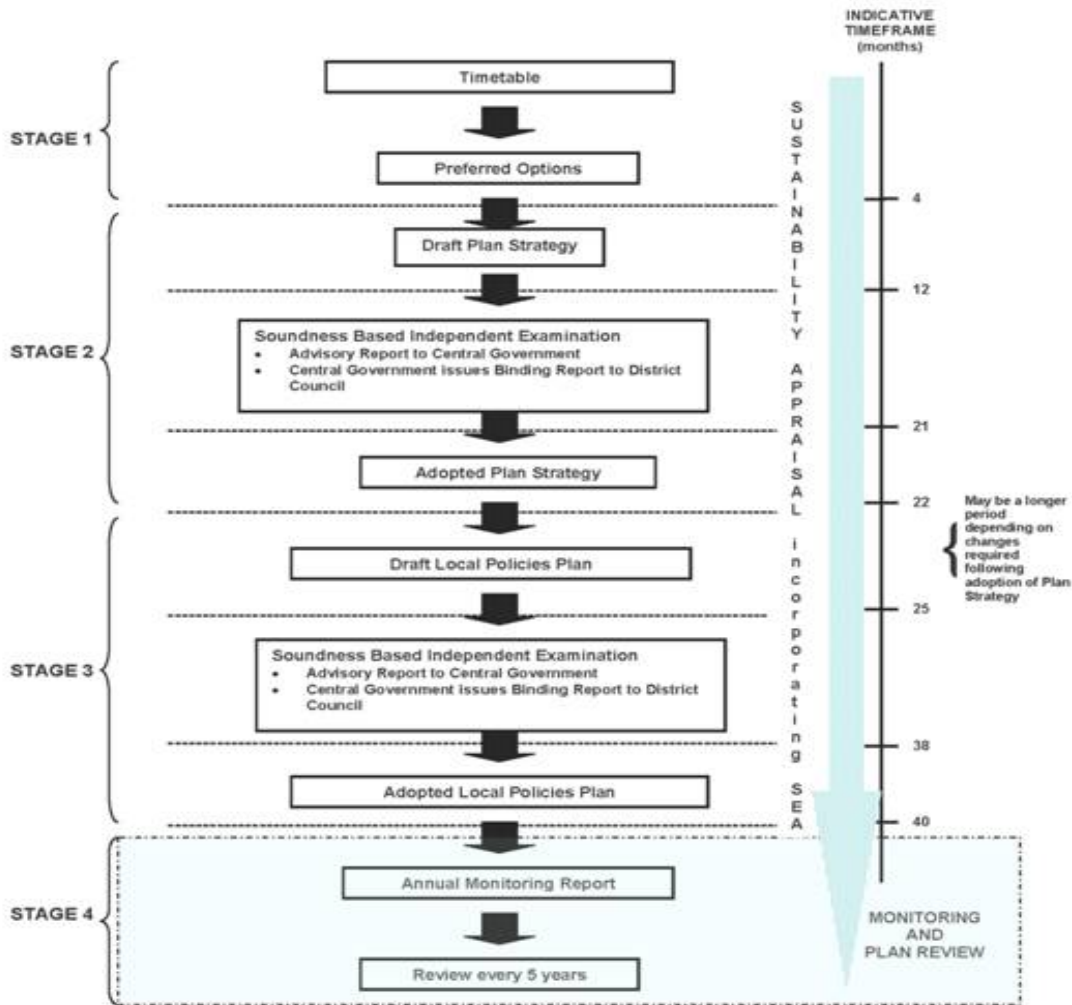
## Local Development Plans- Progress to date



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- All 11 new councils have commenced work on early stages of plan preparation
- The Department retains a role in all stages of plan preparation





# Key stages in the Local Development Plan Process





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## Engagement with Department

- Agreement of Statement of Community Involvement and LDP timetable
- Consultation on Preferred Options Paper
- Consultation on Plan Strategy and Local Policies Plan and associated documents
- Submission of Development Plan documents prior to Independent examination
- Direction to adopt
- Monitoring and review





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## Further engagement

- Considering other opportunities to engage with Councils on strategic issues
- Using established forums for discussion and sharing best practise
- Continue to engage with other key stakeholders
- Look to experience of other jurisdictions





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## Future challenges

- Navigating a new process
- Delivery of LDP's within challenging timescale
- Lack of guidance, support and resources
- Management of LDP programme
- Responding to ongoing change



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