

GETTING INVOLVED IN DEVELOPING YOUR CITY

Why Should I Read The Consultative Draft Plan?

The current City Plan (City Plan 1) was adopted by the Council in August 2003, following an examination of its policies and proposals at a local plan public inquiry. The Scottish Executive requires development plans to be kept up to date and reviewed every five years. The Council made its intention to review the Plan known in January of 2005.

This document constitutes the Consultative Draft of City Plan 2 and is the second stage of consultation in the Plan review process. It has been prepared having regard to the responses made to the first stage of consultation on the Review Issues and Options Bulletin, undertaken in January and February of 2005. The Consultative Draft Plan is being widely circulated to public and private bodies, Community Councils, Housing Associations and political representatives and is available at local libraries and at the office of Development and Regeneration Services, 229 George Street, Glasgow G1 1QU, as well as on the Council's website (www.glasgow.gov.uk).

The Consultative Draft Plan consists of two main parts. Part 1 examines the key influences on City Plan 2 and sets out a development strategy aimed at promoting and directing the continuing regeneration of the City. Part 2 constitutes a re-statement of the Policies in City Plan 1 but also highlights some of the issues that may affect the final shape of the policies once they are fully reviewed and as they will appear in the Finalised Draft Plan. A draft Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) report is also available. Views on Parts 1 and 2, and on the draft SEA report, are welcomed.

The Council aims to be inclusive and to promote equal opportunities and, therefore, public consultation is an important part of the production of the new Plan. It provides an opportunity for individuals, organisations and businesses to influence its final content. Consultation will take place throughout the plan making process, and there will be an opportunity to comment on the Finalised Draft Plan in 2007.

Why is the City Plan Important?

The City Plan presents a city-wide vision for the physical development of Glasgow. It contains development proposals, and policies, that will influence the planning decisions taken in every part of the City. These relate to, amongst other things, new housing, major transport proposals and other infrastructure needs, the safeguarding and enhancement of the City's greenspaces and architectural heritage. The City Plan, therefore, is a key consideration in determining the location, scale and nature of physical change throughout the City, which, in turn, has wider ranging economic, environmental and social implications. The Council is keen to ensure that the public has a say on its content.

Why is the Current City Plan Being Reviewed?

The regeneration of the City is a process that will require to be undertaken over the longer term. As time passes, circumstances change, and the regeneration process itself will create new opportunities. The Council will require to address, and react to, these opportunities if it is to maximise the potential benefits to the City and its residents. As a result, it is essential that the City Plan is kept up-to-date and relevant to current circumstances. City Plan 2, therefore, will take forward and further develop the broad strategic approach underpinning City Plan 1. Although the Plan will be updated on a five-yearly basis, it sets out a development and regeneration agenda for Glasgow for the next 20 years. This forward planning timeframe co-incides with the Scottish Executive's timeframe for National Planning Framework 2.

How Can I Influence the Content of City Plan 2?

The Consultative Draft Plan constitutes one of the main phases of publicity and consultation in the preparation of City Plan 2. The Council would appreciate views on the content of the Consultative Draft and these can be made by using a freepost form, or by e-mailing comments to: cityplan@glasgow.gov.uk. These views will be taken into consideration in the preparation of the Finalised Draft Plan.

It is intended that views received will be the subject of a report to the Council's Development and Regeneration Services Committee in due course. Please note that the Report will also detail respondents' names. No other personal details, such as addresses or telephone numbers, will be made publicly available. 6 weeks are available in which to submit representations on the strategy, policies and proposals contained in the Consultative Draft.

Commenting on the Draft Plan

If you wish to use this public consultation opportunity to make your views known on Part 1 (the Development Strategy), Part 2 (the Development Policies) or the draft SEA report, you should use the standard response form included in this document (also available on-line). If you wish to comment on more than one issue, please use separate forms. Also, please make reference to the section, paragraph number or policy on which you are commenting.

Comments on the Consultative Draft Plan should be submitted by Friday 14 April 2006, to:

Freepost (City Plan)
Office Services
Development and Regeneration Services
Glasgow City Council
FREEPOST SC05293
Glasgow, G2 1BR

You can also submit comments on-line using the Council's website www.glasgow.gov.uk (Business>CityPlan>CityPlanReview). Email your comments to cityplan@glasgow.gov.uk

Next Stage

Comments made in respect of the Consultative Draft (Parts 1 and 2, and the draft SEA) will be taken on board as appropriate, and a Finalised Draft version of the Plan prepared. This will be subject to a further 8 weeks of consultation during the early part of 2007.

The Council's general approach to delivering the Plan, and the broad timescales for doing so, are highlighted in the document "Getting Involved in Developing Your City", published alongside the Review, Issues and Options Bulletin in January 2005. Copies of the documents are still available from Development and Regeneration Services and can be downloaded from the Council's website (City Plan Review).