East Bank Draft Development Strategy: Summary of Consultation and Engagement

The Council undertook a consultation and engagement exercise on the draft East Bank Draft Development Strategy as described below:

Web-based consultation

- The document was made available on the Council's webpage from 7th July 2017 until 29th September 2017 with an on-line questionnaire inviting responses;
- Standard and large print versions of the document and questionnaire were also made available for send-out as hard copies and in Word Format. Availability in Word made the document more accessible for use by screen reader software used by those who have experienced sight loss.

Public Exhibition

- A public exhibition illustrating the proposals was held in the foyer of the Cecil Ward Building at Linenhall Street from 7th July 2017 -29th September 2017;
- Council officers were available to answer questions on the exhibition as and when required

Presentations, Meetings and "drop-in events"

- 8th August: exhibition and drop-in event at East Belfast Community Development Association (EBCDA);
- 17th August: exhibition and drop-in event at EBCDA;
- 23rd August: exhibition and drop-in event at the Lagan Lookout;
- 1st September: presentation and Q&A at EBCDA Community Development Café (networking event for community workers);
- 7th September: exhibition and drop-in event at the Short Strand Community Centre;
- 14th September: exhibition and drop-in event at the Short Strand Community Centre;
- 20th September: presentation and Q&A at eastside Urban Village Steering Group;
- 26th September: presentation circulated at Equality Consultative Forum
- 27th September: public consultation event targeted at children and young people and facilitated by the Eden Project at the Black Box

Consultation with Statutory Agencies

- All relevant statutory consultees were contacted by e mail on 6th July, 5th September and 10th October;
- The consultation was also discussed at the City Centre Joint Regeneration Group on 19th June, 22nd August and 18th September which is attended by Dfl, DfC and SIB.

Press Releases and Social media

- Press releases were issued in the first week of July 2017 publicising the document on-line and the exhibition;
- Social media was used throughout the consultation period