

How can planning create people friendly neighbourhoods



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Overview

- The Current Planning System
- The Local Development Plan
- Progress Update
- How can planning help create people friendly neighbourhoods

The Current Planning System

Structure of Planning



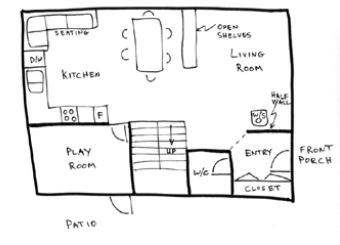
Department for Infrastructure



LOCAL
Local Authority



AREA/ SITE
Developer/
Applicant

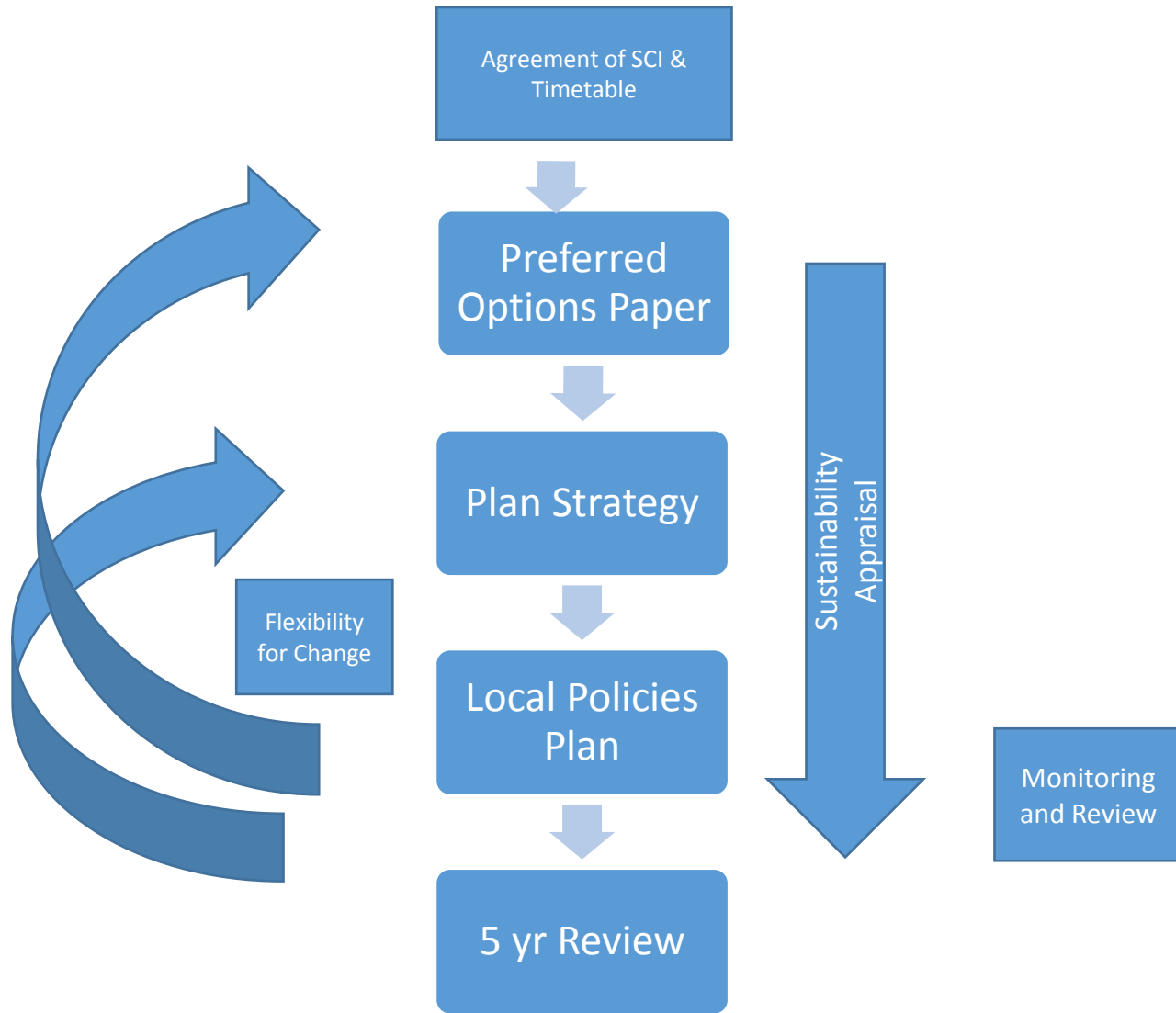


What is the LDP and what does it do?

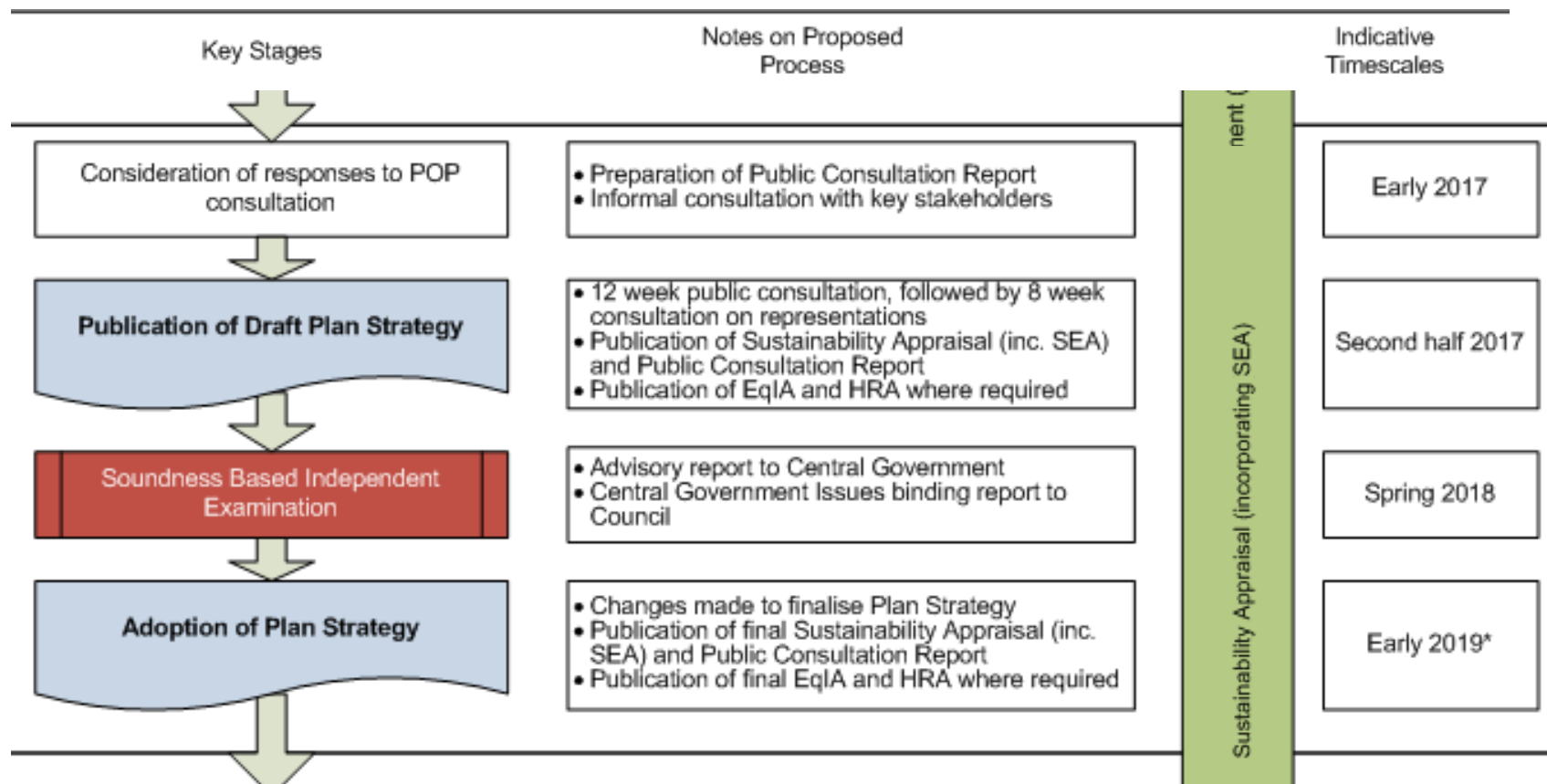


- Guides Growth and development
- Provides certainty and a framework for investment
- Facilitates sustainable growth
- Puts communities at heart of the process
- Allows for speedier decision making under plan-led system

Stages in Plan Process



Plan Strategy



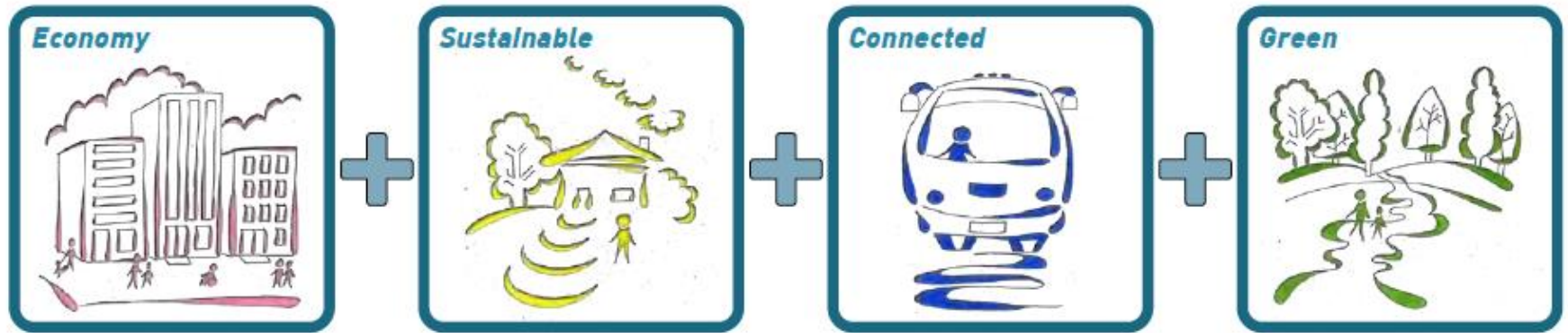
Work to Date

- Member's workshops & presentations on 16 topic papers; party briefings
- Publication of SCI and Timetable
- Progressing EQIA; Sustainability Appraisal; Shared Environmental Service
- Commissioned work: Housing growth & population, economic forecast
- Confirmation of governance structure
- **Next Step:** Publication of POP January 2017

Strategic Issues



Place making



Strategic Placemaking Outcome

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These four strategic outcomes and objectives shape the policies and proposals in this plan.

Strategic Objectives

A vibrant place with a growing economy

A thriving and sustainable place to live and work

Connected place to move around and to do business

A green place which is resilient, accessible, and attractive

High quality healthy and sustainable place

Employment

Support the City Centre's major employment role, including retail, financial and business services, higher education, tourism, and other complementary and supporting functions that befit a World Class City



Alternatives

Provide a managed process to consider alternative uses in identified industrial and business areas where change would be beneficial to local communities and the City as a whole



River Lagan

Support continued mixed use regeneration along the Lagan Corridor and Lagan Gateway at Stranmillis.



Creative Industry

Facilitate the aspirations of the City's growth sectors, including those related to universities and life science, creative cultural industries, low carbon and advance manufacturing



Business

Protect the City's key business locations and support their role in meeting the needs of key employment sectors



A VIBRANT PLACE

We want to reinforce the City's economy, where business locations meet the needs of established and emerging economic sectors, new investment and employment opportunities are encouraged, and local communities are rejuvenated.

Sustainability

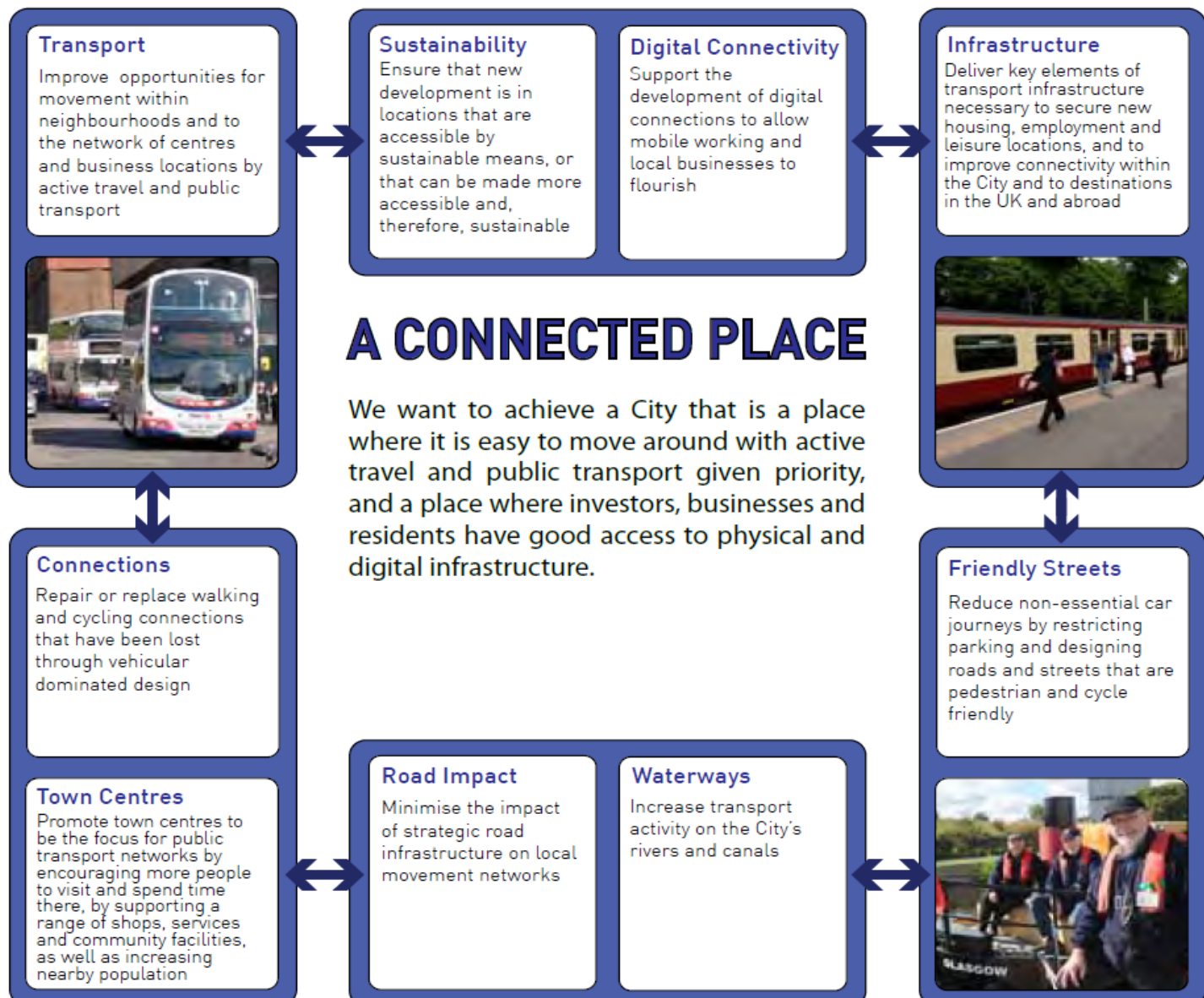
Support employment in sustainable locations



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Living Places

- **Economically** urban centres must work hard to sustain and improve the context for existing business whilst attracting new investors.
- **Physically** our urban centres must adapt to become cleaner, more efficient and more attractive for the benefit of us all.
- **Socially**, our urban centres will play a pivotal role to improving quality of life, breaking down barriers and helping Northern Ireland to continue its journey of transformation



Good Places are not a luxury
They are a **necessity**

How will it be realised?

- Identification of key issues
- Effective community involvement
- Use of key Site Requirements within designated areas to address issues
- Community/ social infrastructure based on local need



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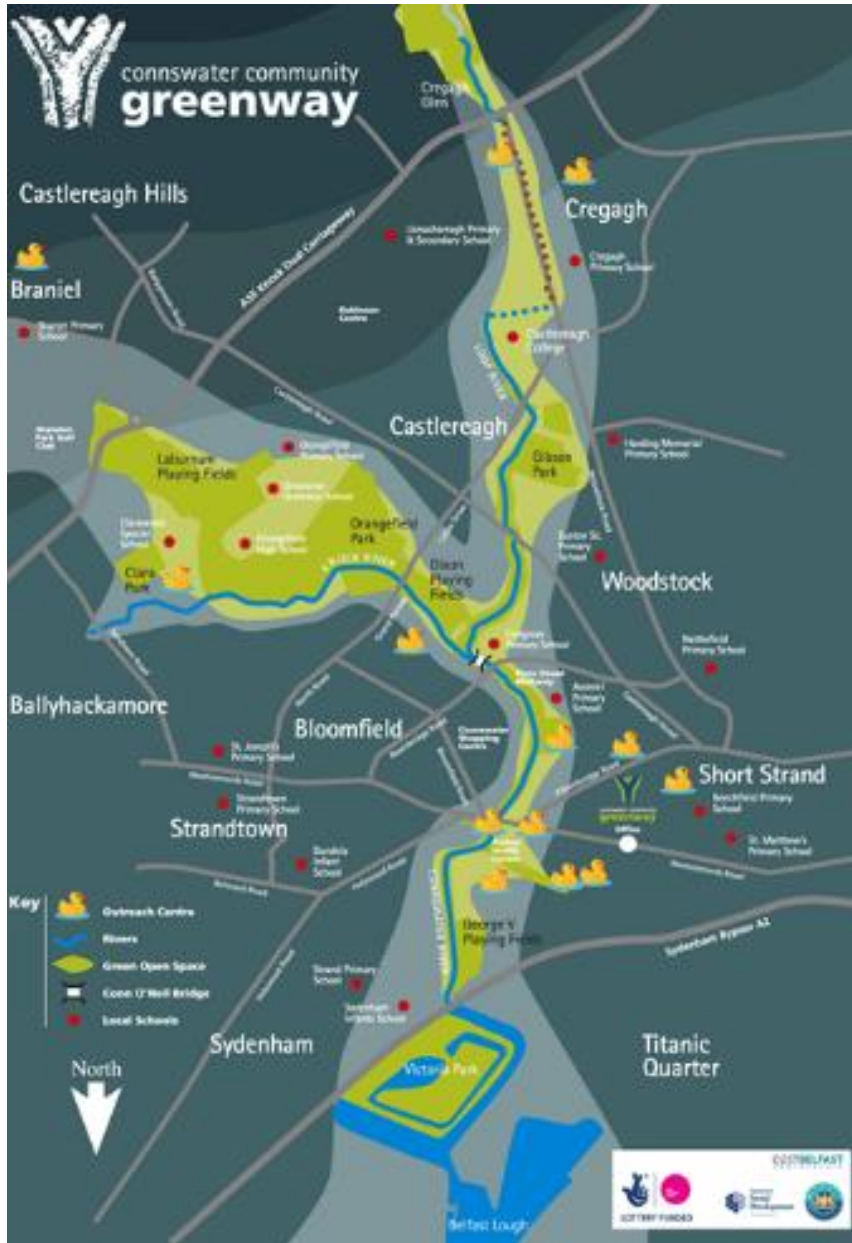
Pocket Parks / Parklets



Use of dead space

- Emphasis on night-time economy
- Protection of open space
- Embrace difference
- Homes – space standards, storage, kitchen area etc
- Developer contributions
- Transport- BRT/ Belfast Bikes

Success Stories



Questions?



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