

Frequently Asked Questions

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Community Guide No.2: Area Plan for the North and West

The Public Inquiry Stage and Next Steps

When will the plan come into force?

Only once the final plan is adopted by Cabinet Office and approved by Tynwald. The Plan will replace all existing plans in the north and west.

Is there a development plan procedure?

This is set out in Schedule 1 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1999.

When and where will the Public Inquiry take place?

The Public Inquiry will take place in July 2024. Once arranged details of the venues will be announced.

Can I attend the Public Inquiry and observe?

Yes, anyone can attend the Public Inquiry sessions.

Can I speak at the Public Inquiry?

Yes, but you need to register, stating which topic(s) or sites that are of interest. If you want to refer to specific new evidence this must be provided by the prescribed deadline.

Can I submit comments in writing to the Inspector?

Yes, but you need to register. Written comments will need to be provided by the prescribed deadline.

How are applications determined if there is an emerging plan?

Until a new plan is approved, the starting point for assessing applications is the extant plans that are in operation.

Remember
to Register



What is the Area Plan for the North and West?

How can I get Involved in the Public Inquiry?

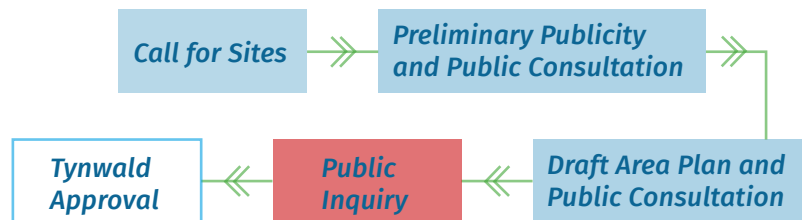


The Area Plan covers the Town Districts of Ramsey and Peel, the District of Michael, and the Parishes of Jurby, Andreas, Bride, Ballaugh, Lezayre, Garff (Maughold Ward only), German and Patrick.

Once approved, the Area Plan will set out a series of land use proposals for housing, employment, the environment and all necessary supporting infrastructure with a clear focus on people, places and new homes, sustainable economic development and urban regeneration within our settlements.

The Area Plan is made up of the 'Written Statement' and 23 Maps. The Draft Plan was published by Cabinet Office in June 2022.

The timeline below sets out where we are in the plan development process.



All details can be found online at gov.im/northandwest.

Please carefully read the Public Inquiry Papers ("PIPs") and consider whether you want to -

- A. just listen to proceedings,
- B. submit comments in writing; or
- C. speak at the Inquiry.

You will need to register an interest to do B. or C. above.

Inquiry sessions will generally be based on 'round table' discussions. If you decide to take part in proceedings, you may be asked questions by the Inspector, Government Officers or other interested parties.

Please note that any information already submitted in response to the Draft Plan process (where this has been published) will automatically be sent to the Inspector to consider.

What is the Public Inquiry?

The Public Inquiry is a structured investigation conducted by a Planning Inspector into the Draft Plan. The Inquiry is open to the public and allows formal testing of the Draft Plan, consideration of any proposed changes and full examination of all of the evidence. The Inspector is appointed by his Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor.

What happens after the Inquiry?

