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Dear Sir/Madam,

Cardiff Local Development Plan (LDP): Invitation to attend Public 'Drop-In' Events on LDP Masterplanning

As a member of the public previously commenting on Cardiff's LDP, I would like to invite you to attend one of two public 'Drop In' Events about the masterplanning of potential sites to be included in the LDP. The events will describe how the Council intends to set a framework which will manage the layout, quality and phasing of new development together with the provision of necessary facilities and infrastructure.

The event details are as follows:

Wednesday 13th March: St David's Hall- Arrive anytime between 10-5pm

Monday 18th March: National Museum, Cathays Park- Arrive anytime between 12-8pm

The events are designed to help the Council address masterplanning issues relating to potential sites for inclusion in the Deposit LDP which is programmed for consideration at Full Council in September 2013. Specifically, the events will seek feedback on the following:

- A draft set of 10 masterplanning General Principles: Intended to act as a framework for the development of sites so they can create new sustainable communities. Your views are sought on these suggested principles.
- County-wide context maps: Plans will show work in progress relating to environmental, neighbourhood and transportation factors. This is your chance to add your thoughts.
- Site specific issues: Plans will show the Strategic Sites proposed in
 the Preferred Strategy together with the Candidate Site Register
 showing all sites promoted by landowners. Other material will
 summarise issues raised through the Preferred Strategy consultation
 process relating to potential sites. The events seek more detailed
 feedback on site-specific matters which will help determine which sites
 should be included in the Deposit LDP and, for sites going forward into
 the Deposit LDP, what things need to be done to help address impacts
 and meet local community needs.

There is no need to book in advance. Simply drop-in within the time periods outlined above. A large number of Officers will be in attendance to help explain how to give your views and answer any queries you may have.

This event goes beyond the Council's stated commitment to providing LDP consultation events as set out in the LDP Delivery Agreement which contains details of community involvement and a timetable of delivery. It very much reflects the Council's desire to prepare the plan in the most open and inclusive way possible but within very tight timeframes and available resources. It is hoped that this opportunity to provide additional feedback before the Deposit LDP is prepared is taken in the spirit intended.

Please also note that these events do not in any way predetermine decisions on site allocations in the Deposit LDP. Work relating to the masterplanning may assist informing considerations on the overall suitability or otherwise of sites to be allocated in the Deposit LDP. However, masterplanning work on a given site does not mean that site will be automatically included in the Deposit LDP. Decisions on allocations will reflect consideration of all material matters, evidence collected, wider feedback and will be presented to Council as part of the Deposit LDP documentation in September 2013.

Further information on the masterplanning events including a feedback form will be posted on the Council's website www.cardiff.gov.uk just before the events take place. If you are unable to attend but still wish to be involved, simply look at this information and send back your views on the feedback form by the end of 22nd March, 2013.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the LDP Team on ldp@cardiff.gov.uk or on 029 20 87 3461.

I look forward to your continued involvement in the LDP process,

Yours faithfully,

Councillor Ralph Cook

Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Highways and Transportation