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## CARDIFF REPLACEMENT LDP REVIEW REPORT

The Radyr & Morganstown Association (RMA) notes and commends the (attached) response submitted in the name of the North West Cardiff Group on which the RMA holds a contributory membership on behalf of the people of Radyr & Morganstown.

The RMA is pleased to be listed as a General Consultation Body in Annex A and looks forward to receiving the detailed documents in due course. Please note that the formal name of our group should be listed as *Radyr & Morganstown Association (RMA)* and not the current *Radyr and Morganstown Community Association*. However, we are slightly concerned that consultation is limited to "the relevant stages" and not "at all stages" as is stated for other categories within this Annex.

As a general note on the Timeline for the creation of the replacement LDP, it is disappointing that so little time has been allowed in a four year plan for active consultation with representatives of the people of Cardiff. In particular, that the Preferred Strategy Consultation and Deposit Plan Consultation are only open for the minimum six weeks statutory consultation period. Such a tight time-limit places limitations on representative groups such as ourselves who wish to maintain a democratic process and ensure that the views we present are representative of and endorsed by an informed membership - but that process inevitably takes time for a voluntary organisation like ours to follow.

The assertion at this very early stage that such an important strategic document as the LDP only has a small team of officers available to work on it is concerning both to the level of consideration that the LDP will have internally and the level of support that groups like ours might be able to access when attempting to engage with the LDP revision process effectively.

Finally, we feel we must comment on the timetabling of the start of this process. The commitment in the existing LDP is that it is to be reviewed after four years. The current timetable sees an LDP that is due to expire in 2021 not being in a position to be replaced until late 2024, three years after a strategic document on which Council decisions are made should have been reviewed and potentially replaced. Whilst we understand the time it takes for such a document to undergo effective review we must register our disappointment that this process is starting so late and inevitably prolonging the life of the current LDP for decision making without opportunity for short term amendment whilst the full review is undertaken.

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