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Representations

Your View

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Soundness Test No:

C1 Did the council take account of the Regional Development Strategy?

Plan Component

Part 1, Section 6.0 Spatial Growth Strategy

Relevant Policy, Paragraph, Appendix or Proposal Map

Para 6.17

Details

Background Camphill Community Clanabogan (CCC) is one of four Northern Ireland Camphill communities, situated on a working farm at Clanabogan, outside Omagh. It provides domiciliary care, day and work opportunities for adults with learning disabilities and complex needs. The Camphill movement was established in Scotland by refugees from Austria in 1940, and is now a worldwide movement promoting positive lifestyles and opportunities for people with learning disabilities in life sharing communities. Camphill's unique model of care and support is not the traditional provider/recipient model, but rather a Community model in which committed co-workers and young volunteers live on site. Currently, we have around 30 adults with care and

support needs living in our five family style houses at CCC. We have 30 local employees, many of whom have worked with us for several decades, as well as 15 young gap year volunteers and 20-30 long-term vocational volunteers at any one time. This shared living enables interdependence and mutual support to arise in a natural way alongside the application of professional standards and conduct. This enables a high degree of stability and security but, more important, labels and boundaries disappear when everyone joins in together. True inclusion is about being part of community, being accepted and appreciated, not in a passive sense but through an active process, a reciprocal give and take. The Camphill ethos is founded on the individual's intrinsic worth being valued and respected. Equality, inclusion and interdependence are implicit in CCC's way of life. These values are based on community and human relationships and are underpinned by legislation and departmental guidance. The Community offers a life experience which covers many aspects: home, work, family, culture, spirituality and recreation. These experiences, sometimes exciting, sometimes mundane, reflect social sharing, being part of something, being interested in each other's joys and sorrows, achievements and challenges. The importance of productivity The role that work plays within our Community cannot be over-estimated. An active working life has many benefits, and so our days are structured to promote productivity and a positive lifestyle. Of course, the most immediate outcome is skill development. But independence and self-belief are enhanced through participation in creative and productive processes. It gives tangible results that people can be proud about, as well as an all-important sense of professional identity. Having a role that is appreciated and essential to the running of the Community helps people take responsibility for themselves and others, which supports positive behaviour and in turn means fewer referrals to specialist health care professionals as well as helping to alleviate pressures on an overstretched NHS. Despite the challenges and learning disabilities the people who live in the Community face, we saw some years ago that many had developed skills in their area of work. We realised we had a group of highly skilled individuals who had never had the opportunity to access accredited vocational qualifications. We are now in our second year of offering QCF Levels 1-3 in Creative Crafts as well as the NVQ in Occupational Studies. Everybody works for them – both residents and volunteers – and the personal development and added value gained from coming together to work towards a shared goal has been immense. Exhibitions of our work have been hosted at the Strule Arts Centre and for the Occupational Studies course we are working with a local school to develop and hone our baking skills. We operate a pop-up café once or twice a month, which is attended by members of the surrounding community and also local businesses and schools/colleges. Camphill promotes a sustainable lifestyle which minimises the effect we at CCC have on our environment. There is deep understanding and awareness of the impact that we as a society have upon our environment, as well as the importance of the relationship between the environment and the individual. We are deeply committed to sustainable practices – from where and how we get our food to making use of renewable energy sources. We make our own bread, grow vegetables and produce our dairy products and beef using biodynamic farming methods that work with the rhythm of the earth on our 150-acre Demeter-certified, social care farm. The fact that the vast majority of our food

is organic, freshly produced on site and cooked responsibly ensures that all within the community have a healthy diet which results in significantly lower levels of obesity than the general population. By encouraging physical fitness we provide a high quality, value for money service delivering better health and general well-being. Notwithstanding uncertainties due to Brexit, changes to the health and social care system and funding challenges, CCC will evolve and adapt to the evolving situation in which it exists, both as a charity and as a community. Such evolution will undoubtedly require additional building development, both for delivery of care and for the community to grow. Camphill has made and will continue to make a contribution in N. Ireland and wants to play its part in the positive future of this country. We believe that all citizens, irrespective of background or disability, have a role in this future and something to offer. This must be a future of human values and personal development and fulfillment, of culture and above all the art of living together in the widest most inclusive sense. The Spatial Growth Strategy is unsound in that it does not take into account of cases such as Camphill Community Clanabogan. Demonstrably a small settlement, CCC meets definition 6.17, but our site has not been included as part of the Clanabogan Small Settlement.

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P4 Did the council comply with the regulations on the form and content of its Draft Plan Strategy and procedure for preparing the Draft Plan Strategy?

Plan Component

Part 1, Section 3.0 Preparation Process, Consultation and Assessments

Relevant Policy, Paragraph, Appendix or Proposal Map

Para 3.12 (Rural Needs Impact Assessment)

Details

RNIA states "The Draft PS provides a plan-led policy framework for making day to day decisions to help the Council deliver sustainable development including for future housing, employment,

retail and infrastructure across the whole district. In summary, the Spatial Growth Strategy of the Draft PS is: • to focus major population and economic growth within the main hubs of Enniskillen and Omagh; • sustain the role of small towns, villages, and small settlements and, • support and sustain rural communities outside of the settlements."In its current draft form, the LDP is not consistent with the RNIA, as the settlement hierarchy proposed in the LDP will not support and sustain rural communities outside of the settlements. As the LDP excludes Camphill Community Clanabogan (CCC) from the small settlement hierarchy, this means CCC falling into the Open Countryside category. As well as being demonstrably inaccurate, this would seriously hamper the capacity of the organisation to evolve and adapt to changing societal needs.

Modifications

The extent of the Clanabogan settlement should adjusted to include Camphill Community Clanabogan.

Representation

Oral Hearing

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Consent to publish response

Yes, with my name and/or organisation

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