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Your View

Unsound

Soundness Test No:

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

Plan Component

Part 1, Section 3.0 Preparation Process, Consultation and Assessments

Relevant Policy, Paragraph, Appendix or Proposal Map

6.6, 6.15, table 2 P.36, 6.0, 4.9, RDS 2035

6.0 SPATIAL GROWTH STRATEGY(in The DPS) P 31 , RDS 2035

Details

INTRODUCTION:I greatly welcome this opportunity to respond to the consultation regarding the Fermanagh and Omagh Local Development Plan Draft Plan Strategy(DPS) Pub. 26th October 2018. I was born and reared in Killyclogher and my family still lives there. The following is my objection to the said DPS which in essence makes the DPS unsound.REASON WHY PLAN STRATEGY IS UNSOUNDIn section, 6.0 SPATIAL GROWTH STRATEGY(in The DPS) P 31 ‘which is based on the RDS,’ both Omagh and Enniskillen are identified and the Main Local Hubs. Omagh, however encompasses Killyclogher which has its own unique sense of identity as a sustainable traditional village and townland and with which its residents strongly identify. Unfortunately this has not been recognised in this document and could lead to a dilution of this local pride which is recognised in the semi-rural culture of people in Killyclogher, the very strong sporting allegiance associated with teams in the village and the very real sense of place that Killyclogher people feel. This diminution would be contrary to the aspirations of the RDS 2035. (See below)In the REGIONAL DEVELOPEMENT STRATEGY RDS 2035, the forward stated that “Sustainable communities are at the heart of what we do. It is important that we maximise the use of existing infrastructure and services and that we create places which are safe and inclusive and offer equality of opportunity.” It also reported at 3.90 [P73] “The fastest rates of growth were seen in villages (+13 per cent) and intermediate settlements (+11 per cent). “ This reflects the experience of Killyclogher where there is a growing community of people from rural areas choosing a “urban village” in which to live. This is creating a growing Sustainable community which maximises the use of existing infrastructure and services and creates a place which is safe and inclusive and offers equality of opportunity. This growth is now limited by the absence of a recognition of its particular needs in this Draft Strategic Plan.In this DSP paragraph 4.9 states “ Community identity is strong in the Council area, with residents having an affinity with the village/settlement/townland in which they reside”. This DSP needs to change to recognise and allow Killyclogher to develop its own already strong community identity.

MODIFICATIONS6.6. Enniskillen and Omagh are the principal towns in the Council area, with Omagh being the largest in terms of population and household numbers and includes a large portion of the urban village of Killyclogher. 6.15. The village concept is important for both rural and suburban areas as it can bring people together and strengthen communities by sharing a sense of place and identity. Villages comprise the third tier of the hierarchy and whilst they vary greatly in size, they will frequently have ‘sustainable’ services such as a convenience or local shop, a pub, school and church facilities and other services important to serving the needs of the immediate local population. They will also have a readily identifiable ‘village core’

within which retail services will be found. I have taken the quotation “The village concept is important for both rural and suburban areas as it can bring people together and strengthen communities by sharing a sense of place and identity.” from paragraph 3.11 of the RDS2035P36 Table 2 Settlement Hierarchy Classification Under villages, this should also include Killyclogher as part of the Omagh-Killyclogher cluster There are many other reasons why Killyclogher’s village & community status should be recognised within the DPS. This will be the subject I will concentrate on at the appropriate time in the future. However one point that I feel needs to be mentioned at this stage is the following excerpt from the RDS 2035. In the RDS 2035, SFG12: Grow the population in the Hubs and cluster of Hubs section 3.89.” While official forecasts are for the population of Northern Ireland to grow by 10% by 2023, this will vary across the Region. The evidence is that over the last 10 years there has been a disproportionate amount of growth in smaller settlements (Appendix B). If this pattern were to continue, it could affect the role of larger settlements and be contrary to the objectives of the Strategy for strong growth in larger urban areas. Provide additional housing in the Hubs and cluster of Hubs across the Region. Key to population growth and the associated regeneration of urban centres is the provision of additional housing. This will require sensitive design, including mixed use schemes and integration with green-space, to ensure that they link into the existing urban fabric. It will also be important to phase and manage housing growth taking account of capacity (including water supply and waste-water treatment infrastructure) or if it can be provided ahead of development without environmental harm. Regional Guidance No. 8 (RG8) sets out the process for allocating the housing figure.” The important point is that there are important potential development sites in Killyclogher located directly beside existing developments that have mains water running through them and also with direct access to waste water infrastructure. (example Tirquin Road). When one takes account of the dearth of building opportunities in the “village” so obviously missing in the DPS, it is essential that a refocus on the area is urgently undertaken and make use of the existing infrastructure that has already been established.

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sense of place. The village concept is important for both rural and suburban areas as it can bring people together and strengthen communities by sharing a sense of place and identity.” Furthermore, in order to leverage the Fermanagh and Omagh 2030 Community Plan, it is of critical importance to first, accurately identify the communities within the DBS. The strong sense of community in the Suburban village of Killyclogher needs to be recognised and it is a significant omission from this DSP. In the REGIONAL DEVELOPEMENT STRATEGY RDS 2035, the foreward stated that “Sustainable communities are at the heart of what we do. It is important that we maximise the use of existing infrastructure and services and that we create places which are safe and inclusive and offer equality of opportunity.” It also reported at 3.90 [P73] “The fastest rates of growth were seen in villages (+13 per cent) and intermediate settlements (+11 per cent). “ This reflects the experience of Killyclogher where there is a growing community of people from rural areas choosing a “urban village” in which to live. Killyclogher is a growing Sustainable community which maximises the use of existing infrastructure and services and creates a place which is safe and inclusive and offers equality of opportunity. Killyclogher is a long established village and community with a school, church, community centre, sports teams, shops and a vets. The population of Killyclogher see themselves as distinct from Omagh. The recognition of this fact and that Killyclogher is a settlement in its own right within the DSP is important to allow the community to deliver key components of the Fermanagh and Omagh 2030 Community Plan including actions such as :

- 1.1 Increase uptake of physical, social, culture, arts and leisure activity programmes across all age groups and amongst under- represented groups to improve physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing.
- 2.1 Establish Fermanagh and Omagh as an age friendly district: This action will work towards the 8 themes in the World Health Organisation Guidelines with specific programmes and initiatives aimed at better adapting structures and services to the needs of the aging population, particularly in respect of:
- 3.1 Maintain and extend the Neighbourhood Watch Initiative
- 3.9 Explore further opportunities to strengthen community capacity and resilience across rural and urban areas
- 3.10 Expand and develop activities for people living with a disability across the district’s culture/arts and leisure venues
- 3.11 Deliver road safety programmes (both safe driving and wider road safety) across a range of age groups
- 6.3 Improve access to and uptake of sustainable forms of transport (cycling, walking and public transport)
- 7.6 Promote opportunities for community volunteering and introduce a community awards scheme to recognise positive impact on the environment

In this DSP paragraph 4.9 states “ Community identity is strong in the Council area, with residents having an affinity with the village/settlement/townland in which they reside”. This DSP needs to change to recognise and allow Killyclogher to develop and grow its own already strong community identity. This recognition is essential to deliver the Fermanagh and Omagh 2030 Community Plan. This growth and development of Killyclogher is now limited by the absence of the recognition of its community and particular needs in this Draft Strategic Plan.

Modifications

Killiclogher village and townland, which has its own unique sense of identity as a sustainable traditional village with which its residents strongly identify. Unfortunately this has not been recognised in this document and could lead to a limitation on the growth of the community and unique sense of identity. (See Details above)

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