

My Survey

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Representations

Your View

Unsound

Soundness Test No:

P2 Has the council prepared its Preferred Options Paper and taken into account any representations made?

Plan Component

Part 2, Section 2.0 Development and Design

Relevant Policy, Paragraph, Appendix or Proposal Map

DE03 Sustaining Rural Communities

Details

The plan strategy should take account of representations made during the Prepared Options Paper (POP) in which one of the main issues that emerged was the ability to sustain rural communities. In the Fermanagh Area Plan (FAP) in 2007, 11 communities were designated as 'Dispersed Rural Communities' including Cashel (where I grew up) and Boho (where I now live). The intention in designating those areas was to promote regeneration in those rural areas, and as far as I am aware that plan did help to promote regeneration and encourage planning permissions in those areas. I am deeply concerned that the draft plan seems to have ignored the earlier representations in the POP and FAP and is now asserting that the designation of Dispersed Rural Communities is no longer relevant. (p306 of the draft plan). These rural areas are of huge significance to the residents, schools, businesses etc in those areas and should be taken into account in any future strategy plan put in place by Fermanagh & Omagh District Council.

Your View

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Soundness Test No:

C2 Did the council take account of its Community Plan?

Plan Component

Part 2, Section 3.0 People and Places

Relevant Policy, Paragraph, Appendix or Proposal Map

RCA01 Rural Community Areas

Details

The FODC Community Plan states that Fermanagh & Omagh is primarily rural and a key challenge will be 'to ensure the continued vitality and sustainability of our rural communities' p5. I believe one way to achieve this would be to maintain the current Dispersed Rural Communities (which the draft strategy is planning to remove and ignore) and perhaps even designate additional rural communities - similar to the proposal by Mid Ulster Council

Your View

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Soundness Test No:

C3 Did the council take account of policy and guidance issued by the Department?

Plan Component

Part 2, Section 2.0 Development and Design

Relevant Policy, Paragraph, Appendix or Proposal Map

DE03 Sustaining Rural Communities

Details

PPS 21 Policy CTY2 Development in Dispersed Rural Communities (DRC's) resulted in this policy provision taking precedence over the Area Plan. CTY2 has been utilised on several occasions (eg in Boho, when the playground was approved).PPS 21 outlines how rural areas display symptoms of economic and social disadvantage and how the Department identified and specifically designated DRCs to promote regeneration in these areas.Strategic Planning Policy Statement (SPPS) is silent on what is defined as a focal point. It further states that a regional strategic objective for tourism is to sustain a vibrant rural community.I feel the Draft Plan Strategy does not take full account of the policy and guidance contained in PPS21 or SPPS, and unfortunately seeks to undesignated DRC's rather than work to promote regeneration within them.

Your View

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Soundness Test No:

C4 Has the plan had regard to other relevant plans, policies and strategies relating to the council's district or to any adjoining council's district?

Plan Component

Part 2, Section 3.0 People and Places

Relevant Policy, Paragraph, Appendix or Proposal Map

RCA01 Rural Community Areas

Details

The Fermanagh Area Plan (FAP) identified and designated 11 Dispersed Rural Communities. Although the Draft Plan Strategy refers to Rural Community Areas (p91) no community areas are designated in the Strategy. I would ask the Council to ensure that the 11 Communities identified and designated in the FAP are specifically named in the Strategy and included on the relevant maps. This designation will be important when applying for grants to bring much needed resources into these rural communities. Mid Ulster Council are giving consideration to designating more DRCs within their council district. The plans for Monaghan and Cavan County Councils also designate DRC's. In light of plans, policies and strategies of adjoining districts I do not understand why FODC has failed to designate the 11 DRC's in the plan strategy.

Your View

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Soundness Test No:

CE1 The Plan Strategy sets out a coherent strategy from which its policies and allocations logically flow and where cross boundary issues are relevant it is not in conflict with the Draft Plan Strategies of neighbouring councils

Plan Component

Part 2, Section 3.0 People and Places

Relevant Policy, Paragraph, Appendix or Proposal Map

RCA01 Rural Community Areas

Details

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Your View

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Soundness Test No:

CE4 It is reasonably flexible to enable it to deal with changing circumstances

Plan Component

Part 2, Section 3.0 People and Places

Relevant Policy, Paragraph, Appendix or Proposal Map

RCA01 Rural Community Areas

Details

Given the failure of the Draft Plan Strategy to include and specifically designate Dispersed Rural Communities I do not feel the strategy can be flexible to deal with changing circumstances particularly with reference to rural communities. I am specifically concerned about ageing populations and isolation in rural areas, the increased need for people to live close to family members if possible to reduce the reliance on the health sector etc

Modifications

I would like the Draft Plan Strategy Policy on Rural Community Areas adapted so that the 11 existing DRCs are identified and specifically designated in the Strategy with the scope to also include additional DRCs I think the Draft Plan Strategy needs to be more flexible to take account of the issues mentioned in the Community Plan eg ageing population. I would like FODC to acknowledge the work of neighbouring councils in particular with reference to dispersed rural communities

Representation

Written

Data Protection

Consent to publish response

Yes, but without my identifying information