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I am pleased to provide feedback on the proposed local development plan for the Fermanagh Omagh long term strategy. I certainly appreciated the hard copy document that made for easier reading and the ability to cross reference different sections. I commend the effort deployed to create a broad scale strategy like this. It was helpful to have the overall context laid out and the steps described on how to work through the document. I will certainly read the broader Northern Ireland strategy documents referenced in your plan.

It is very interesting to see that the tourism economy is so healthy in our area but seems to be related only to specific locations. I didn't see any plan to broaden the scope to other areas - for example how do we encourage tourists to visit the town centres during their trip to the Omagh or Enniskillen areas. There was little reference to exploiting the Sperrins which is surely an area of outstanding beauty. There are no facilities for parking tourist buses in Omagh town centre. Does this mean they use the bypass only? That surely will have an impact on bringing tourist currency to the retail outlets in the town centre. Omagh will have a particular retail problem when the schools join the health services in out of town centre locations - particularly in the food and beverage sectors. Do you have a point of view on this?

It is clear that Tyrone is big on wind energy production but I didn't see any reference to learnings over time. Anecdotal evidence would suggest that there is significant human impact with noise pollution and health. Is there any related research to inform continued investment in this area?

I was most concerned to see that, although NI Water is responsible for the provision of waste water treatment, some areas have no incremental capacity despite a growing population. Access to clean water is also a basic human need but I did not see specific reference to safeguarding our water supplies. I did see some general policies related to the lough shores, rivers and the Ulster Canal but nothing about our reservoirs. The draft policy OSR05 setting out the criteria for development adjacent to a main river assumes that a 10 metre development boundary is sufficient to keep the river safe - is there research that supports this premise? Do you have specific strategies to preserve the integrity of our water supplies?

I have not had the chance to read the Employment Industry and Business Paper 03 but was not able to properly understand the logic of creating additional land for industry and business when there is such a high level of unused facilities in and around Omagh.

I was heartened to read the draft policy DE05 on rural character as it certainly reflects the desire to preserve our environment. I also read your draft policy MIN01 with interest as it laid out the unacceptable adverse impact criteria. Do you, as our council, have a say in the proposed Dallradian mining development in Greencastle. It will have a very significant negative impact in

that area and would seem to break all your policy criteria not least the collocation of significant cyanide piles next to our main water supply. Do you have a specific response to their planning proposal that represents the views of your constituents? My initial reading would suggest that this planning proposal should not be supported as it violates several draft policies in your document. How does the council vote on this point?