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SECTION 2. Counter Representation

Have you submitted a representation to the council regarding the Draft Plan Strategy?

Yes **No**

If yes, please provide the Reference Number of your representation and a summary of the issue raised in your representation below.

DPS245 - Policy IB02 – Loss of Industry & Business Uses

Zoned Land

We are fully supportive of the overall approach and the protection of zoned employment land, as it ensures an adequate supply of suitable land at a variety of locations

We would suggest that “should” is replaced with “must” in the accompanying text at Paragraph 4.10, which is a mandatory approach and offers stronger protection. This is also consistent with the text in other parts of the document.

Unzoned Land

If a mixed-use scheme is being proposed on unzoned land, then it would be prudent to ensure a condition is attached to deliver the employment or wider economic development first. This should be added into the accompanying policy clarification text to provide greater certainty to all.

The timescale of one year in Criterion (iii) is relatively short and could easily be circumvented to seek alternative uses. A period of 18 or 24months would be more robust.

(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Details of Your Counter Representation

Please provide the reference number of the site-specific representation to which your counter representation relates to:

DPS120

Please give reasons for your counter representation having particular regard to the soundness test(s) identified in the above referenced site-specific representation. Please note that your counter representation must not propose any new changes of the draft Plan Strategy.

The SPPS states that a fundamental role for LDPs is to ensure that there is an ample supply of suitable land available to meet economic development needs within the plan area.

To this end, LDPs should zone sufficient land for economic development over the plan period. In discharging this function, LDPs should offer a range and choice of sites in terms of size and location to promote flexibility and provide for the varying needs of different types of economic activity.

It also promotes a system to monitor the take up and loss of land allocated for economic development purposes as well as ongoing assessment of future requirements and trends will help to identify any shortfalls that may arise or highlight the need to reconsider the proposed use of sites.

Policy IB02 seeks to fulfil that objective.

The use of Development Opportunity Sites (DOS) and Key Site Requirements (KSRs) can enable individual/specific sites which are vacant or where there is a specific need for a particular use.

These can be considered on a site by site basis to provide sufficient flexibility for defined end users. Whilst ensuring that speculative schemes do not lead to a diminution of available economic land.

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SECTION 3. Data Protection and Consent

Data Protection

In accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council has a duty to protect any information we hold on you. The personal information you provide on this form will only be used for the purpose of Plan Preparation and will not be shared with any third party unless law or regulation compels such a disclosure. It should be noted that in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, the council must make a copy of any counter representation available for inspection. The Council is also required to submit the counter representations to the Department for Infrastructure and they will then be considered as part of the Independent Examination process. For further guidance on how we hold your information please visit the Privacy section at www.fermanaghomagh.com/your-council/privacy-statement/

By proceeding and submitting this representation you confirm that you have read and understand the privacy notice above and give your consent for Fermanagh and Omagh Council to hold your personal data for the purposes outlined.

Consent to Publish Response

The Council is required by law to publish your representation and make it available for inspection. Unless otherwise stated by yourself, this will include your name and postal address. Your personal telephone number, personal email address and signature will not be published.

If you do not wish for your name and postal address to be published please tick the box below.

Please do not publish my name and postal address

Please note: Even if you opt for your details to be published anonymously, we will still have a legal duty to share your contact details with the Department for Infrastructure and the Independent Examiner/Authority they appoint to oversee the examination in public into the soundness of the plan. This will be done in accordance with the privacy statement above.

Signature

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Date

11/04/2019