



**Planning Office**  
**Omagh**

Brendan Hegarty  
Chief Executive

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Date 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Being dealt with by Sinead Curry

Email

Dear Sir/Madam

**Fermanagh and Omagh Local Development Plan**

This is to advise that the Council has now commenced work on a local development plan for the Fermanagh and Omagh District. The Timetable setting out the Council’s programme for the production of the Plan Strategy and the Local Policies Plan including key milestones and timelines for plan production, is available on the Council’s website [www.fermanaghomagh.com](http://www.fermanaghomagh.com). The Council’s Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which sets out who, how and when the community will be involved in the different stages of LDP formulation, is also available on the website.

The plan will cover a wide range of issues relevant to the future development of the area for the period up to the year 2030. The first formal stage of the plan is the preparation of a Preferred Options Paper (POP) for public consultation. This paper will cover the full range of relevant topics that are for consideration through the plan. It will set out information on the implications of different options for dealing with key issues in the plan area; evidence to appraise the different issues and options; and the council’s preferred options and its justification. As part of the evidence base for the preparation of the POP and each of the subsequent Local Development Plan (LDP) documents (Plan Strategy and Local Policies Plan), the Council has produced a series of position papers on these topics. These are available on the Council’s website.

As one of the statutory consultation bodies defined under the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, the Council is seeking your comments regarding your particular area of interest, any strategic information we should be aware of and if there are any relevant issues which should be considered at this stage of plan preparation. This will help inform the Preferred Options Paper and assist in generating alternative strategies and options.

This initial stage of the plan process leading to the Preferred Options Paper is very important, particularly in regard to the objective of maximising community involvement. Any delay could have a significant effect on the delivery of the plan programme and the targets set out in the Council’s Timetable. Therefore, I would ask that comments reach the Development Plan Team at the above address no later than Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

Yours faithfully

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