Response to Fermanagh & Omagh District Council Local Development Plan Draft Plan Strategy

December 2018

I write in response to Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy issued recently by FODC.

I write therefore to request that the area of the Sperrins AONB already indicated as having no capacity for wind energy development is extended to include the area proposed to become an ASAI (Area of Significant Archaeological Interest) as an extension of Beaghmore ASAI. This area includes the townlands of Aghascrebba, Crock, Carnanransy, Keerin, Teebane East and Muninamale.

The introduction of turbines would have a distinctive negative visual impact on the setting of the unique features of cultural heritage and high scenic value of this unique landscape.

That this scenic historic landscape is unsuitable for wind development has been recognised by the planning authorities in recent years when various applications for turbines were refused.

In making this response I am requesting that FODC ensures that the character of this historic landscape is preserved by including the proposed ASAI within the area that has no underlying capacity for wind development.

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