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Fermanagh & Omagh District Council Comhairle Ceantair Fhear Manach agus na hÓmaí

Alison McCullagh Chief Executive

Planning Department

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: The Fermanagh and Omagh Local Development Plan (LDP) Draft Plan Strategy - Consultation on Proposed Changes.

I write to you to advise that the Council is proposing a number of changes to the Draft Plan Strategy, following detailed consideration of the representations received during the public consultation exercise held between 26 October and 21 December 2018. The purpose of the consultation is to inform the general public, consultation bodies and interested parties of the Proposed Changes and allow comments if they wish, and to demonstrate for the Independent Examination (IE) that everyone affected has had an opportunity to comment before any recommended change is made to the Draft Plan Strategy by the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC). Ultimately, it will be for the Department for Infrastructure to determine whether any amendments recommended by the Planning Appeals Commission should be made to the Draft Plan Strategy.

In considering representations received to the Draft Plan Strategy, and the extent and nature of any proposed change required, account has been taken of Development Plan Practice Note 10 'Submitting Development Plan Documents for Independent Examination' (DPPN 10).

The Schedule of Proposed Changes is accompanied by Addendums to the Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulations Assessment, Rural Needs Impact Assessment and Equality Impact Screening Report.

The consultation period will run for 8 weeks, commencing on Thursday 16 July 2020 and ending on Friday 11 September 2020.

The documents will be available to view online (at: <u>www.fermanaghomagh.com</u>) and in paper format from Wednesday 15 July 2020.

The Schedule of Proposed Changes and supporting assessments can be inspected **by appointment only** between the hours of 10.00am and 12.00pm and 2.00pm and 4.00pm from Wednesday 15 July 2020 at the Connect Centres: Strule House, 16

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It is important to note that comments made at this stage can only address and relate to the soundness of Proposed Changes. This consultation is not an opportunity to add to previous representations or to make new comments on parts of the original Draft Plan Strategy not subject to change, as the PAC will not consider any new representations. Further information on 'soundness' and the soundness tests can be found in DPPN 06.

Comments on the Proposed Changes can be submitted in writing by either:

- Emailing <u>developmentplan@fermanaghomagh.com</u> or:
- Posting to:

Local Development Plan Planning Department Strule House 16 High Street Omagh Co Tyrone BT78 1BQ

It should be noted that comments received cannot be treated as confidential. All comments will be made available for public inspection and placed on the Council's website. However, all personal contact details (personal telephone numbers, email addresses, signatures and sensitive personal data) will remain confidential. A copy of comments will be supplied to the Department for Infrastructure and the Planning Appeals Commission as part of the Independent Examination process. Further details are available in the Council's privacy notice:

www.fermanaghomagh.com/your-council/privacy-statement/

The deadline for comments is **5.00pm on Friday 11 September 2020**. Comments received after the deadline will not be accepted.

Should you have any queries regarding this notification, please contact the Local Development Plan Team at the telephone number above, or email <u>developmentplan@fermanaghomagh.com</u>.

Yours faithfully



Hilda Clements

Principal Planning Officer Development Plan