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Community Involvement Report

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 4 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 ('the 2011 act'). Fermanagh and Omagh District Council (the Council) published its Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) in May 2016. The SCI was agreed with the Council on 2 February 2016 and approved by DfI on 5 May 2016. A revised SCI was later agreed with DfI on 24 June 2020 and published from week commencing 29 June 2020.
- 1.2 The Regulations require that when a development plan document is submitted to the Department for Infrastructure for independent examination, it is accompanied by evidence that the Council has complied with its Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).
- 1.3 The purpose of the SCI is to outline how the Council proposes to engage the community and stakeholders in exercising its planning functions. The Council's SCI takes account of DfI's guidance as contained in Development Plan Practice Note 2 and was prepared in accordance with the 2015 regulations. Full details of the SCI are available via www.fermanaghomagh.com

Principles of Community Involvement

- 1.4 The key principles that have underpinned community engagements in the Local Development Plan (LDP) process are laid out in the SCI namely: -
- A culture of engagement;
 - early involvement;
 - open, transparent, inclusive and fit for purpose;
 - continuing involvement;
 - reaching out and
 - clarity
- 1.5 In applying these principles, the Council has sought to ensure that those who live in the Council area and are most likely to be affected by the policies and proposals in the LDP are involved throughout the plan making process. This is in addition to statutory organisations such as Government departments, neighbouring councils, and gas, water and electricity providers which we must consult.
- 1.6 The purpose of this report is to outline how the preparation of the dPS has complied with our SCI action points. The SCI sets out several key action points highlighted below. We have provided comment on how FODC feel each action point has been achieved.

1.7 The report sets out:

- The steps taken to publicise and engage with the community throughout the LDP preparation process to date;
- The bodies engaged or consulted at the public consultation stage.

Table 1: Consultation Stages for LDP to date	
Stage	Period of Consultation
Preferred Options Paper (POP)	3 October - 28 November 2016
Draft Plan Strategy (dPS)	26 October – 21 December 2018
dPS publication of representations received and receipt of counter representations	(i) 14 February – 11 April 2019
	(ii) 2 May – 27 June 2019 (re-run)

2.0 Initial Plan Preparation – Developing the Evidence Base

2.1 The initial phase of preparation involves drawing up a timetable and moving towards publishing the Preferred Options Paper (POP). Prior to the publication of the timetable the Council undertook a wide range of preparatory studies to inform the POP. The POP was accompanied by Scoping Reports for the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA).

Steering Group - What the SCI says:

We will set up a Steering Group comprising representatives of the Fermanagh and Omagh District Councillors, supported by appropriate Council Officers. This is the high-level co-ordinating body that will ensure overview and strategic input on behalf of the whole community, as well as from planning professionals.

2.2 A Steering Group was established comprising Councillors, the Chief Executive, all four Directors, the Head of Planning, the Head of Performance and Community Planning and the Principal Planning Officer for Development Plan. The Steering Group has responsibility for managing the progress of the LDP, agreeing changes and overseeing the progress of the LDP with Council.

2.3 The Steering Group Terms of Reference and meeting dates are contained in Appendix 1.

Project Management Team - What the SCI says:

We will set up a Project Management Team comprising Senior Council Officers, and representatives from key statutory/government departments. The purpose of the team is to ensure key consultees co-operate in the plan making process. The Project Management team will be consulted on and act as the screening and scoping group for the Sustainability Appraisal, including Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA).

- 2.4 A Project Management team was set up comprising Senior Council Officers and representatives from key statutory/government Departments. The group met on several occasions, the dates of which are included in Appendix 2.

Key Development Plan Consultees - What the SCI says:

We will issue written invitations to Development Plan Consultees asking them to participate in the plan making process by providing information on the key strategic issues that the Local Development Plan should address.

- 2.5 Development Plan Consultees, Consultation groups and Section 75 groups are listed in Appendix 1 of the SCI. Consultees were invited to provide information on the key strategic issues that the Local Development Plan should address, as part of the pre-POP consultation process. A copy of the standard letter issued is included in Appendices 3-4. The complete list of groups consulted remains under review throughout the process.

Public Notices and consultation - What we promised:

We will issue a public notice to confirm commencement of work on our new Local Development Plan and seek any initial comments on the planning issues to be addressed, the publication of the Timetable and where copies of it can be obtained; The notice will be placed on the Council website and published in at least one local newspaper circulating in the area;

- 2.6 Both the Timetable and SCI were published on the Council's website and a notice placed in four local newspapers (Fermanagh Herald, Impartial Importer, Ulster Herald and Tyrone Constitution) during the weeks commencing 15 May

and 23 May 2016 advising where they could be viewed and where copies could be obtained. Publication of the Timetable provided the indication that the Council was preparing a new LDP for the area. In addition, prior to this, a brief outline of the key stages of the plan process was provided on the Council web site and that plan preparation was at the initial stage of evidence gathering.

Section 75 Groups - What the SCI says:

We will invite under-represented (Section 75) groups to identify whether there are any types of planning policies which are likely to have a significant impact on the groups they represent. They will also be provided opportunity to identify any particular issues or needs which they feel the plan should address. Where requested this can be done through a face to face meeting with our Planning Officers. Any comments received will be taken into account when screening and scoping the Equality Impact Assessment.

- 2.7 All Section 75 (s.75) groups identified in the SCI were contacted in writing on 17 June 2016 and invited to identify any particular issues or needs which they felt should be addressed in the LDP. A copy of the standard letter issued is included at Appendix 4.

Sustainability Appraisal - What the SCI says:

The Scoping Report of the SA incorporating SEA will be sent to the Department and if necessary, they may be requested to undertake trans-boundary consultation with the Republic of Ireland;

- 2.8 A Scoping Report of the SA incorporating SEA was sent to the Department and the Consultation Body (NIEA) on 9 May 2016. Notification was also sent to the Department for Environment, Community and Local Government (RoI) inviting comment on the SA Scoping Report. Copies of the letters issued are included in Appendix 5.

Public Interest - What the SCI says:

We will encourage anyone with an interest in planning in our area to become involved in the LDP. The planning section has set up a database of all those who wish to be involved in the plan process. Those who express an interest in being informed will be added to this database upon request.

- 2.9 The Council invited representations from persons who have an interest in development in its area in advance of preparing its SCI. A public notice was placed in the Fermanagh Herald, Impartial Importer, Ulster Herald and Tyrone Constitution the week beginning 26 October 2015 inviting representations to the SCI by 27 November 2015. A notice was also placed on the Council's website and notification was sent to all addresses listed on the Council's Community Plan database, Section 75 groups, Business database, Equality database, Community Support Register and Biodiversity database. Four responses were received and considered. Of these, only two made specific comment on the content of the SCI.

3.0 Publication of the Preferred Options Paper (POP)

- 3.1 The POP set out key plan issues and suggested options available to address them. The key purpose of the POP is to encourage debate on issues of strategic significance which are likely to influence the shape of future development within our District.

Public notice - What the SCI said:

We will issue a public notice in local newspapers for two consecutive weeks and on the Council website www.fermanaghmagh.com of:

- (i) Publication of the Preferred Options Paper inviting comment within a specified consultation period;
- (ii) Details of community meetings, exhibitions and drop-in information sessions during the consultation period;
- (iii) Publication of the Scoping Papers for the Sustainability Appraisal and Equality Impact Assessment and invite comments.

- 3.2 Public notices were placed in local newspapers for two consecutive weeks commencing 26th September 2016. Details of the advertisement are included in Appendix 5. In addition to the four council office locations, copies of the

document and related assessments were also made available at local libraries in both towns.

Availability of Documents - What the SCI said:

We will provide a copy of the Preferred Options Paper, supporting documents and completed evidence papers at our Connect Centres in Enniskillen and Omagh and publish on our website and, where necessary, provide hard copies at a specified price.

- 3.3 The Preferred Options Paper and all evidence papers were made publicly available on the FODC website, www.fermanaghomagh.com

Public Consultation - What the SCI said:

We will issue a press release highlighting the Preferred Options Paper and the public consultation. This will allow residents, developers, landowners and any other person with a stake in the LDP to make representation;

- 3.4 The public consultation exercise for the POP commenced on 3rd October 2016 and ended on 28th November 2016. The exercise was carried out jointly with Community Plan who were consulting on the Council's draft Community Plan. This was considered appropriate considering the statutory link between the Community Plan and the LDP and the requirement for the LDP to take account of the Community Plan. A press release (Appendix 6) was also issued to local newspapers and displayed on the news section of the Council website.

Launch & Exhibition - What the SCI said:

We will hold a launch and exhibition to announce the publication of the Preferred Options Paper;

- 3.5 The launch event was held on 3rd October 2016 with an accompanying exhibition at the Bawnacre Leisure Centre in Irvinestown. Elected members,

representatives from key government departments and community groups and representatives from business, were invited to attend the launch.

Public Engagement - What the SCI said:

We will hold public engagement events and exhibitions with drop-in sessions at locations throughout the District where our Planning Officers will be available to answer questions;

3.6 In the four-week period prior to the consultation launch date and publication of the POP, pre-consultation was undertaken via ‘pop up shops’ at a range of public venues; a poster and leaflet campaign; distribution of four newsletters at a range of venues and via an email information drop. These engagement methods were wide ranging in order to help raise awareness of both the draft Community Plan and Preferred Options Paper and to encourage participants to actively engage in the consultation process and make their views heard through either attending a series of 13 public workshops or responding online, or via email or post. It was also considered that this level of engagement was necessary in order to ensure community involvement at this early stage of the plan process and to endeavour to elicit responses on the particular issues raised in the POP.

3.7 In summary, the consultation methods used included:

- 4 Information leaflets/newsletters;
- Posters and leaflets;
- Press releases in the local newspapers;
- 13 public workshops held at venues throughout the District;
- E-mail notifications sent to all consultees; elected members; community groups;
- Social media postings.

Table 2: Public Workshop/Community Engagement Sessions	
Date	Venue/Location
18 th October 2016	Bawnacre Centre, Irvinestown
19 th October 2016	Lakeland Community Centre, Belcoo
25 th October 2016	Dromore Leisure Complex, Dromore

26 th October 2016	Kesh Community Centre, Kesh
27 th October 2016	Community Centre, Derrygonnelly
1 st November 2016	Owenkillew Centre, Gortin
3 rd November 2016	Milestone Centre, Carrickmore
9 th November 2016	Ecclesville Centre, Fintona
10 th November 2016	Castle Park Leisure Centre, Lisnaskea
15 th November 2016	Crest Centre, South West College, Enniskillen
16 th November 2016	Aughakillymaude Community & Mummers Centre, Derrylin
17 th November 2016	Omagh Enterprise Centre, Omagh
22 nd November 2016	Rosslea Community Centre, Rosslea

- 3.8 During the consultation period, 893 comments were received. Full details of the consultation and summary of responses are available in the Public Consultation Report (Preferred Options Paper) at www.fermanaghomagh.com. These have been fully considered when developing the draft Plan Strategy.

Consultees and Elected Members - What the SCI said:

We will write to Key Consultees and Elected Members providing them with a copy of the Preferred Options Paper and inviting them to attend the Launch; invite them to provide comments within the specific consultation period; and inform them of the public meetings, exhibition and drop-in information sessions;

- 3.9 Key Consultees and Elected Members were invited to attend the POP launch and were provided with a copy of the POP. They were also invited to provide comment on the POP and advised of the consultation period in which to submit any comments.

Consultation with s.75 and Community Groups - What the SCI said:

We will contact local community groups and s.75 groups advising them that the POP has been published and that it is available to view on the Council's website with hard copies available upon request from the Planning Department. They will be invited to comment within the specified consultation period and attend the public meetings, exhibition and drop-in information sessions where there will be opportunity to meet with a planning officer to record their views;

We will notify all those on our community involvement database of the release of the POP.

- 3.10 In addition to the public engagement events, the Council held several s.75 events for those groups whose aim is to provide equality of opportunity and elimination of discrimination. Each event was specifically tailored to meet the needs of those in attendance. In all, 10 such meetings were held. A list is provided in Table 3.. Hard copies of the POP document were distributed at each meeting. Those listed on the Council's Community Plan database, Section 75 groups, Business database, Equality database, Community Support Register and Biodiversity database were notified of the release of the POP.

Date & Time	Section 75
Tue 4 October 7.30pm	Traveller Group Strathroy Community Centre
Wed 5 October 7.00pm	Ethnic Support Group, Community House Omagh
Wed 12 October 2.00pm	Community House Omagh (all in house to attend)
Thur 13 October 10.30am	Surestart Strathroy Community Centre
Wed 19 October 2.00pm	Access & Inclusion Group, Bawnacre, Irvinestown
Thur 20 October 7.00pm	LGBT Group, Community House Omagh
Wed 26 October 7.00pm	LGBT Group, Fermanagh House Enniskillen

Fri 4 November 12.30pm	SWAP Aging Platform, Bawnacre Centre Irvinestown
Tue 8 November 7.00pm	Youth Council Youth Centre Hall, Omagh
Tue 29 November	Youth Council Enniskillen

Summary of Representations - What the SCI said:

We will present a Public Consultation Report to Elected Members following the end of the specified consultation period. This will contain a summary of representations and Planning Officers' comment. Where members take a different view to that recommended in the report, this will be recorded along with the rationale for that view. This will be taken into account whilst formulating the Draft Plan Strategy.

- 3.11 A total of 893 responses from private individuals and statutory consultees were received. A summary report of the representations was presented to Fermanagh and Omagh District Council in February 2017. Following this, a series of workshops was held with Members in order to discuss and agree the appropriate policy response to address key issues raised in the representations.

Table 4: Summary of Engagement process for the POP		
Engagement method	Numbers	% of Overall participation
Public and s75 Workshops	562	38.6%
Online Questionnaire	48	3.3%
Postal Questionnaire	32	2.2%
Postal/Email Responses	798	54.8%
Statutory Consultee responses	15	1.0%
Total	1,455	100%

Project Management Team views - What the SCI said:

We will provide the opportunity to the Project Management Team to comment on emerging policy for inclusion in the Draft Plan Strategy. This will be an integral part of testing emerging policy through the Sustainability Appraisal.

- 3.12 A Project Management group meeting was held on 24 June 2016, the main purpose of which was to bring to the attention of Members a paper entitled 'Towards a Preferred Options Paper' Members were invited to comment on whether they thought any additional options should be included. Members were also invited to confirm whether or not they would provide a representative to sit on the assessment panel for the purpose of assessing the

options/alternatives for the Sustainability Appraisal. Members were advised that the assessment of options should be complete by mid to end July.

- 3.13 Between 29 September 2017 and 10 November 2017, Members were also issued with copies of emerging policies - grouped by topic paper - and invited to provide comment.

4.0 Publication of the Draft Plan Strategy

What the SCI says:

We will hold a Launch event and Exhibition to announce the publication of the Draft Plan and issue a press release highlighting the key elements of the Strategy;

- 4.1 The publication of the Draft Plan Strategy represents the first formal stage of the Local Development Plan process. A launch event was held on 26 October 2018 in the Strule Arts Centre, Omagh. The 8-week period of consultation ran from 26 October 2018 to 21 December 2018 and a press release was issued to the local papers (Appendix 10).

Public Notices - What the SCI says:

We will issue a public notice in local newspapers for two consecutive weeks and one week in the Belfast Gazette and provide notice on the Council website www.fermanaghomaggh.com of:

- (i) Publication of the Draft Plan Strategy and accompanying Sustainability Appraisal including the Environmental Report and Equality Report and how to view or obtain copies;
- (ii) The dates and locations of Public Exhibitions;
- (iii) The consultation period (8 weeks) and closing date for receipt of representations to the draft Plan Strategy and accompanying Environmental Report;
- (iv)
 - That representations received after the end the period of public consultation cannot be accepted.

- 4.2 Public notices were placed in local papers and the Belfast Gazette over the time periods detailed below, including the Council website. A copy of the press notice is included at Appendix 7

Public Engagement - What the SCI says:

We will hold public engagement events and exhibitions with drop-in sessions at locations throughout the district where our Planning Officers will be available to answer any questions;

- 4.3 The dates and locations of the Public Meetings and Drop-In Sessions are detailed below in table 5. A total of 11 drop-in sessions and 5 public meetings were held at venues throughout the District. Public Meetings consisted of a short presentation outlining the aims of the Strategy, followed by question and answer sessions. Drop-In sessions were held where Development Plan staff were available to answer questions and distribute material as needed.
- 4.4 A summary Information leaflet was also produced detailing how we got here, where we were in the process and what happens next. The Soundness Tests were included and how the LDP would be tested against them. The public were advised of the need to quote the Soundness Test to which their representation would refer.
- 4.5 Social media postings were utilised to notify of the launch of the Local Development Plan, to publish the timetable of public engagement sessions and throughout the period of consultation to remind the public of events.

Drop-In Sessions	
Date	Venue
6 November 2018	Strule Arts, Omagh
7 November 2018	Aughakillymaude, Community & Mummings, Derrylin
8 November 2018	Derrygonnelly, Community Centre
13 November 2018	Belcoo, Community Centre
14 November 2018	Bawnacre, Irvinestown
15 November 2018	Dromore Leisure Complex
20 November 2018	Townhall, Enniskillen
22 November 2018	Belleek Community Centre
29 November 2018	Owenkillew Centre, Gortin
4 December 2018	Castle Park Leisure Centre, Lisnaskea
5 December 2018	Milestone Centre, Carrickmore

Public Meetings	
6 November 2018	Tara Centre, Omagh
13 November 2018	Belcoo, Community Centre
20 November 2018	Townhall, Enniskillen
29 November 2018	Owenkillew Centre, Gortin
4 December 2018	Castle Park Leisure Centre, Lisnaskea

- 4.6 All LDP documents, reports, maps and supporting evidence were available online through the Council's web page¹. The facility to submit a representation online was available to the public throughout the consultation period. A total of 32 representations were received on-line.

Consultations - what the SCI says:

We will write to Key Consultees and Elected Members informing them of the publication of the Draft Plan Strategy and providing them with a copy; the dates of the public exhibitions; confirmation of the consultation period (specified as 8 weeks in legislation which may be extended to allow flexibility for holiday periods where necessary) and the closing date for receipt of representations;

- 4.7 Notifications and guidance sent to all consultees; elected members; community groups; Section 75 Groups. A copy of the letter sent out to consultees is enclosed in Appendix 8

Contacting those who made representations at POP stage - What the SCI says:

We will contact those who submitted representations in regard to the POP to inform them of the publication of the Draft Plan Strategy and accompanying documents including the Public Consultation Report; details of how they can view or obtain copies of the documents; the dates of public exhibitions; confirmation of the consultation period and the closing date for receipt of representations.

¹ <https://www.fermanaghmagh.com/services/planning/local-development-plan-draft-plan-strategy/>

- 4.8 Notifications and guidance were sent to all those who made representation in regard to the POP to inform them of the publication of the Draft Plan Strategy. Copy of the standard letter issued is attached as Appendix 9

Availability of dPS documents - What the SCI says:

We will make the Draft Plan Strategy, the Sustainability Appraisal including the Environmental Report and Equality Report, and the Public Consultation Report available on our website and at the Council Offices in Enniskillen and Omagh and provide hard copies upon request at a specified price;

- 4.9 Details of the availability of the Draft Plan Strategy, along with supporting documents including the Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating the Strategic Environmental Assessment), the Habitats Regulations Assessment, Rural Needs Impact Assessment and Equality Impact Screening Report were included in the press ad (Appendix 8).

Reporting of representations - What the SCI says:

We will report representations to the Elected Members before being forwarded to the Department who must cause an Independent Examination (IE) of a draft Development Plan Document (DPD) unless it either directs the Council to withdraw it or modify it.

- 4.10 The task of summarising the issues in all 322 representation responses was undertaken following the close of the period of consultation on 21 December 2018. Of these, 167 (52%) specifically stated they considered the dPS, or part of it, unsound. 147 (46%) representations did not specifically indicate whether they considered the plan to be sound or unsound. Whilst 46% of representations received did not specifically reference soundness many of these raised issues for consideration within the Public Consultation Report. A small number of representations (2%) ticked/stated they considered the plan sound.
- 4.11 A preliminary written report was presented to the Steering Group on 21 January 2019 with a follow up verbal update given at the next Steering Group meeting on 12 March 2019. A series of topic papers providing consideration of the issues raised in representations were discussed at 5 meetings of the Steering Group during the months of July, August and September 2019.

- 4.12 A Special Regeneration and Community Committee Meeting was convened on 22 October 2019 in order to report to Members the consideration of the issues raised in representations and counter representations and the proposed response to these issues. At the request of Members, workshops were held on 7, 14 November, 5 December 2019 and 9 January 2020 in order to discuss further some of the issues raised.

We will notify all those on our community involvement database about the publication of the draft Plan Strategy.

- 4.13 Those listed on the Council's Community Plan database, Section 75 groups, Business database, Equality database, Community Support Register and Biodiversity database were notified of the release of the draft Plan Strategy.

5.0 **Draft Plan Strategy - Public Inspection of Representations and Counter Representations**

Availability of Representations - What the SCI says:

We will make copies of all representations available for inspection in our Connect Centres in Enniskillen and Omagh and on our website. Hard copies of representations will also be provided upon request at a specified price.

- 5.1 The representations were made available for inspection for a period of 8 weeks from Thursday 14 February 2019 to 11 April 2019 in our offices in Enniskillen and Omagh and on our website. Hard copies were made available on request. This period was re-run from 2 May to 27 June 2019 following the discovery of an error in the original notification procedures.

Availability of Representations - What the SCI says:

We will write to Key Consultees and Elected Members informing them that representations are available for inspection and the places and times at which they can be inspected.

- 5.2 Notice advising of availability of representations was sent to Key Consultees on 12 February 2019 and again on 30 April 2019. A brief overview of the purpose of a counter representation, the locations and the length of consultation period was also detailed. An example letter is enclosed in Appendix 11 and appendix 13 for information.

Publication of Representations/Counter-Representations - What the SCI says:

We will issue a public notice in local newspapers for two consecutive weeks and one week in the Belfast Gazette and on the Council website, of the availability of representations for inspection and the 8 week consultation period, including closing date for receipt of counter- representations.

- 5.3 A copy of the notices printed in the four local newspapers and the Belfast Gazette for both the original notification and the re-run period are included in Appendix 12 and 14.

Availability and reporting of Counter-Representations - What the SCI says:

We will make the counter-representations available on the website and for inspection at the Council's Connect Centres in Enniskillen and Omagh;
We will report Counter representations to the Elected Members;

- 5.4 A total number of 60 Counter Representations were received. The Counter Representations were made available at the Council Offices in Enniskillen and Omagh during the dates specified in the public notices. Digital copies were also made available at www.fermanaghomaggh.com. A summary of the Counter Representations and Council's response to them was presented to the Steering Group on 10 September 2019 followed by report to all Members at a Special Regeneration and Community Committee Meeting on 22 October 2019.

Consideration of representations and counter representations – What the SCI says:

We will fully consider representations and counter representations before submitting the Draft Plan Strategy to the Department, for Independent Examination

- 5.5 The Council have fully considered representations and counter representations to the draft Plan Strategy as per paragraph 4.11 and 4.12 above. A summary of the representations is included below at Table 6.
- 5.6 The draft LDP Strategy was the subject of a Sustainability Appraisal (SA). The SA Report was published alongside the dPS. 16 representations were received in relation to the SA Report raising a total of 85 issues of which 34 were identified as being unsound.
- 5.7 The draft LDP Strategy was also the subject of a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA). The HRA Report was published alongside the dPS. 82 representations were received which referenced the HRA, of these 76 were duplicate. A total of 79, including 76 duplicates, found it to be unsound.

Proposed Changes to the Draft Plan Strategy – What the SCI says:

Where necessary – and prior to submission to the Department – we will make proposed changes to the Draft Plan Strategy. In such instances, we will issue a public notice in the Belfast Gazette for one week and by local advertisement for two consecutive weeks and publish on the Council website, of the availability of the proposed changes for inspection and the consultation period (8 weeks).

- 5.8 The Council consulted on proposed changes to the Draft Plan Strategy from 16 July 2020 to 11 September 2020. A copy of the notices printed in the four local newspapers and the Belfast Gazette are included in Appendix 15. Due to an error in the content of the proposed changes this consultation was initially paused and then cancelled. A new consultation on the Proposed Changes to the Draft Plan Strategy, with amended content, commenced on Thursday 8th October to Thursday 3rd December 2020. A copy of the notices printed in the four local newspapers and the Belfast Gazette are included in Appendix 17. In response to the consultation, 27 comments were received. (In addition, we

received 13 replies that either simply acknowledged/noted the consultation or confirmed they had no comment to make.) The 27 comments received to the Proposed Changes form part of the submission to the Department and the Planning Appeals Commission for consideration, alongside the proposed changes to the draft Plan Strategy, at Independent Examination.

Table 6: Summary of Public Consultation Responses to draft Plan Strategy

Chapter/Section	No of Issues 'Unsound'	No of Issues 'Sound'	Total No of Issues	Number of Related Main Issues
Part One				
1.0 Introduction	1	0	1	
2.0 Legal Status and Policy Context	1	0	3	3
3.0 Preparation Process, Consultation and Assessments	1	0	4	2
4.0 Spatial Portrait	0	0	0	
5.0 Vision and Objectives	7	1	11	3
Furthering Sustainable Dev.				2
6.0 Spatial Growth Strategy			1	
Settlement	24	1	34	5
Strategic Allocation of Housing	16	1	21	17
Strategic Allocation of land for Industry and Business	2	0	3	2
Transportation			1	1
Part Two				
1.0 Introduction	1	0	1	1
2.0 Development and Design	15	0	35	18
3.0 People and Places				
Housing in Settlements	22	1	55	45
Housing in the Countryside	34	1	71	48
Community Facilities	1	0	1	1
Open space, sport and recreation	10	0	30	18
Rural Community Areas	87	0	97	21
4.0 Economy				
Industry and Business	157	5	175	30
Town Centres and Retailing	12	2	28	33
Tourism	166	0	184	44
Minerals Development	381	0	489	49
5.0 Environment				
Historic Environment	94	1	235	34
Natural Environment	162	0	171	12
Landscape	347		369	37
6.0 Infrastructure				
Flood Risk Management	236	10	260	22
Renewable Energy	90	0	105	26
Transportation	26	0	36	32
Public Utilities	80	0	85	4
Waste Management	79	0	84	11
7.0 Monitoring and Review	85	0	89	9
Glossary	1	0	2	*
Appendix 6	1	1	2	*
Appendix 7	8	0	117	9
Sustainability Assessment/SEA	34	0	94	85
Habitats Regulations Assessment	79	0	117	26
Equality Impact Assessment	0	0	0	0
Rural Impact Assessment	1	0	4	2
Unattributed / Other	0		12	
TOTALS	2261	24	3026	652

6.0 APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – LDP Steering Group TOR & meeting dates

Appendix 2 – Project Management Group – Dates of meetings

Appendix 3 – Letter – Notice of consultation to consultees

Appendix 4 – Letter – Notice of consultation to s.75 groups

Appendix 5 – Advertisement - Publication notice of POP

Appendix 6 – Press Release for Preferred Options Paper

Appendix 7 - Advertisement – Publication notice of draft Plan Strategy

Appendix 8 – Letter – Notice to consultee of intent to publish dPS

Appendix 9 – Letter – Notice to those who submitted POP representations of intent to publish dPS

Appendix 10 – Press Release for launch of draft Plan Strategy

Appendix 11 – Letter – Notice to consultees of availability of dPS representations

Appendix 12 – Advertisement – Notice of availability of dPS representations

Appendix 13 – Letter – Notice to consultees of availability of dPS representations (re-issue)

Appendix 14 – Advertisement – Notice of availability of dPS representations (Re-advertisement)

Appendix 15 – Advertisement - Notification of Proposed Changes to draft Plan Strategy

Appendix 16 - Letter – Notice of consultation to consultees of intent to make changes to the dPS.

Appendix 17 – Re-Advertisement – Re-Notification of Proposed Changes to draft Plan Strategy

Appendix 18 – Letter – Re-notification of consultation to consultees of intent to make changes to the dPS.

Appendix 1 – LDP Steering Group – Terms of Reference & Meeting Dates



Local Development Plan Steering Group

Terms of Reference (Amended)

1. Context

Work on the new Local Development Plan (LDP) commenced following the transfer of planning powers to the council in April 2015. Following agreement to an LDP Timetable in April 2016, the Preferred Options Paper (POP) - the first stage in the plan making process - was published in October 2016. The draft Plan Strategy (PS) was published in October 2018. The Plan Strategy is the first of the two plan documents which will comprise the local development plan. When adopted, it will be followed by a Local Policies Plan, publication of which is expected by 2021.

2. Purpose

The steering group was constituted in April 2016 to oversee the progress of the plan. The name of the organisation is the *Fermanagh and Omagh Local Development Plan Steering Group*.

The purpose of the Steering Group is: -

- to ensure overview and strategic input to the local development plan process on behalf of the whole community;
- to provide strategic vision, direction and leadership to the LDP process;
- to consider the overall aims of the local development plan;
- to ensure the aims and objectives of the LDP are linked to the Council's Corporate Plan and Community Plan;
- to provide a forum for discussion and debate;
- to provide comment/feedback on draft plan consultation documents and assessments prior to public consultation;
- to receive updates of plan progress from the Plan Principal.

The Steering Group does not have delegated decision-making authority and as such, its recommendations will be presented to the Regeneration and Community Committee as required.

3. Membership

The Steering Group will comprise: -

- Councillors drawn from the full Council including representatives from the Planning Committee. Following the Local Government Elections 2019, the Council has agreed its elected member representation as follows: -
 - *Sinn Féin; Cllrs Glenn Campbell, Siobhan Currie, Ann-Marie Donnelly and Barry McElduff*
 - *Ulster Unionist Party; Cllrs Diana Armstrong and Robert Irvine*
 - *SDLP; Cllrs John Coyle and Mary Garrity*
 - *Democratic Unionist Party; Cllrs Paul Robinson and Errol Thompson*
 - *Alliance Party; Cllr Stephen Donnelly*
 - *Cross Community Labour Alternative; Cllr Donal O’Cofaigh*
 - *Independents; Cllrs Emmet McAleer and Bernice Swift*
- From an officer perspective, the Council’s Chief Executive, four Directors, Head of Planning, Head of Community Planning and Performance and Plan Principal will also participate in the Steering Group. Should other officers be required to attend the Steering Group, they will be invited on an “as and when” basis.

4. Defining Roles

At the first meeting, the Steering group will elect a Chairperson. Members of the Working Group will undertake to: -

- Devote dedicated time to providing input to the development of the LDP;
- Act as a conduit for two-way communications between the Steering Group and the Project Management Team;
- Respect the confidential nature of those maps and documents so described and agree to the protocol for the secure access to and consideration of such documentation.

5. Meetings

- The Steering Group shall only meet during those periods of emerging plan documentation for the Preferred Options Paper, Draft Plan Strategy (PS) and Draft Local Policies Plan (LPP), and prior to public consultation of these documents in accordance with the agreed Timetable.
- The Steering Group shall normally meet every two months or as may be required and will rotate between the Grange, Omagh and the Townhall, Enniskillen.
- Meetings will be quorate where there is a minimum attendance of four elected members.
- At least three clear days’ notice of meetings shall be sent to members via the Council’s notification system (via Minutepad).
- Whenever possible, notices of meetings should detail the matters to be discussed and should include any relevant papers and reports.
- A record of all meetings shall be kept, and these notes will be circulated to the Steering Group in accordance with Council procedures.
- It is recommended that a rolling schedule of meetings is set in place, preferably at the first meeting of the Steering Group.

6. Dissolving the Steering Group

Following the adoption of the Plan Strategy and Local Policies Plan, the Council will identify its work priorities for the next five years in a new Timetable and the Steering Group will be dissolved. The Council will continue to monitor and review the LDP process and, should it be considered necessary to conduct a review of the LDP after five years, the Steering Group will be re-convened.

Steering Group Meeting Dates		
12 April 2016	09 January 2018	21 January 2019
10 May 2016	13 February 2018	12 March 2019
06 September 2016	13 March 2018	03 July 2019
20 January 2017	10 April 2018	26 July 2019
13 June 2017	12 June 2018	02 August 2019
12 September 2017	10 July 2018	10 September 2019
10 October 2017	29 August 2018	30 September 2019
14 November 2017	11 September 2018	
12 December 2017	09 October 2018	

Appendix 2 – Project Management Group - Dates of Meetings

6 April 2016

24 June 2016

7 September 2017

Appendix 3 – Example of Consultee letter

Planning Office Omagh

Brendan Hegarty
Chief Executive



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

Your Ref

Our Ref GEN/04

Date 18th May 2016

Being dealt with by Sinead Curry

Email planning@fermanaghomagh.com



Dear Mr 

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. 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 a range of topics including housing. These are available on the Council's website.

We have already been consulting with representatives of the Housing Executive in relation to social housing needs in the council area and other housing issues and will continue to do so throughout the plan process. As one of the statutory consultation bodies defined under the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, the Council is seeking your Department's comments on any other strategic housing matters of interest and any relevant

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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 and identifying the main issues that need to be addressed by the plan. 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 17th June 2016.

Yours sincerely



Hilda Clements
Principal Planner
Development Plan Team

Appendix 4 - Consultation letter sent to Section 75 groups

Planning Office

Omagh

Brendan Hegarty
Chief Executive



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

Your Ref

Our Ref GEN/04

Date 17th June 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. 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.

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At this stage in the plan preparation process, the Council is seeking your organisation's comments on the key strategic issues of housing, jobs, services and transport that affect people in the Fermanagh and Omagh District. Please circulate to your local representatives in Fermanagh and Omagh and ask them to identify if there are any relevant planning issues or needs which they feel our new local development plan should address. If you would like a meeting with a Planning Officer, please contact us. Any comments received will help inform the Preferred Options Paper and assist in generating alternative strategies and options. Your comments will also be taken into account when screening and scoping the Equality Impact Assessment.

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

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Timetable. Therefore, I would ask that comments reach the Development Plan Team at the above address no later than Friday 8th July 2016.

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Appendix 5 – Publication notice of Preferred Options Paper Advertisement

Fermanagh and Omagh Local Development Plan 2030

Publication of Preferred Options Paper

The Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011

Notice is hereby given that Fermanagh and Omagh District Council will publish a Preferred Options Paper for its Local Development Plan. The Local Development Plan, which is being prepared under the provision of Part 2 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, will inform the public, statutory authorities, developers and other interested parties of how the District should develop up to the year 2030.

The Preferred Options Paper sets out the key planning issues for the District, identifies a range of options to address them and defines the Council's preferred options. The Council will publish the Preferred Options Paper on 3rd October 2016 for the purpose of consultation, including public and community participation. The Preferred Options Paper is accompanied by a Sustainability Appraisal Interim Report.

Both documents are available for inspection during normal office hours in the Council Offices at: The Grange, Mountjoy Road, Lisnamallard, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT79 7BL; Townhall, 2 Townhall Street, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, BT74 7BA; County Buildings, 15 East Bridge Street, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, BT74 7BW; and Public Services Centre, 16 High Street, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1BQ.

The documents may also be viewed on the council's website www.fermanaghomagh.com

Copies can be obtained by writing to the addresses above, or by email from: planning@fermanaghomagh.com or telephoning 0300 303 1777. It can also be made available on request in large text print and Braille.

Individuals and interested parties are invited to examine the options and anyone wishing to comment may do so in writing to the address below:

The Local Development Plan Team
The Grange
Mountjoy Road
Lisnamallard
Omagh
Co Tyrone
BT79 7BL

All comments should be received no later than 12.00 noon on 25th November 2016
Notes:

Appendix 6 – Press Release for Preferred Options Paper

Tuesday 4 October 2016

Community Plan and Local Development Plan Preferred Options Paper launched for consultation.

Two major documents, which are significant for the future development of the Fermanagh and Omagh district, were formally launched for public consultation at an event in Irvinestown on Monday 3 October.

Councillors, statutory agencies and representatives of community and voluntary sector organisations from across the area were invited to the launch of the [Community Plan](#) and the [Local Development Plan Preferred Options Paper](#) which will remain open for public consultation until Monday 28 November 2016. Legislation has placed a statutory link between both these important plans. This means that, in preparing the local development plan, councils are legally required to take account of the content of their own community plan, in addition to the Regional Development Strategy 2035 policy and the Strategic Planning Policy Statement.

The **Community Plan** is a long-term strategy aimed at improving quality of life and wellbeing, as well as improving public services, in the Fermanagh and Omagh area. It will be delivered through a new and innovative partnership involving the public, private and community/voluntary sectors, all working together to achieve a shared Vision of 'a vibrant, living place where people enjoy improved prosperity and wellbeing in a safe, shared, connected and sustainable environment'.

The Chair of the Community Planning Partnership, Councillor Thomas O'Reilly, commented on the launch of the draft Community Plan saying "this is the first Community Plan for the Fermanagh and Omagh district and it will influence and direct how all of our agencies and service providers work over the next fifteen years. It is an extremely important strategy which will impact on everyone and it is vital that the citizens of this area have their say – either at one of our upcoming public workshops or through our online survey. I would encourage everyone to get involved and have your say."

The **Local Development Plan Preferred Options Paper** sets out the key planning issues for the Fermanagh and Omagh district, identifies a range of options to address them, and indicates which is the preferred option of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council.

Speaking at the launch, the Chairperson of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, Councillor Mary Garrity, said that the Local Development Plan has the power to significantly influence the future development of the Fermanagh and Omagh district up to 2030. It will provide the strategy for future planning and sustainable development and will create an enabling framework for the type and scale of development that should be encouraged within the area, detailing where it should be located.

"This is a significant step for Fermanagh and Omagh District Council in applying its new planning powers, and is the first stage in the preparation of a Local Development Plan for the area. The consultation will give everyone, residents,

stakeholders and interested parties the opportunity to put forward their views and influence the local development plan from the outset", she said.

The documents, together with a Strategic Environmental Assessment Report and a Sustainability Appraisal, are available for public consultation until Monday 28 November 2016 at www.fermanaghomagham.com.

A series of public workshops to facilitate consultation and discussion on both the **Community Plan** and the **Local Development Plan Preferred Options Paper** will take place across the district throughout October and November as follows:

Bawnacre Centre, Irvinestown	18 th October at 2.00pm
Lakeland Community Centre, Belcoo	19 th October at 7.00pm
Dromore Leisure Complex, Dromore	25 th October at 7.00pm
Kesh Community Centre, Kesh	26 th October at 2.00pm
Community Centre, Derrygonnelly	27 th October at 7.00pm
Owenkillew Centre, Gortin	1 st November at 2.00pm
Milestone Centre, Carrickmore	3 rd November at 7.00pm
Ecclesville Centre, Fintona	9 th November at 2.00pm
Castle Park Leisure Centre, Lisnaskea	10 th November at 2.00pm
Crest Centre, Enniskillen	15 th November at 7.00pm
Aughakillymaude Community and Mummings Centre, Derrylin	16 th November at 7.00pm
Omagh Enterprise Centre, Omagh	17 th November at 7.00pm
Rosslea Community Centre, Enniskillen	22 nd November at 2.00pm

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Notes for Editors:

- a) The Community Plan sets out the following nine outcomes as its aspirations for the future of the people of the Fermanagh and Omagh area:
 1. Our people have improved physical health and mental wellbeing
 2. Older people lead more independent, engaged and socially connected lives
 3. Our communities are inclusive and safe, and people feel safer
 4. Our communities are more vibrant, resilient and empowered
 5. Our people have the best start in life with lifelong opportunities to fulfil their potential
 6. Our economy is thriving, expanding and outward looking
 7. Our district is a connected place
 8. Our outstanding natural environment and cultural and built heritage is enhanced and sustainably managed
 9. Our district is an attractive and more accessible place.

Appendix 7 – Publication notice of draft Plan Strategy

Fermanagh and Omagh Local Development Plan 2030

Publication of Draft Plan Strategy

The Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

Notice is hereby given that Fermanagh and Omagh District Council will publish a Local Development Plan draft Plan Strategy in accordance with Regulation 15 of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015. The draft Plan Strategy sets out the Council's vision for the Fermanagh and Omagh District to 2030 and the objectives and strategic policies to deliver that vision.

The draft Plan Strategy along with supporting documents including the Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating the Strategic Environmental Assessment), the Habitats Regulations Assessment, Rural Needs Impact Assessment and Equality Impact Screening Report will be available for consideration from Friday 26th October 2018 for a period of 8 weeks until close of consultation at 12.00 noon on Friday 21st December 2018.

Availability of documents

The draft Plan Strategy and accompanying documents will be available to view on the Council's website at: www.fermanaghomagh.com

The documents will also be available to view, in hard copy, during normal office hours in the Council Offices at: The Grange, Mountjoy Road, Lisnamallard, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT79 7BL; Townhall, 2 Townhall Street, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, BT74 7BA; and Strule House, 16 High Street, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1BQ.

How to respond

An online Representations Form will be available on the Council's website. Representations can be submitted online using the website, by email to developmentplan@fermanaghomagh.com or in writing to the address below:

The Local Development Plan Team
Planning Department
Strule House
16 High Street
Omagh
BT78 1BQ

Copies of the representations form can be obtained from the same sources.

Public Engagement Events

There will be a number of public engagement events across the District commencing on 6th November 2018. For information on upcoming consultation events, please check our website and public notices.

All comments should be received no later than 12.00 noon on Friday 21st December 2018. Representations received after this time will not be considered.

Notes:

1. This should be inserted in the local papers for **two** consecutive weeks, commencing from w/c 15-10-18 and
2. The Belfast Gazette for **one** week w/c 22-10-18

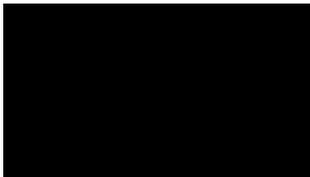
Appendix 8 – Notice to statutory Consultee, publication of draft Plan Strategy

Your Ref
Our Ref GEN/23
Date 25th October 2018
Being dealt with by Anne Fitzpatrick
Email developmentplan@fermanaghomagh.com



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

Brendan Hegarty
Chief Executive



Dear Madam,

Local Development Plan 2030: Draft Plan Strategy - Statutory Consultation.

I write to you in accordance with Regulations 2 and 15(c) of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (the 'LDP Regulations') to advise that the Council will publish its Draft Plan Strategy ('PS') for public consultation on Friday 26th October 2018.

The Draft Plan Strategy is the first of two documents which will comprise the Council's Local Development Plan and it sets out the Council's Vision and Strategic Objectives of the Council to 2030. It contains a Spatial Growth Strategy which identifies how much housing should be provided and where it should be located; the number of jobs expected to be created by 2030; how much land is required for industry and business and where it should be located. It contains development management policies which will apply across the Council area which will be used to make day-to-day decisions on a range of topics including housing, retailing, industry and business and renewable energy.

The Draft Plan Strategy is accompanied by a Sustainability Appraisal Report [including Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)], an Equality Screening Report, Rural Needs Impact Assessment and Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) along with background papers and studies.

We welcome your views on the PS which will be available to view online, along with supporting documents, from Friday 26th October 2018 at: www.fermanaghomagh.com or in hard copy at the Council's Planning Office in Omagh (see address below) or Council Offices at: The Grange, Mountjoy Road, Lisnamallard, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT79 7BL; Townhall, 2 Townhall Street, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, BT74 7BA.

A series of public engagement events are planned throughout the District commencing on 6th November 2018. Details of these may be viewed on the Council's website.

Your response to this document should be based on soundness tests as set out in DfI's Development Plan Practice Note (DPNN) 06 (see www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk). These should be submitted via the online PS Representations Form or by email to: developmentplan@fermanaghomagh.com.

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Alternatively, you may send your comments to the Development Plan Team at the following address: Planning Department, Strule House, 16 High Street, Omagh, BT78 1BQ.

The 8 week public consultation period will end at **12.00 noon on Friday 21st December 2018**. Representations received after this time will not be accepted.

Yours faithfully



Hilda Clements
Principal Planning Officer
Development Plan

Appendix 9 – Notice to those who submitted POP representations re: publication of draft Plan Strategy

Your Ref
Our Ref
Date 22nd October 2018
Being dealt with by
Email



Brendan Hegarty
Chief Executive

Dear Sir/Madam,

Local Development Plan 2030: Draft Plan Strategy - Public Consultation.

As you previously submitted comments to the Council's Preferred Options Paper, I write to advise you that the Council will publish its Draft Plan Strategy ('PS') for public consultation on Friday 26th October 2018.

The Draft Plan Strategy is the first of two documents which will comprise the Council's Local Development Plan and it sets out the Council's Vision and Strategic Objectives of the Council to 2030. It contains a Spatial Growth Strategy which identifies how much housing should be provided and where it should be located; the number of jobs expected to be created by 2030; how much land is required for industry and business and where it should be located. It contains development management policies which will apply across the Council area which will be used to make day-to-day decisions on a range of topics including housing, retailing, industry and business and renewable energy.

The PS is accompanied by a Sustainability Appraisal Report [including Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)], an Equality Screening Report, Rural Needs Impact Assessment and Statement and Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) Baseline Study along with background papers and studies.

The documents will be available to view online from Friday 26th October 2018 at: www.fermanaghomagh.com or in hard copy at the Council's Planning Offices (see addresses at foot of this letter) or Council Offices at: The Grange, Mountjoy Road, Lisnamallard, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT79 7BL; Townhall, 2 Townhall Street, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, BT74 7BA.

A series of public engagement events are planned throughout the District commencing on 6th November 2018. Details of these may be viewed on the Council's website.

If you wish to make a response to the Draft Plan Strategy, it should be based on soundness tests as set out in DfI's Development Plan Practice Note (DPNN) 06 (see www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk). These should be submitted via the online PS Representations Form or by email to: developmentplan@fermanaghomagh.com.

Alternatively, you may send your comments to the Development Plan Team at the following address: Planning Department, Strule House, 16 High Street, Omagh, BT78 1BQ.

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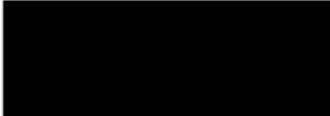
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The 8 week public consultation period will end at **12.00 noon on Friday 21st December 2018**.
Representations received after this time will not be accepted.

Yours faithfully



Hilda Clements
Principal Planning Officer
Development Plan

Appendix 10 – Press Release for launch of draft Plan Strategy

Friday 26 October 2018

Draft Local Development Plan opens for public consultation.

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council has published the Local Development Plan 2030 draft Plan Strategy for the District.

The Local Development Plan will help to shape the District's future development and growth and will set out the framework for future planning and sustainable development of the Fermanagh and Omagh District until 2030.

In developing the draft Plan Strategy, account has been taken of the characteristics of the Fermanagh and Omagh District and the views of residents, consultees and Council Members.

The draft Plan Strategy, along with a number of supporting documents, is now open for public consultation for a period of eight weeks until 12 noon on Friday 21 December 2018.

Launching the Local Development Plan draft Plan Strategy, Chairman of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, Councillor Howard Thornton, said:

"The Local Development Plan aims to meet the needs of all the people of the district by creating sustainable communities through housing, job creation, enterprise promotion, tourism support, provision of services and community facilities within the context of a healthy, well planned natural and built environment. The eight-week consultation provides everyone with the opportunity to shape the future of the District and we encourage people to respond."

The consultation provides people with the opportunity to tell Fermanagh and Omagh District Council what it thinks of the draft Plan Strategy, based on the tests of 'soundness'.

This includes feeding back on whether the draft Plan Strategy:

- has been prepared properly following relevant legislative procedures;
- has taken account of regional policy and guidance and the Fermanagh and Omagh Community Plan; and
- is based on a strong evidence base, provides for implementation and monitoring and is flexible to adapt to changing circumstances.

The draft Plan Strategy and supporting documents are available to view on Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's website, fermanaghomagh.com, and at the Council offices in Omagh at the Grange and Connect Centre at 16 High Street and at the Townhall in Enniskillen.

Representation forms are also available online and at all three Council offices.

A series of drop in sessions and public meetings on the draft Plan Strategy will take place across the District during the consultation period, starting on 6 November 2018. Everyone welcome.

These include:

Drop-In Sessions

Date	Venue	Call in any time between:
Tuesday 6 November 2018	Strule Arts, Omagh	12noon – 4pm
Wednesday 7 November 2018	Aughakillymaude, Community & Mummers, Derrylin	10am – 12noon 2pm – 4pm
Thursday 8 November 2018	Derrygonnelly, Community Centre	10am – 12noon 2pm – 4pm
Tuesday 13 November 2018	Belcoo, Community Centre	10am – 12noon 2pm – 4pm
Wednesday 14 November 2018	Bawnacre, Irvinestown	10am – 12noon 2pm – 4pm
Thursday 15 November 2018	Dromore Leisure Complex	10am – 12noon 2pm – 4pm
Tuesday 20 November 2018	Townhall, Committee Room, Enniskillen	12noon – 4pm
Thursday 22 November 2018	Belleek Community Centre	10am – 12noon 2pm – 4pm
Thursday 29 November 2018	Owenkillew Centre, Gortin	10am – 12noon 2pm – 4pm
Tuesday 4 December 2018	Castle Park Leisure Centre, Lisnaskea	10am – 12noon 2pm – 4pm
Wednesday 5 December 2018	Milestone Centre, Carrickmore	10am – 12noon 2pm – 4pm
Public Meetings		
Tuesday 6 November 2018	Tara Centre, Omagh	5:30pm – 7pm
Tuesday 13 November 2018	Belcoo, Community Centre	5:30pm – 7pm
Tuesday 20 November 2018	Townhall, Committee Room 1c, Enniskillen	5:30pm – 7pm

Thursday 29 November 2018	Owenkillew Centre, Gortin	5:30pm – 7pm
Tuesday 4 December 2018	Castle Park Leisure Centre, Lisnaskea	5:30pm – 7pm

All comments should be received no later than 12 noon on Friday 21 December 2018. Representations received after this time will not be considered.

For further information or enquiries please visit fermanaghomagh.com, telephone the Council's Planning Department on 0300 303 1777, textphone 028 8225 6216 or email developmentplan@fermanaghomagh.com.

ENDS

Appendix 11 – Notice for availability of Inspection of Representations

Your Ref
Our Ref Counter Reprs Notification
Date 12 February 2019
Email planning@fermanaghmagh.com



Brendan Hegarty
Chief Executive

Planning Department



Dear Sir/Madam,

Fermanagh and Omagh Local Development Plan 2030: Draft Plan Strategy – Public Consultation on site specific policy representations (counter representations)

I write to you in accordance with Regulation 17 (e) of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (the 'LDP Regulations') to advise that the Council will publish for consultation all representations received in order to allow counter representations on site specific policy representations to be made. The consultation period will run for a period of 8 weeks commencing on Thursday 14th February 2019 and ending at 5.00pm on Thursday 11th April 2019.

The purpose of a counter representation is to provide an opportunity to respond to site specific policy representations submitted to the draft Plan Strategy under Reg 15 and 16 of the LDP Regulations. "Site specific policy" means a policy in a development plan document which identifies a site for a particular use or development. "Site specific policy" representation means any representation which seeks to change a development plan by –

- a) adding a site specific policy to the development plan document: or
- b) altering or deleting any site specific policy in the development plan document.

Any person may make a counter representation in relation to a site specific policy representation and should indicate the reasons for doing so in terms of soundness and sustainability of the draft Plan Strategy. However, a counter representation must not propose any further changes to the draft Plan Strategy.

The representations will be available to view online from Thursday 14th February 2019 at: www.fermanaghmagh.com or in hard copy at the Council's Planning Offices - 7 Shore Road, Enniskillen, BT74 7EF and Strule House, 16 High Street, Omagh BT78 1BQ - or at the Council Offices at: The Grange, Mountjoy Road, Lisnamallard, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT79 7BL; Townhall, 2 Townhall Street, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, BT74 7BA.

A Counter Representations Form will be available to download from the Council's website. Counter Representations can be submitted by email to developmentplan@fermanaghmagh.com or in writing to the address below:

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Copies of the counter representations form along with guidance on what constitutes a counter representation can be obtained from the same sources.

The 8 week public consultation period will end at **5.00pm on Thursday 11th April 2019**.
Representations received after this time will not be accepted.

Yours faithfully



Hilda Clements
Principal Planning Officer
Development Plan

Appendix 12 – Notice of availability of Inspection of Representations

Fermanagh and Omagh Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy

Public Consultation on Site Specific Policy Representations

The Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

Notice is hereby given that Fermanagh and Omagh District Council will make available for inspection representations received to the Local Development Plan draft Plan Strategy in accordance with Regulation 17 of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015. This is to enable counter representations to be made to any site specific policy representation.

The representations will be available for inspection from Thursday 14th February 2019 for a period of 8 weeks until close of consultation at 5.00 pm on Thursday 11th April 2019.

Where to view copies of Representations

The representations will be available to view on the Council's website at: www.fermanaghomagh.com and in hard copy, during normal office hours in the Council Offices at: The Grange, Mountjoy Road, Lisnamallard, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT79 7BL; Townhall, 2 Townhall Street, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, BT74 7BA; 7 Shore Road, Enniskillen, BT747EF; and Strule House, 16 High Street, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1BQ.

How to respond

A Counter Representations Form will be available to download from the Council's website. Counter Representations can be submitted by email to developmentplan@fermanaghomagh.com or in writing to the address below:

The Local Development Plan Team
Planning Department
Strule House
16 High Street
Omagh
BT78 1BQ

Copies of the counter representations form along with guidance on what constitutes a counter representation can be obtained from the same sources.

All counter representations should be received no later than 5.00pm on Thursday 11th April 2019. Representations received after this time will not be considered.

Notes:

1. This should be inserted in the local papers for **two** consecutive weeks, commencing from w/c 4th February and 11th February 2019
2. The Belfast Gazette for **one** week, w/c 4th February 2019.

Appendix 13 – Notice for availability of Inspection of Representations (re-issue)

Your Ref DPS
Our Ref LDP2030 Counter Reprs Notification
Date 30 April 2019
Email planning@fermanaghomagh.com



Brendan Hegarty
Chief Executive

Planning Department

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re-Notification

Fermanagh and Omagh Local Development Plan 2030: Draft Plan Strategy – Public Consultation on site specific policy representations (counter representations)

The Council recently identified an inadvertent error in the notification procedures for the original consultation on counter representations to its Draft Plan Strategy. As you made a representation to the draft Plan Strategy, I write to you to advise that the Council is undertaking a rerun of the consultation period for the receipt of counter representations in accordance with Regulation 17 of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (the 'LDP Regulations'). This is ensure that the Draft Plan Strategy is fully compliant with the legislation. The new 8-week period will commence on Thursday 2nd May 2019 and end on Thursday 27th June 2019.

If you previously sent us a counter-representation in response to the 14th February-11th April 2019 consultation period, this has been returned to you. It must be re-submitted by 27th June 2019 if you wish it to be considered at Independent Examination. We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause.

The purpose of a counter representation is to provide an opportunity to respond to site specific policy representations submitted to the draft Plan Strategy under Reg 15 and 16 of the LDP Regulations. "Site specific policy" means a policy in a development plan document which identifies a site for a particular use or development. "Site specific policy" representation means any representation which seeks to change a development plan by –

- a) adding a site specific policy to the development plan document; or
- b) altering or deleting any site specific policy in the development plan document.

Any person may make a counter representation in relation to a site specific policy representation and should indicate the reasons for doing so in terms of soundness and sustainability of the draft Plan Strategy. However, a counter representation must not propose any further changes to the draft Plan Strategy. You must clearly state the Reference of the submission to which your counter representation relates.

All representations are available to view online at: www.fermanaghomagh.com or in hard copy at the Council's Planning Offices - 7 Shore Road, Enniskillen, BT74 7EF and Strule House, 16 High Street, Omagh BT78 1BQ - or at the Council Offices at: The Grange, Mountjoy Road, Lisnamallard, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT79 7BL; Townhall, 2 Townhall Street, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, BT74 7BA.

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The Local Development Plan Team
Planning Department
Strule House
16 High Street
Omagh
BT78 1BQ

Copies of the counter representations form along with guidance on what constitutes a counter representation can be obtained from the same sources.

If you have any queries or require further advice, please contact the Development Plan Team.

The 8-week public consultation period will end at **5.00pm on Thursday 27th June 2019**. Representations received after this time will not be accepted.

Yours faithfully



Hilda Clements
Principal Planning Officer
Local Development Plan

Readvertisement

Fermanagh and Omagh Local Development Plan 2030

Draft Plan Strategy

Public Consultation on Site Specific Policy Representations

The Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

The Council is re-running the counter representations consultation in order to ensure legal compliance. Counter representations received during the period 14th February to 11th April 2019 will be returned. Notice is now hereby given that Fermanagh and Omagh District Council will make available for inspection representations received to the Local Development Plan draft Plan Strategy in accordance with Regulation 17 of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 for a period of 8 weeks from Thursday 2nd May to Thursday 27th June 2019. This is to enable counter representations to be made to any site specific policy representation.

Those who submitted counter representations during the period 14th February to 11th April 2019 are requested to resubmit them within the new consultation period.

Where to view copies of Representations

The representations will be available to view on the Council's website at:

www.fermanaghomagh.com and in hard copy, during normal office hours in the Council Offices at: The Grange, Mountjoy Road, Lisnamallard, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT79 7BL; Townhall, 2 Townhall Street, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, BT74 7BA; 7 Shore Road, Enniskillen, BT747EF; and Strule House, 16 High Street, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1BQ.

How to respond

A Counter Representations Form will be available to download from the Council's website. Counter Representations can be submitted by email to

developmentplan@fermanaghomagh.com or in writing to the address below:

The Local Development Plan Team, Planning Department, Strule House, 16 High Street, Omagh, BT78 1BQ

Copies of the counter representations form along with guidance on what constitutes a counter representation can be obtained from the same sources. Any counter representation should clearly state the reference number of the representation that it relates to. They must relate to a site specific representation and must not propose any change to the draft Plan Strategy document.

All counter representations should be received no later than 5.00pm on

Thursday 27th June 2019. Representations received after this time will not be considered.

Appendix 15 – Advertisement - Notification of Proposed Changes to draft Plan Strategy

Fermanagh and Omagh Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy

NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED CHANGES

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council has considered all representations received in relation to the draft Plan Strategy and is now proposing changes in response to the consultation process. Comments should be made within an 8-week period commencing on Thursday 16th July 2020 and closing on Friday 11th September 2020.

Availability of documents

The Schedule of Proposed Changes and accompanying statutory assessments (Addendums to the Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulations Assessment, Rural Needs Impact Assessment and Equality Impact Screening Report) will be available to view online (at: www.fermanaghomagh.com) and in paper format from Wednesday 15th July 2020.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Connect Centres in both Enniskillen and Omagh are temporarily closed to the public. Until such times as the Connect Centres reopen, the Schedule and accompanying assessments will be available to view by appointment only between the hours of 10.00am – 12:00pm and 2:00pm – 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday at the Connect Centres: Strule House, 16 High Street, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1BQ and County Buildings, 15 East Bridge Street, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, BT74 7BW. Telephone 0300 303 1777 for an appointment. Social distancing measures will be adhered to.

Copies can be obtained by writing to the Planning Office, Strule House, 16 High Street, Omagh, or by email from: developmentplan@fermanaghomagh.com or telephoning 0300 303 1777. Please note, photocopying charges will apply.

How to respond

Comments can be submitted by email to developmentplan@fermanaghomagh.com or in writing to the address below:

The Local Development Plan Team
Planning Department
Strule House
16 High Street
Omagh
BT78 1BQ

Comments made should only address and relate to the soundness of the **Proposed Changes** as this consultation is not an opportunity to add to the previous representations or to make new comments on parts of the original Draft Plan Strategy as such comments will be disregarded.

All comments should be received no later than 5.00pm on Friday 11th September 2020. Comments received after this time will not be considered.

Appendix 16 - Letter – Notice of consultation to consultees of intent to make changes to the dPS.

Your Ref
Our Ref: LDP2030 Consultation Proposed Changes
Date: 09 July 2020
Email: developmentplan@fermanaghomaghs.com



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

Alison McGuilagh
Chief Executive

«Name_One»
«Name_Two»

Planning Department

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

As a statutory 'consultation body', 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: www.fermanaghomaghs.com) 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 High Street, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1BQ and County Buildings, 15 East Bridge Street, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, BT74 7BW. Telephone 0300 303 1777 for an appointment. Social distancing measures will apply to anyone visiting these offices.

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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 developmentplan@fermanaghmagh.com or:
- Posting to:
Local Development Plan
Planning Department
Strule House
16 High Street
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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.fermanaghmagh.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 developmentplan@fermanaghmagh.com.

Please confirm, by return, that you have received this e-mail and that you are the correct contact person or department/section in your organisation to deal with this consultation. Please also co-ordinate with any of your other departments/sections that are considered relevant.

Yours faithfully



Hilda Clements
Principal Planning Officer (Development Plan)

Appendix 17 – Re-Advertisement – Re-Notification of Proposed Changes to draft Plan Strategy

Readvertisement Fermanagh and Omagh Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy

NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED CHANGES

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council has cancelled and is re-running its consultation on the proposed changes to the Local Development Plan draft Plan Strategy. The original Schedule of Proposed Changes did not accurately reflect the agreed position of the Council, particularly in relation to policy MIN04 - Unconventional Hydrocarbon Extraction, FLD03 – Sustainable Drainage Systems, RE01 – Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Energy Generation and HOU17 – Affordable Housing in the Countryside. The Schedule has now been updated to reflect all the changes agreed with Councillors.

The Council apologises for any concern which the publication of the inaccurate information has caused.

Comments on the proposed changes should be made within an 8-week period commencing on Thursday 8th October 2020 and closing on Thursday 3rd December 2020.

Availability of documents

The Schedule of Proposed Changes and accompanying statutory assessments (Addendums to the Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulations Assessment, Rural Needs Impact Assessment and Equality Impact Screening Report) will be available to view online (at: www.fermanaghomagh.com) and in paper format from Wednesday 7th October 2020.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Schedule and accompanying assessments will be available to view by appointment only between the hours of 9.00am and 5.00p.m. Monday to Friday at the Connect Centres: Strule House, 16 High Street, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT78 1BQ and County Buildings, 15 East Bridge Street, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, BT74 7BW. Telephone 0300 303 1777 for an appointment. Social distancing measures will be adhered to.

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Comments made should *only* address and relate to the soundness of the **Proposed Changes** as this consultation is not an opportunity to add to the previous representations or to make new comments on parts of the original Draft Plan Strategy and such comments will be disregarded.

All comments should be received no later than Thursday 3rd December 2020. Comments received after this time will not be considered.

Appendix 18 - Letter – Renotification of consultation to consultees of intent to make changes to the dPS.

Your Ref
Our Ref: LS1 LDP2030 Re Consultation Proposed Changes
Date: 1st October 2020
Email: developmentplan@fermanaghomaggh.com



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.

As a statutory 'consultation body' as defined in Regulation 2 of The Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, I write to you to advise that Fermanagh and Omagh District Council has cancelled and is re-running its consultation on the proposed changes to the Local Development Plan draft Plan Strategy.

The original Schedule of Proposed Changes did not accurately reflect the agreed position of the Council, particularly in relation to policies MIN04 - Unconventional Hydrocarbon Extraction, FLD03 – Sustainable Drainage Systems, RE01 – Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Generation and HOU17 – Affordable Housing in the Countryside. The Schedule has now been updated to reflect all the changes agreed with Councillors. The Council apologises for any concern which the publication of the inaccurate information has caused.

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 8th October 2020 and ending on Thursday 3rd December 2020.

The documents will be available to view online (at: www.fermanaghomaggh.com) and in paper format from Wednesday 7th October 2020.

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The deadline for comments is **Thursday 3rd December 2020**. Comments received after the deadline will not be accepted.

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Please confirm, by return, that you have received this e-mail and that you are the correct contact person or department/section in your organisation to deal with this consultation. Please also co-ordinate with any of your other departments/sections that are considered relevant.

Yours faithfully