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Date: 7th August 2019

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Dear Dr Boomer,

**Re: Mid Ulster District Council (MUDC) Local Development Plan (LDP):
Draft Plan Strategy – Counter Representations.**

I write on behalf of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council (CC&GBC) and in response to your correspondence of 10th June 2019 in relation to the above.

The Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) sets out the key tests under which LDP soundness will be assessed at Independent Examination (IE). Two key tests are as follows:

Consistency tests:

C4: Has the plan had regard to other relevant plans, policies and strategies relating to the council's district or to any adjoining council's district?

Coherence and effectiveness tests:

CE1: The DPD sets out a coherent strategy from which its policies and allocations logically flow and where cross boundary issues are relevant it is not in conflict with the DPDs of neighbouring councils.

CC&GBC LDP

CC&GBC is an 'adjoining council' for the purposes of MUDC formal LDP consultation.

The Council is currently preparing its LDP: Draft Plan Strategy. In doing so it will take account of regional policy and guidance, tailored to the local circumstances of the Borough. This will be based on the most up-to-date and robust evidence available.

Cross Boundary Working

The Sperrins Forum, convened in April 2017, consists of both elected representatives and professional planning officers from the following councils:

- Causeway Coast and Glens Borough;
- Derry City and Strabane District;
- Mid Ulster District; and
- Fermanagh and Omagh District.

The Forum was primarily set up to ensure a high level of co-operation and communication among neighbouring councils as we prepare our LDPs. It addresses the following common issues:

- Protection of landscapes and environmental assets through appropriate environmental designations;
- Management of Minerals Development;
- Improvement of road linkages and infrastructure;
- Sustainable tourism development; and
- Meeting peoples' needs.

The relevant councils will continue to work together throughout their respective LDP preparations to facilitate collaborative working.

Representations Received

Representations received to the MUDC Draft Plan Strategy are noted. The Council does not at this stage wish to add, alter or delete any site specific policy in the development plan document. The issues raised will be considered by the Council in the preparation of its LDP.

We looking forward to the continuation of our collaborative work on common issues.

Yours faithfully,



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Head of Planning