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**Independent Examination  
Derry City & Strabane District Council Local Development Plan:  
Plan Strategy**

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Dear Sir/Madam

The Department for Infrastructure has appointed the Planning Appeals Commission to conduct an Independent Examination of the Derry City & Strabane District Council Local Development Plan, and I am writing to you because you made a representation to the Council regarding their Plan Strategy.

The representation you made is held on the Derry City & Strabane District Council Local Development Plan website and can be viewed by visiting their document library page <https://www.derrystrabane.com/Subsites/LDP/Local-Development-Plan>

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Diane O'Neill as the Commissioner appointed to this examination. I am the Programme Officer responsible for assisting the Commissioner with all administrative aspects of the examination process and I will act as the sole point of contact for the Commissioner.

The Commissioner is currently completing a series of checks to ensure that all essential regulatory steps have been taken by the Council and to identify any fundamental concerns about the soundness of the plan. Following these checks, the Commissioner may request further written evidence and an exploratory meeting may be held. The Commissioner will decide if an exploratory meeting is necessary and who, if anyone, will be asked to submit additional evidence, therefore **you should not submit any further evidence unless explicitly asked to do so.**

**The Commissioner will give every representation the same careful consideration regardless of whether the person who made it is heard at a hearing or not.** If you no longer wish to take part in the examination process please contact me using the details above. Your original representation will still be considered by the Commissioner.

During the examination process the Commission will be using email as our primary means of contact. **Please provide me with an email address using the contact details overleaf.** (If you received this correspondence to your preferred email address this is not necessary).

The Commission has produced a procedural guide, '[Procedures for Independent Examinations of Local Development Plans](#)' (595 KB) which is available at [www.pacni.gov.uk/procedural-guides](http://www.pacni.gov.uk/procedural-guides).

After the initial assessment and any exploratory meetings have been completed, I will contact you again to advise how the hearing sessions will be arranged. Please regularly check your email account and our LDP website page (<https://www.pacni.gov.uk/derry-city-strabane>) to keep up to date with the latest developments.

Yours sincerely



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