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Date: 15th September 2023

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Consultation on Mid and East Antrim Local Development Plan 2030 draft Plan Strategy update.

Thank you for your letter, dated 2nd August 2023, in relation to the above.

It is noted that Mid and East Antrim (M&EA) Borough Council is now in receipt of the Direction from the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) (under Section 12 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011), as well as the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) Report into the Independent Examination (IE) of the M&EA Local Development Plan - draft Plan Strategy (dPS) 2030.

The Council notes that comments are invited on the following four documents only:

- draft Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) - August 2023
- Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating SEA) Report - Second Addendum
- draft Equality Screening Report - Second Addendum
- Rural Needs Impact Assessment - Second Addendum

The Council welcomes that M&EA has reached this stage of adoption of its Plan Strategy. It has no further comment to make on the published documents.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries regarding this.

Yours faithfully,

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