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Our Ref: ES23 LDP2030 Re Consultation Proposed
Changes

Date: 1st October 2020

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Chief Executive

Planning Department

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Development Plan Principal Planning Officer

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.fermanaghomagh.com) and in paper format from Wednesday 7th October 2020.

The Schedule of Proposed Changes and supporting assessments can be inspected **by appointment only** between the hours of 9.00am and 5.00pm from Wednesday 7th October 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.

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@fermanaghomagh.com or:
- Posting to:
Local Development Plan
Planning Department
Strule House
16 High Street
Omagh
Co Tyrone
BT78 1BQ

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

The deadline for comments is **Thursday 3rd December 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@fermanaghomagh.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

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