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Our reference: TOF-1250-2020

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Dear Ms Fox

PLANNING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2011

**THE PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER
(NORTHERN IRELAND) 2015**

**PLANNING APPLICATION LA11/2017/0510/F: PROPOSED RETENTION OF
UNDERGROUND SLURRY COLLECTION CHAMBER, PROPOSED PIPEWORK,
SAFETY FENCE AND LANDSCAPING (FURTHER INFORMATION RE: SURFACE
WATER GULLY AND LEVEL SENSOR LASER MEASUREMENT SYSTEM) AT
LANDS APPROXIMATELY 40 METRES WEST OF 24A EVISH ROAD STRABANE
CO TYRONE BT82 8NQ**

I refer to the Direction issued by the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) on 14 February 2020 in relation to the above planning application which prevents the Council from granting permission until further advised by the Department.

After careful consideration, I am of the view that this particular application is a local matter and does not raise issues of a potential regional or sub regional nature that would warrant intervention by the Department. The Direction, issued by the Department under the terms of Article 17 of The Planning (General Development Procedure) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015, in relation to this application is subsequently withdrawn.

Whilst the Department does not require the application to be referred to it for determination, it is important that the Council satisfy itself that all aspects of the proposal have been fully considered. Given the complexities around this matter, the Council is strongly encouraged to seek advice from an independent engineer to ensure that it has

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considered all the necessary expert views in relation to safety and amenity before a decision is taken.

You will also be aware of the requirement for your Council to now give due consideration to Regulation 7 (1) of the Planning (Development Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, requiring it to convene a pre-determination hearing prior to issuing a decision. Given the representations received in relation to this proposal, this will provide the Council with an opportunity to assess the matter in an open and transparent manner.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Angus Kerr', written in a cursive style.

ANGUS KERR
Chief Planner &
Director of Regional Planning