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Ms Hilda Clements
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Re: Fermanagh & Omagh District Council Local Development Plan Draft Plan Strategy – Re-Consultation on Proposed Changes

Dear Hilda,

Derry City and Strabane District Council (DC&SDC) welcomes this opportunity to engage with Fermanagh & Omagh District Council on the amended public re-consultation of your Local Development Plan Draft Plan Strategy – Proposed Changes, received which commenced on the 8th October 2020.

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DC&SDC Planning officers have reviewed the amended Schedule of Proposed Changes document, its associated Appendices and accompanying Assessments. We note that Fermanagh and Omagh District Council considers that the majority of the changes proposed do not fall cleanly within either of those categories as prescribed in DPPN 10 - stating they consider that whilst the changes in many cases may be important and significant, they are not required to make the plan 'sound'. This Council has no specific further comment to add regarding the Proposed Changes, having considered in particular whether they would have any significant impact on our adjoining District or our own emerging LDP.

However, we do note from the Proposed Changes document, an enhanced requirement for landscape protection within the most sensitive Fermanagh & Omagh District landscapes (AONB / SCA & AoHSV, etc.). To this end, we look forward to holding a further meeting of the Sperrins Forum during November, as it is important to ensure that there is a strategic policy compatibility across the AONB, so that we, and hopefully all Sperrin AONB Councils, are, in future, delivering a holistic approach to development within these more important landscapes.

Planning Officers have also reviewed the Screening findings of the Proposed Changes in relation to the accompanying assessments undertaken as part of the Draft Plan Strategy process and concur with the findings.

I trust that you find these comments useful. The Council's Planning Committee considered this amended Proposed Changes re-consultation at its meeting on 4th November 2020 and the resolution will go forward to full Council for ratification on 26th November 2020. Should there be any change after this date, we will write to you. This Council looks forward to continuing liaison with Fermanagh & Omagh District Council as we progress our LDPs and plan for the future of our adjoining Districts.

Yours sincerely,

Planning Committee Chair