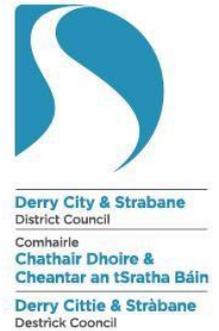


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Our Ref: Housing Supply  
Strategy Call for Evidence  
2021

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Sir / Madam

### **Re: Comments from Derry City & Strabane District Council regarding Housing Supply Strategy Call for Evidence**

I refer to the current Call for Evidence invitation in relation to the proposed Housing Supply Strategy. In the invitation, views were sought on the development of the proposed Strategy to help shape housing supply policy.

I am writing to you with those comments, following the approval of the attached Paper at the recent meeting of the Council's Planning Committee on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021. Comments are as follows:

Members of this Council are acutely aware of the serious housing need issue within this District, and in particular, social housing within Derry City. The Housing Growth Indicator (DfI 2019) for the District proposed approximately 4,500 new houses as being appropriate up to 2032. The Social Housing need for the District for the same period is 4,500 in itself. While the Council is currently developing its LDP, through which we will endeavour to supply policy and lands to meet this need, it is recognised there also needs to be additional wider and more focussed actions to fully deliver appropriate housing, of all tenures, for this District.

Members stress to DfC- Housing Strategy & Co-ordination Unit, the serious housing need within the District and Derry City in particular and reiterate that suitable delivery mechanisms are required in the short and medium timescales.

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## **Appendix 14**

Members look forward to ongoing engagement with the Department throughout the development of the Housing Supply Strategy and ultimately in its delivery. We will indeed take interest and respond to the formal Draft Strategy consultation stage later in 2021.

Yours sincerely

**Cllr Philip McKinney**

Chair of Planning Committee