

To: Development Plan Team
Planning Department
Mid Ulster District Council
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Dear Development Plan Team

I welcome the provision that is being made in MUDCs Local Development Plan to protect and preserve the qualities and characteristics of vulnerable and distinctive landscapes which are particularly sensitive to renewable energy development especially development consisting of wind turbines.

I particularly welcome the introduction of Special Countryside Areas (SCA's) and areas of Constraint on Wind Turbines and High Structures (AOCWTHS) proposed in paragraph 22.11.

To date a number of proposed turbines in this landscape locality which straddles both FODC and MUDC areas have been refused due to the unacceptable visual impact and visual amenity and landscape character through the scale and siting of the projects which were being proposed.

And finally in relation to protecting the open and exposed vulnerable Sperrin AONB Landscapes which are particularly sensitive to renewable energy development especially, development consisting of wind turbines; I am urging MUDC to cooperate with FODC to ensure that the adjoining and corresponding area of the South Sperrin, already proposed as having no underlying capacity for wind energy, is afforded the same protection within the respective area plans.

Yours sincerely

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