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Please see attached from Ms Audrey Gahan FSA Chairperson Historic Monuments Council.

Regards

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## **Mid Ulster Local Draft Plan Strategy**

The Historic Monuments Council is pleased to have the opportunity to comment on and respond to the Draft Plan Strategy. The Historic Monuments Council is a statutory council appointed to advise the Department for Communities on the exercise of its powers under the Historic Monuments and Archaeological Objects (NI) Order 1995. It is consulted by the Department in relation to policy, the Scheduling of Monuments, Monuments in State Care and the identification of Areas of Significant Archaeological Interest (ASAIs). Membership of the Council is diverse, representing a wide range of public interests complemented by a number of senior archaeologists (including the Chair) with professional and heritage management expertise.

In preparing its comments on the Draft Plan Strategy, the Historic Monuments Council (HMC) consulted with the Historic Environment Division (HED), Department for Communities. The Historic Monuments Council supports the detailed comments of HED in its submission (18<sup>th</sup> April 2019) and particularly the concerns of HED in relation to the articulation of policy on Archaeology and Built Heritage.

In reviewing the Draft Plan Strategy, the comments submitted by HMC to the Preferred Options Paper on 27-01-2017 have been taken into account. In assessing the Draft Plan Strategy it has been found to fail the test for soundness, specifically on Procedural Test P2 and Coherence and Effectiveness CE2.

The Historic Monuments Council looks forward to continue to engage with the Mid Ulster Local Development Plan (and Community Plan) process and would be very pleased to offer its advice at any stage and to meet if that would be helpful.

Yours sincerely



Audrey Gahan, FSA, chair