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Local Development Plan 2030 - Draft Plan Strategy

Attachments:

Kilcreggan Homes p1.pdf; Kilcreggan Homes p2.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to the above please find attached a representation on behalf of Kilcreggan Homes Ltd.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Thanks.

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- 1.0 This representation to the Mid Ulster Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy (DPS) is being made on behalf of Kilcreggan Homes Ltd.
- 2.0 Kilcreggan Homes is an independent charity that provides housing, day and employment opportunities for adults with a Learning Disability, Autistic Spectrum Condition or an acquired brain injury.
- 3.0 Of particular relevance to development planning is the fact that as an organisation it offers its innovative and unique services in a variety of settings with land use implications including urban farms, social enterprises and garden centres ideally linked to purpose-built housing. The charity works closely with Health and Social Care Trusts.
- 4.0 As stated in the introduction to the DPS all Local Development Plans must take account of Community Plans and this especially applies to the Mid Ulster Local Development Plan. A key theme of the Mid Ulster Community Plan relates to health and well-being and includes amongst other commitments a commitment to extend and enhance supported and independent living provision.
- 5.0 Strategic planning policies to be included within the DPS must therefore reflect these commitments especially relating to supported purpose-built housing to allow affected adults to transition into the wider community.
- 6.0 Within settlements the DPS at Policy HOU1 sets out its policy for the protection of zoned housing land. It accepts the development of social/affordable housing to meet indentified need only within phase 2 zonings. This particular exception should be extended to phase 1 zonings and indeed it should explicitly allow for supported housing proposals as detailed above with the proviso that the specific need should be confirmed by the relevant Health and Social Care Trust (H&SCT).
- 7.0 Similarly Policy CT3 relating to the policy for social and affordable housing in the countryside should also be extended to make provision for small scale purpose built housing again based on need confirmed by the relevant (H&SCT)

- and if necessary linked to an established small social farm incorporating horticultural opportunities.
- 8.0 Finally Policy COY 1 relating to Community Uses should reflect the fact that the type of facilities and associated small scale housing covered elsewhere in this representation are social developments with community wide benefits within the health care environment.



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