

**ANNEX B – Response Pro-forma**

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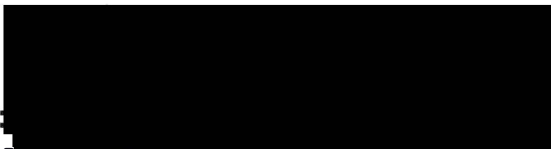
**Please tick the applicable box below.**

- a) I confirm that I wish for my original representation to be considered as my representation.

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**Signature:**



**Date:** ..... 16/03/2020 .....

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**Please ensure you return this completed Pro forma (along with any additional documents if you have ticked [b]) above) to Development Plan Team, Planning Department, Mid Ulster District Council, 50 Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt, BT45 6EN, by 5pm on 21st May 2020.**

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**BY E-MAIL**16<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Our Ref: Matter 20

E: 

Dear Sir/Madam,

**REPRESENTATION TO LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LDP) - LANDS AT SANDHOLES ROAD, COOKSTOWN****MID ULSTER DISTRICT COUNCIL****MUPOP/214**

We write on behalf of our client Mr Faulkner, in relation to the Council's recently published draft Plan Strategy. This letter relates to the strategic theme of housing, and provides commentary on our client's site at Sandholes Road, Cookstown. We have also for completeness attached a copy of our client's representation to the Preferred Options Paper, which was given the reference number MUPOP/214 by the Council.

**Growth Strategy and Spatial Planning Framework***Spatial Planning Framework*

We remain of the view that the framework elements SPF1 – SPF6 are in theory in accordance with the strategic direction of the RDS. However, the actual housing allocation figures articulated in Appendix 1 do not reflect a coherent strategy and in practice will not result in growth being focused within the three main towns nor will it result in a sustainable pattern of development in the countryside.

Rather, due to the equitable split of housing across the settlement hierarchy and countryside, and the very substantial over-subscribing of housing identified in large part due to existing committed developments, the proposed allocations will encourage a dispersed pattern of settlement and place undue pressure on the countryside from a landscape, environmental and infrastructure perspective.

The disconnect between the strategy and the figures in Appendix 1 is most stark in relation to the HGI. The HGI for Mid Ulster is identified as 11,000 houses pro-rata over the plan period to 2030. However, when the actual capacity of

settlements and equitable split of the HGI as identified in Appendix 1 is tallied with the 40% housing in the countryside it results in a total of 19,074 dwellings. This is over 170% of the HGI.

This creates fundamental tensions between the strategy and the proposed growth/allocation that are not grappled with in the draft Plan Strategy. This substantial over-allocation would not be sustainable as previously articulated as it provides such a generous spread of housing across the settlement hierarchy there is no mechanism to direct growth to the main towns.

Whilst SPF6 states that the countryside will not be subject to an allocation of the District's HGI, this is not the case in reality. Any dwelling constructed within the District boundaries during the Plan period counts towards housing growth, irrespective of how it is characterised. If 4,300 dwellings are built in the countryside during the plan period, this is 40% of the HGI allocation whether or not the Council chooses to call it such.

It is clear that there is a need for the Council to follow through on its strategy and make difficult decisions on where to reduce growth in order to genuinely seek to achieve sustainable patterns of development. In our view this must start with a significant reduction in housing allocated to the countryside, and that this must be delivered through the provision of more restrictive area-specific or district-wide rural housing policies.

### Site Specifics

The site exists as Phase 2 housing lands extending approx. 17.78 Ha with access gained via the Sandholes Road. The site gradually falls from North to South with an existing fenceline on all boundaries.

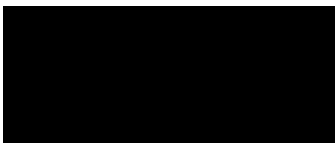
### Summary

We would respectfully request that our client's lands located at Sandholes Road, Cookstown are promoted from Phase 2 housing lands to Phase 1 in the emerging Local Development Plan for the strategic and site-specific reasons outlined above.

We believe there is a compelling case for the lands to be zoned to assist the Council in increasing the amount of housing delivered within Cookstown.

I trust the above is helpful to the Council in progressing the draft Plan Strategy and look forward to further input as appropriate as the Plan progresses.

Yours Sincerely,



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**Preferred Options Paper  
Representation Form**

Ref:
Date Received:
(For official use only)

*This form can be used to submit your representation to the Preferred Options Paper. Representations can also be made in writing or via email to the address detailed at the end of this form.*

**SECTION A**

1. Personal Details      2. Agent Details

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**SECTION B**

**Your comments should be set out in full. This will help the Council understand the issues you raise to inform the preparation of the Local Development Plan.**

2. To which part of the POP does your representation relate?
- (i) Page Number (s) – 22 to 24, 124 to 125 and 139
  - (ii) Subject (s) – Housing Growth [Cookstown Town]
  - (iii) Policy Ref (s) – see ‘Zoned Phase 2’ on page 125
  - (iv) Map Name (s) – Cookstown Settlement Development Limit Zoned Phase II (H25)

#### **A. Introduction**

Mr. John Faulkner owns/controls land (phase II) (Zone H25) directly North of Sandholes Road, Cookstown.

#### **B. Purpose**

Promote land from Phase II to Phase I housing lands within the SDL of Cookstown.

Please read this site specific representation along with Clyde Shanks strategic representation regarding the preferred housing growth option.

#### **C. Settlement Matters**

The landowner acknowledge that this first stage of the LDP relates to 'strategic' issues but that MU Council has welcomed site specific representations now.

They further acknowledge that the Council have a stated preferred option for zoning housing land, option 1, which promotes a 'equitable split' between settlements to ensure that towns provide at least 27% of new housing while the rural area should not exceed a maximum of 40% of the dwellings. The conclusion of this preferred option is that no additional land is needed in the hubs given extant commitments/zonings exceed the suggested allocation deriving from the Housing Growth Indicators (2012) prepared by Dfl.

#### **D. Site Specific Matters**

Notwithstanding the strategic issue, the following sets out the high level merits of the land.

The site is located inside the development limit and Phase I land (built) situated West.

See attached environmental matrix setting out site context/characteristics – Annex 1. In terms of protective designations (built heritage and flood risk) see Annex 2 for exhibits.

Signature:  on behalf of Clyde Shanks Date: 25 January 2017

You are encouraged to provide your comments via email to the following email address:

[DevelopmentPlan@midulstercouncil.org](mailto:DevelopmentPlan@midulstercouncil.org)

Or to the following postal address:

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**CLOSING DATE FOR REPRESENTATIONS NO LATER THAN 5.00pm ON FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017**

**ANNEX 1 – SITE CONTEXT PLAN / ENVIRONMENTAL MATRIX**



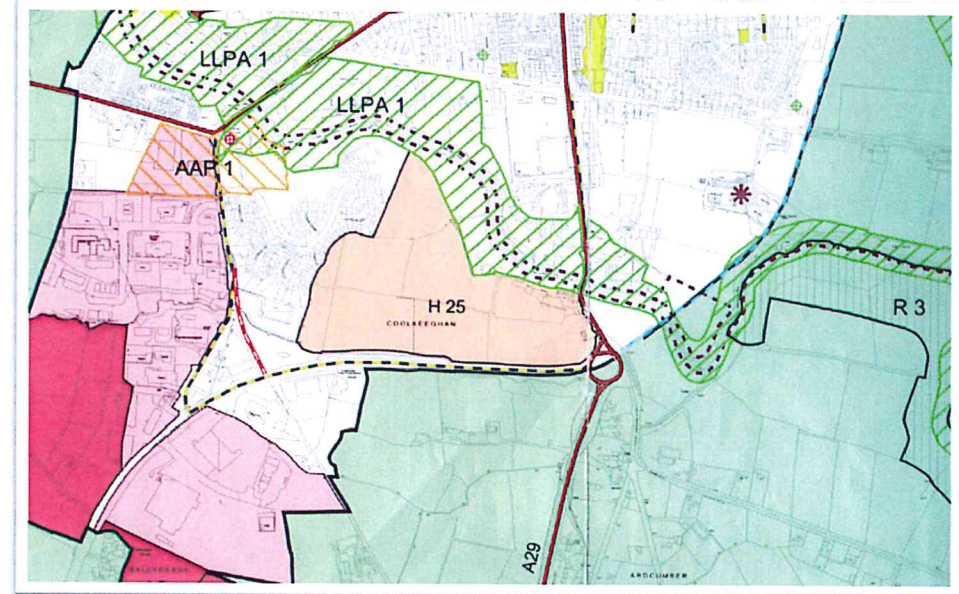
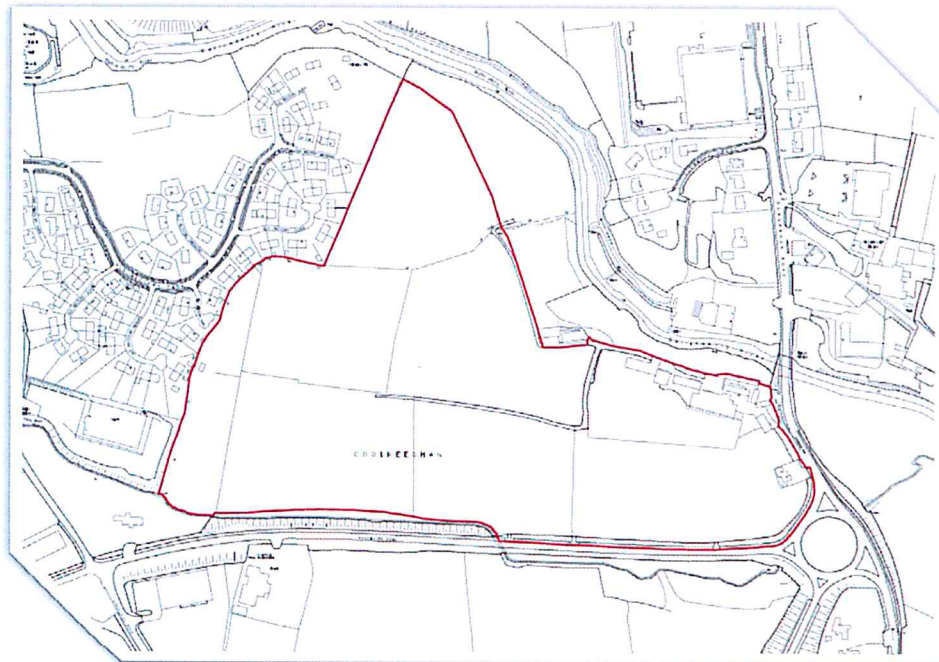
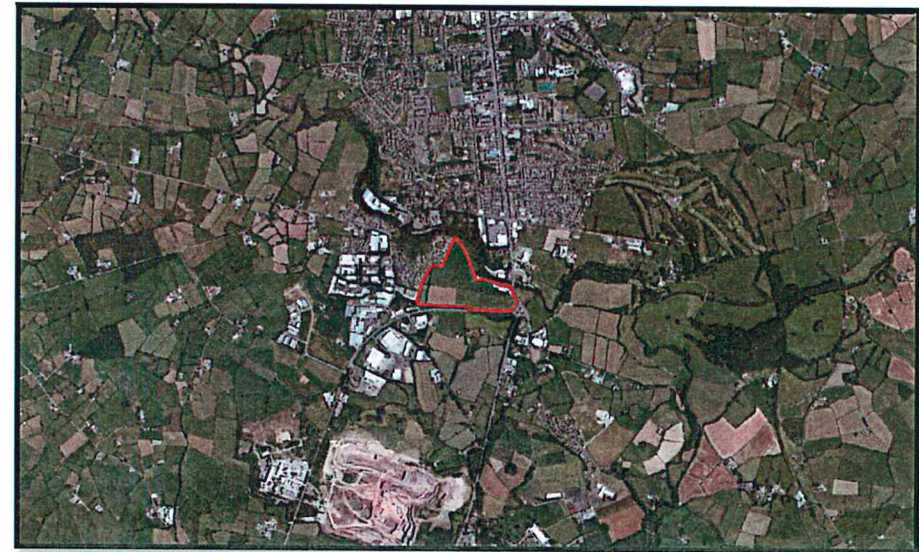
**DEVELOPMENT PLAN REPRESENTATION MAP**  
**LANDS AT SANDHOLES ROAD, COOKSTOWN**

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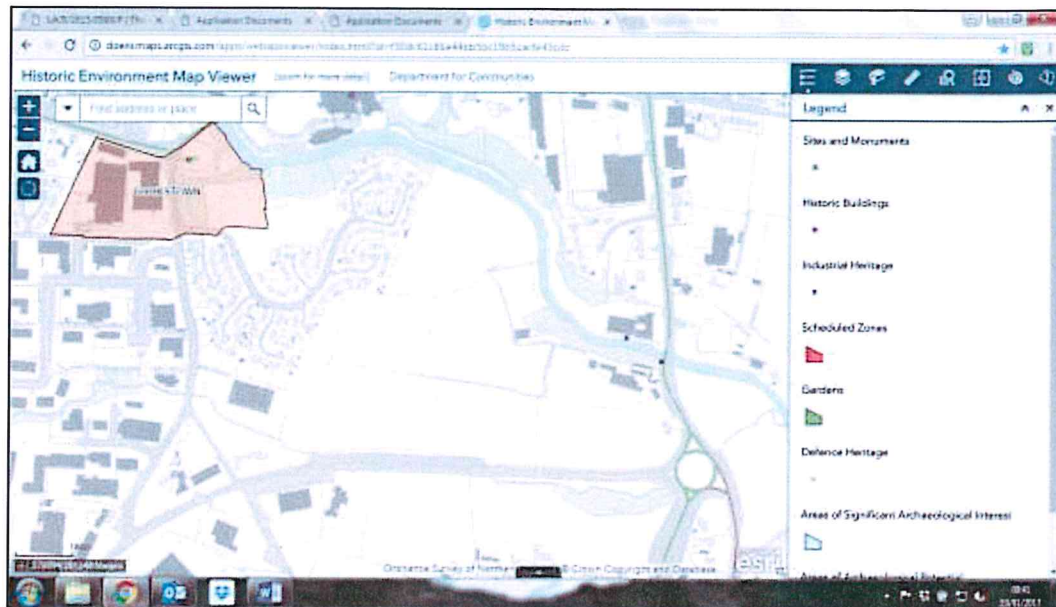


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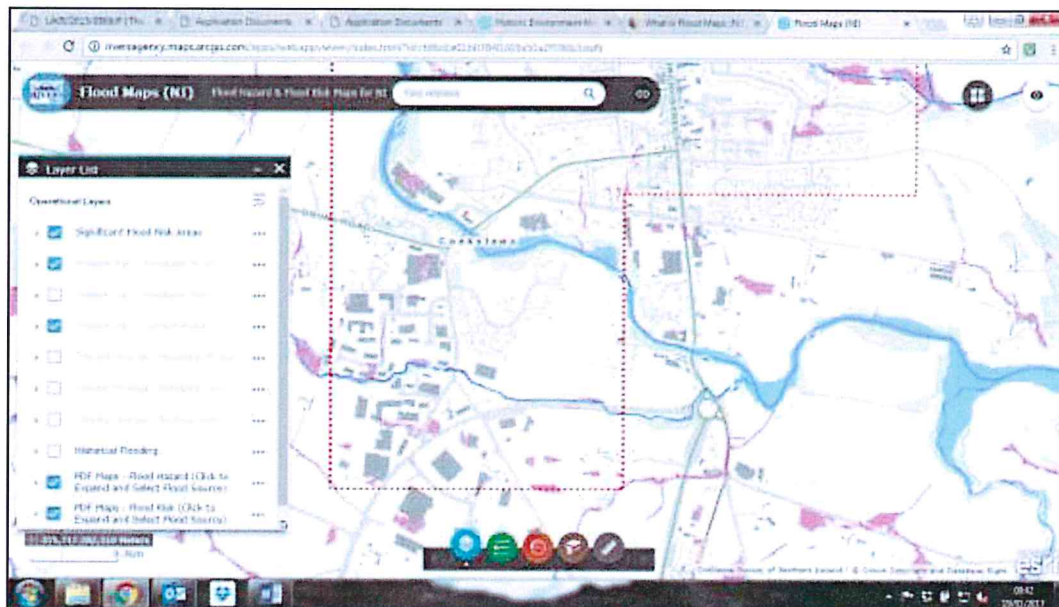
Site Context / Environmental Matrix	
Proposal	Land for Housing Development
Site Area (Edged Red)	17.78 Hectares
Access	Access via Sandholes Road
Topography	Land falls from North to South
Boundaries	Mix of Hedgerow and Fenceline to all Boundaries
Potential Yield	355 Dwellings



## ANNEX 2 – MAP VIEWER EXTRACTS (BUILT HERITAGE AND FLOOD RISK)



- No built heritage within site.



- Site is not located on a floodplain, however, it should be noted there are existing watercourses to the North and South.