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Q3 To which part of the Draft Plan Strategy does your representation relate?

Paragraph	Tourism paragraph 15.12
Objective	Promoting tourism
Growth Strategy/Spatial Planning Framework	Tourism strategy
Policy	Policy TOU 1
Site Location	Sperrins

Q4 Do you consider the development plan document (DPD) is:

Unsound

Q5 If you consider the draft Plan Strategy to be unsound, please identify which test(s) of soundness your representation relates, having regard to Development Plan Practice Note 6.

Procedural test 1. Has the Draft Plan Strategy been prepared in accordance with the council's timetable and the Statement of Community Involvement?

Q6 Please give details of why you consider the Draft Plan Strategy to be unsound having regard to the test(s) you have identified above. Please be as precise as possible. If you consider the Draft Plan Strategy to be sound and wish to support the Draft Plan Strategy, please set out your comments below. Please note your representation should be submitted in full and cover succinctly all the information, evidence, and any supporting information necessary to support/justify your submission. There will not be a subsequent opportunity to make a further submission based on your original representation. After this stage, further submissions will only be at the request of the independent examiner, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies at independent examination.

The plan strategy to develop tourism both in tourism opportunity zones(TOZ) and conservation zones(TCZ) are concentrated outside the sperrin mountain range.

.The sperrins is listed as the top 101 scenic drives in the world (Mid Ulster Mail, August 3 2012) and is a popular walking, cycling, and parachuting area, with ancient sites dating back to the bronze age.

Mid Ulster Council has shown no vision to promote this area of outstanding natural beauty.

Why the plan strategy has omitted this area from development is believed by anti mining groups in the area, possibly due to the council's objective to allow the mining of precious metals in this area of natural beauty. Such mining, which requires the use of toxic substances, eg cyanide and the development of industrial buildings, machinery, would have a detrimental impact on environment, landscape and human health.

The Mid Ulster council planners should explain why this area is not given priority to develop tourism and should quell the fears of the vast majority of the local community that the council intend to leave this mountainous area to the mining company developers and not tourist development.

Q7 If you consider the Draft Plan Strategy to be unsound, please provide details of what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Draft Plan Strategy sound.

The section on minerals para 14.1 conflicts with the development of mining, particularly precious metals and protecting important nature, conservation etc areas. The plan strategy has and can not guarantee the protection of this area of natural beauty, while 'facilitate mining development.'

Mining development of precious metals should be omitted from the area plan.

Q8 Please note that the Department will expect the independent examiner to give the same careful consideration to written representations as to those representations dealt with by oral hearing. If you are seeking a change to the Draft Plan Strategy, please indicate if you would like your representation to be dealt with by:

Oral Hearing

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Q9 Signature

Harry Hutchinson. (Love Sperrins Hate Mining gp)

Q10 Date

Date / Time

17/04/2019