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Dear sirs,

I refer to the Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy and the on-line consultation form and representation forms on your web page.

It appears that they only allow a person to comment on the soundness or unsoundness of the Strategy and do not allow me to submit the comments I wished to make so I am e mailing as an alternative.

The Shores of Traad Community Group of which I am a member, is supportive of the designation of Traad Point as a Tourism Opportunity Zone (Policy TOU3 - page 159) and Map 1.16 page 162.

We also welcome the introduction of Policy SCA1 Special Countryside areas (page 200) and the protection afforded to places like Traad by Policy NH1: International Designations (page 201); Policy NH2: Protected Species (page 202); Policy NH3: National Designations and Policy NH4: Local Designations (page 203).

It is difficult to reconcile the protections which these policies afford with the continued inclusion by Mid Ulster District Council of Traad Point as part of a scoping study for a travellers' halting site. Such a use, which is to all intents and purposes, residential, is not compatible with the draft Local Plan Strategy. It appears that the Council is pursuing two, contradictory approaches at the same location.

The MUDC approach to Traad is very confusing and STCG is unclear what its policy intentions are. It could be argued that these contradictory approaches are a challenge to the probity of the statutory LDP consultation process.

We trust that you will be able to clarify this when providing a response to our representation on the Local Plan Strategy.

Yours faithfully,

Damian Mcelhone
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