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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: [Redacted]

Date: 16 March 2020

If you require assistance when completing the above, please contact developmentplan@midulstercouncil.org

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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Q1 Personal Details

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Q2 Agent Details (if applicable)

Respondent skipped this question

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

Policy	Minerals, policy MIN 3
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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.

Coherence and effectiveness test 2. The strategy, policies and allocations are realistic and appropriate having considered the relevant alternatives and are founded on a robust evidence base.

Coherence and effectiveness test 4. It is reasonably flexible to enable it to deal with changing circumstances.

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.

Policy MIN 3

The policy relates to "Valuable minerals and hydrocarbons". Within the Council Area there may be accumulations of uncommon, but low value, minerals which are important for the national economy, for example barite. The policy should cover uncommon minerals, some of which may be perceived to be of low value.

Paragraph 14.20

The specification "metalliferous minerals" is overly specific and excludes other valuable minerals, for example gemstones. It is an unnecessary specification.

Paragraph 14.21

The requirement to prove that any process has no "negative impact on human health" may be impossible to meet. The requirement is not consistent with Policy MIN 3 which requires no "significant risks to human health".

Paragraph 14.22

The phrase "or chemical extraction of precious metals" is out of place in a paragraph about hydrocarbon, especially as the process is covered in paragraph 14.21. The requirement to prove that any unconventional hydrocarbon extraction has "no negative impacts on human health or human safety" may be impossible to meet. The requirement is not consistent with Policy MIN 3 which requires no "significant risks to human health".

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.

Policy MIN 3

The policy should be expanded to cover "Uncommon or valuable minerals and hydrocarbons".

Paragraph 14.20

Replace "such high value metalliferous minerals" with "valuable minerals" or "uncommon and valuable minerals".

Paragraph 14.21

Change "have any negative impact on human health" to "pose significant risks to human health" in line with Policy MIN 3.

Paragraph 14.22

Remove "or chemical extraction of precious metal". Change "no negative impacts on human health or human safety" to "no significant risks to human health" in line with Policy MIN 3.

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:

**Written
Representation**

Q9 Signature



Q10 Date

Date / Time

02/04/2019
