

**Elaine Mullin**

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**From:** Sinead McEvoy  
**Sent:** 09 April 2019 13:34  
**To:** Elaine Mullin  
**Subject:** FW: Mid Ulster District Council Development Plan 2030 – Draft Plan Strategy

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Hi Elaine,

Can we get this logged, saved and acknowledged as a representation from the Town Centre Regeneration Team of DfC.

Thanks  
Sinead

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**From:** Anderson, Patrick [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 08 April 2019 15:55  
**To:** Sinead McEvoy <Sinead.McEvoy@midulstercouncil.org>  
**Cc:** McGowan, Sharon [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Mid Ulster District Council Development Plan 2030 – Draft Plan Strategy

Sinead,

I have read through the Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan 2030 – Draft Plan Strategy. I found this a very comprehensive document and I believe its “Town Centre First” approach will help us in our work to support the regeneration of our town in the district.

The work of the regeneration activities of Housing, Urban Regeneration and Local Government Group (HURLG) in the Department for Communities are primarily focusses on those settlements of over 5,000 population and for this reason our focus in Mid Ulster is on Coalisland, Cookstown, Dungannon and Magherafelt . However, the Minister for Communities Paul Givan made an announcement in January 2017 that the Department’s Public Realm programme would be extended to regenerate Public Spaces to smaller towns and villages (i.e. 1,000 – 4,999) but that this would be phased in focussing on smaller towns with a population of 2,500 – 4,999 in the beginning. It is for this reason that we are working with MUDC to bring forward a Public Realm scheme for Maghera. There are no plans at this stage to bring forward any other Regeneration activities in Maghera.

The reason why I raise this is that throughout the Local Development Plan there is reference to Dungannon, Cookstown and Magherafelt as the key towns and Coalisland is being placed with Maghera and on each occasion throughout the text Maghera is being placed first. I am concerned that this approach is not in line with the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) - Classification and Delineation of Settlements published 26 March 2015.

NISRA places these settlements in the following bands:-

- BAND D - MEDIUM TOWN (POPULATION 10,000 - 17,999) – Dungannon and Cookstown
- BAND E - SMALL TOWN (POPULATION 5,000 - 9,999) – Magherafelt and Coalisland
- BAND F - INTERMEDIATE SETTLEMENT (POPULATION 2,500 - 4,999) – Maghera

On this basis, I feel that consideration should be given in the Local Development Plan 2030 - Draft Plan Strategy to accurately reflect that Coalisland is a larger settlement than Maghera and should probably be included in the list of key settlements (for DfC's Regeneration purposes) along with Dungannon, Cookstown and Magherafelt.

Regards,

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