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Derrytresk Community Committee welcomes the draft LDP and the opportunity to comment on key aspects. We are a vibrant rural area, with an active community, and are fortunate to have a community centre that is enjoyed by residents and visitors of all ages.

We are also aware that we are fortunate to live in a place that is culturally vibrant, and has many natural assets & heritage that has much potential for visitors to Mid Ulster as well as our residents. However, there are key issues that hinder our community reaching its full potential, particularly related to *access to services poverty*, and the paucity of *broadband availability*.

Rather than comment on the whole document, we would prefer as this stage to voice our interest and concern on the following aspects of housing and planning, from which a number of other issues flow:

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**Policy CT4 Dispersed Rural Communities**

We welcome the retention of the Dispersed Rural Communities designation in the Draft Plan strategy. We also welcome the commitment at Para 4.46 that in preparing the Local Policies Plan consideration will be given to whether there are other locations in the District which could be defined as a DRC. We feel Derrytresk, with a growing school population, and a number of families seeking to locate to this area merits consideration

**Para 4.10 table 2 Mid Ulster Settlement Hierarchy**

We welcome the identification of Derrytresk as a new small settlement in the Draft Plan Strategy. We would ask that MUDC move to identify a settlement limit of Derrytresk asap in consultation with the local community.

**Appendix 1 Housing Local Indicators and Economic Development Local Indicators Over Plan Period 2015-2030**

We question the assumption of approximately 11 households within the proposed new settlement of Derrytresk. Until a settlement limit has been agreed it is difficult to identify how many households are contained within it.

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Finally, we would welcome the opportunity for our community in Derrytresk to be involved in the more detailed consultation and planning as the strategy is further developed.

Kind Regards,

Maura Brooks (Chair)

Derrytresk Community Committee