



3 August 2020.



Submission of Representation to Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy.

Your Ref: MUPOP/12 & MUPOP/17

Dear Sirs,

This representation relates to: The local Development Plan, Public Consultation Report to Preferred Options Paper January 2019.

I have reviewed this report and would make the following representations about it and some of the recommendations contained within it.

P.12 Settlement Hierarchy, Do I agree with proposed settlement hierarchy?

I agree with the recommendation that Creagh is designated a village and that it is considered reasonable to extend the existing development limit. The new village will require extra housing capacity to accommodate the new industry that has established.

P.16. Housing allocations and Zoning. Should housing be allocated based on an equitable split of growing the hubs, consolidating the towns and villages while ensuring the rural area gets an equitable share?

I do not agree with the recommendation that the Council maintain its equitable split of housing allocation between hubs, towns and villages. I would encourage more housing being directed to the towns and villages particularly those with good existing infrastructure to accommodate future growth.

P.82 Do you agree with the principle that the Plan should contain Rural Industrial Policy Areas (RIPA's)?

I agree with the recommendation to designate lands at Creagh as an RIPA. I would wish to point out that a large area of land between Blackpark Road and the New Aughrim Road link at Creagh is not designated within the Q100 Flood plain.

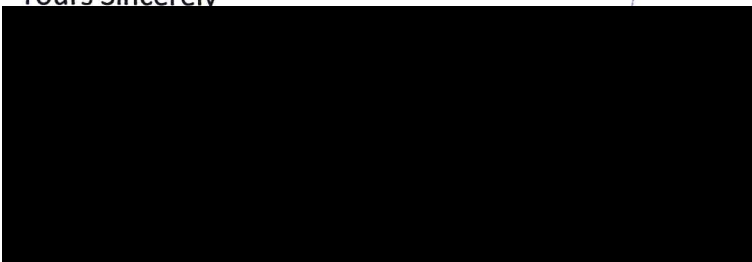
P.172 Transportation . Do you support the approach taken regarding new transport schemes, walking & cycling?

I agree with the recommendation that the Council continue to protect land required for new transport schemes and to identify such lands in the LDP. It is important that the Council engage with Transport NI to ensure that any lands required for new road proposals are protected. I would also ask that the Council ensure that developers should be required to complete any road schemes through their lands should they wish to open it up for development.

I would ask the Council to include the Aughrim Road link (COU8 Magherafelt Area Plan) at Creagh in the LPP. It is important for Creagh village that the Council liaise with Transport NI to bring forward the development of this key link between the new road infrastructure on the A6 and the numerous industries on Aughrim and Creagh Roads. This link when constructed will also reduce the dependency of HGV's using the mostly residential Blackpark Road in the village.

I would ask that all these suggestions will be taken into account as the LDP is brought forward and I would welcome the opportunity to make any further representation both in writing or at an oral hearing.

Yours Sincerely

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Patrick Mulholland