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Dear Sir/Madam,

This is my response to the Local Draft Plan consultation.

I give permission for my response to be made public.

Could I receive an acknowledgement to my response please?

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Cllr Sheamus Greene.

Fermanagh And Omagh Draft Plan Strategy Representation

Rural Needs Impact Assessment

I believe that Dispersed Rural Communities designation wasn't given the proper attention. By not including DRCs in the LDP I cannot see how the Council are providing for rural communities to develop and in fact will lead to the continued decline of rural living. As a Council area that is mainly rural I believe this is a serious flaw in the LDP.

I also believe that this is a Rural Proofing issue because rural communities are losing something which they already had, i.e. DRC designation.

Fermanagh and Omagh will also be at a disadvantage because their neighbouring Councils both North and South of the border will have these DRC areas.

Draft Plan Strategy(Soundness/Unsoundness)

Unsound.

SP02 - Settlement

Areas like Aghadrumsee should be re classed as Small settlements, no good reason was given as to why this could not be done. In-fact the information provided to Councillors was clearly wrong.

P2 Has the council prepared its Preferred Options Paper and taken into account any representations made?

No.

I don't believe that the Council has considered representations that was made regarding Dispersed Rural Communities. I feel that full information wasn't provided to Councillors when these decisions were being made.

C4 Has the plan had regard to other relevant plans, policies and strategies relating to the council's district or to any adjoining council's district?

No;

I don't believe Fermanagh and Omagh District Council have taken regard of either Mid Ulster or Derry and Strabane's plans, policies and strategies in relation DRCs and Small Settlements. Other neighbouring Councils are proposing to retain DRCs and Derry and Strabane are proposing areas like our DRC classification. Also, small Settlements with one or more nodes are being allowed in other Council areas while FODC were told that this wasn't possible.

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No;

I believe firmly that Fermanagh and Omagh District Council have not considered the representations made to it by the communities from the Dispersed Rural Communities. These communities and their umbrella organisation, Fermanagh Rural Community Network (FRCN) made detailed representations which seems to have been completely ignored.

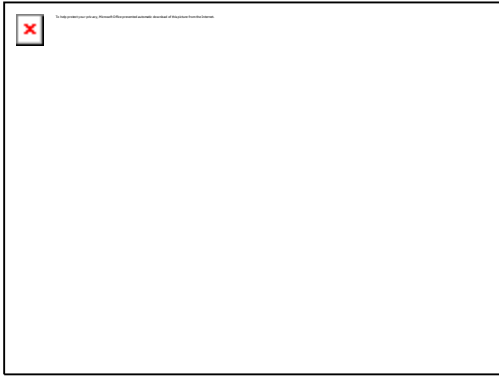
Other General Observations

Draft policy RE01;

I believe that the Councils criteria (below) on Wind Energy Proposals need to be changed to take into account local people and their quality of life. International studies and now coming to the conclusions that Wind Farm turbines should be situated no nearer than 1500m from dwelling houses. FODC should take into account new international reports that state that ultra sound and low frequency noise are causing health problems to communities that live near to these Wind farms. A link below to one study is provided.

Best practice should be adhered to and a minimum of 1500m should be enforced. I also believe that a review mechanism should be provided so that best practice can be updated when necessary and relevant.

<https://windwisema.org/about/noise/wind-turbine-syndrome-and-vibroacoustic-disease/>



Wind Turbine Syndrome and Vibroacoustic Disease | Wind Wise ~ Massachusetts

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Wind turbine syndrome or wind farm syndrome is a psychosomatic disorder primarily caused by anxiety generated by heightened awareness of turbines[1] – the “nocebo effect”[2] – prompted by proponents of the idea that wind turbines have adverse health effects.

Wind Energy Proposals

In addition to criteria (a) - (j) above, all proposals for wind energy development including single turbines and wind farms, extensions and repowering will be required to comply with the guidance set out in the Fermanagh and Omagh Wind energy Strategy (Appendix 7) and demonstrate that:

- k) they do not result in unacceptable impacts on nearby residential properties and/or any sensitive receptors in terms of noise, visual dominance, shadow flicker, ice throw or reflective light;
- l) the development will not create a significant risk of landslide or bog burst;
- m) the proposed entrance is adequate for both the construction and operation phase of the development along with the local access road network to facilitate construction of the proposal and transportation of large machinery and turbine parts to site;
- n) a separation distance of 10 times rotor diameter to an occupied, temporarily unoccupied or approved dwelling can be achieved. A**

minimum distance not less than 500m will generally apply to wind farms

with single turbine proposals assessed on a case by case basis; and

o) the above-ground redundant plant (including turbines), buildings and associated infrastructure shall be removed and the site restored to an agreed standard appropriate to its location.

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I think that the requirement that a farm has to be active for a 6-year period is too prohibitive. This should be changed to a period of 3 years.

A farmer without full accounts should be able to provide a letter from a legal professional stating that he is indeed a practicing farmer for the required period. This should be accepted by planning as evidence.

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In some infill sites, 2 dwellings should be allowed.
