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FODC Planning Department,

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Your Ref

Our Ref

Date: 21/12/2018

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Consultation on Local Development draft Plan Strategy 2030.

I write in reference to the above subject and welcome the opportunity to comment.

As you will be aware from the Cross-Border Forum and the draft Statement of Common Ground, many of the challenges for Fermanagh and Omagh District Council are similar to those identified in our Council area. You will also be aware that Monaghan County Council is currently preparing its County Development Plan 2019-2025 and it is due for adoption in Spring 2019.

Having reviewed the draft document, Monaghan County Councils comments are as follows;

In terms of the overall Strategic Objectives and Spatial Growth Strategy, the Council would have no issues with the approach that has been taken.

The Council notes your approach to Green Infrastructure (Strategy Objective 18). This objective has an important cross border dimension, particularly in the context of the Ulster Canal, which has potential both as greenway and a tourism asset. Council also welcomes related draft policy OS R6 'Safeguarding of the Ulster Canal', which seeks to safeguard the Ulster Canal from development that would prejudice its future restoration

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or development. This approach is consistent with the approach taken by Monaghan Council.

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We note that the Growth strategy acknowledges the need to upgrade N2-A5 Monaghan to Letterkenny transport Corridor and its economic importance to the central border region. As discussed at the Cross-border forums, improving road linkages and road infrastructure is a key driver for economic growth and for ensuring that connections across Ireland, north and south, are utilised to mutual advantage.

The Council also notes your approach to environmental protection and Strategic Objective 13 and related environmental policies contained in Chapter 5 Environment. You will recall from the cross-border forum how consensus was reached among members on the need to protect our most sensitive areas from inappropriate development. This is particularly important in the context of Sliabh Beagh, which straddles our council areas and is one of the largest areas of intact upland blanket bog on the island of Ireland. Sliabh Beagh carries various national and international designations (RAMSAR, SPA, SAC, ASSI, NHA) and is defined as an Area of Primary Amenity within the Monaghan County Development Plan. In this context the introduction of an Area of Minerals Constraint in this area is welcome as are associated policies to support and protect it and other environmental designations. It is also noted that, although the Wind Capacity Study suggests that there *'is some capacity for smaller scale developments of turbines group up to medium/ large typologies (<120m) and limited capacity for expansion of the existing Teiges mountain wind farm'* within the semi upland landscape of Sliabh Beagh Landscape Character Area (LCA) 18, this is subject to constraints presented by the SPA environmental designation.

We look forward to continuing engagement with your council and in cooperating on planning matters of mutual benefit. Should you wish to discuss this please do not hesitate in contacting me.



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