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Our Ref: CC&GBC Request for Evidence PPP/SNLICs

Date: 18 April 2025

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District Council
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Correspondence by email only

Dear David Jackson,

Re: Fermanagh & Omagh Local Development Plan – Draft Local Policies Plan Call for Evidence

Fermanagh & Omagh District Council would like to take this opportunity to update you on the progress of our Local Development Plan (LDP) and to engage with your Council on any potential cross-boundary issues that may arise as part of this important process.

In accordance with Section 3 (5) of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, Councils in Northern Ireland are required to consult with neighbouring councils on matters related to land use and planning, as outlined in Sections 3 (2), (3), and (4) of the Act. As part of this process, we are currently working on the Local Policies Plan (LPP), which is the second stage of our Local Development Plan. The LPP will set out policies and proposals for land use and development in our area, ensuring that future growth aligns with the council's vision, objectives, and strategic priorities.

As we continue to develop the LPP, we are updating our evidence base and assessing our anticipated land needs up to 2030. Given the potential for cross-boundary implications, we would appreciate it if you could share any plans, policies, or programmes from your Council that may have an impact on land use or development in our area.

In addition, work is currently underway to designate Sites of Local Nature Conservation Importance (SLNCIs) as part of the LPP. These sites are vital for supporting biodiversity and enhancing the natural environment throughout the Fermanagh and Omagh area. The identification and designation of SLNCIs will be a key element of the LPP upon its adoption. To ensure a robust and informed approach to this process, we would also be grateful if you could provide any of the information listed below, or any other information which you feel may be relevant for the Council to consider as part of this process:

- Details of any candidate SLNCI sites or similar designations known to your organisation
- Data, surveys, assessments, or reports relevant to local biodiversity and conservation
- GIS shapefiles related to such sites
- Any other relevant information that may assist our assessment

If any of the information requested is confidential, please be assured it will be treated in confidence and not made public without your explicit consent.

We kindly ask that you confirm by 2 May 2025 whether you hold any of the above information, and that any relevant materials be submitted to us by 23 May 2025.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further or arrange a meeting, please do not hesitate to contact the Development Plan team by email at developmentplan@fermanaghomagh.com or by phone at 0300 303 1777. You are also welcome to share this correspondence with any colleagues who may be able to contribute.

We look forward to your response and appreciate your cooperation in this important process. Please note that further requests for information will be forthcoming as we progress with the LPP.

Yours sincerely

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of Louise Stewart.

Louise Stewart
Principal Planning Officer