

Draft Plan Strategy

Addendum to Equality (Sec 75) Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment Report

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Executive Summary

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council – Local Development Plan 2030 - Draft Plan Strategy (DPS) was published in June 2019, along with a number of assessments, including an 'Equality (Section 75) Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment Report'. These documents were then subject to a period of public consultation, where approximately 120 representations were received which made comment on different aspects of the DPS and one comment was made in relation to the 'Equality (Section 75) Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment Report'.

Having considered these representations, the Council then submitted the DPS to the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) in March 2021, for it to cause an Independent Examination (IE) to be carried out. The IE was undertaken by the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) in May and June 2022. In October 2023 the PAC Report into the IE was forwarded to DfI for consideration. The IE Report contained a number of recommendations in relation to the adoption of the Plan Strategy, as well as the reasons for those recommendations. The IE Report concluded that the DPS was considered to meet the tests of 'soundness', subject to a number of modifications.

Having considered the content of the IE Report, on 27 September 2024 Dfl issued a legislatively binding 'Departmental Direction', instructing the Council to adopt the Plan Strategy (PS) with a number of modifications, as well as undertaking any necessary engagement and consultation, prior to formal adoption of the PS.

Consequently, this document forms an Addendum to and should be read alongside the original 'Equality (Section 75) Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment Report' which was carried out in relation to the DPS. This Addendum takes into account those modifications to the DPS as identified within Schedule 1 of the Dfl Departmental Direction, which are required to make the PS sound ahead of its formal adoption.

This Addendum comprises the following stages:

- Screening the modifications to the DPS that are within the Departmental Direction to determine whether further assessment is required; and
- If necessary, to undertake an assessment of the proposed modifications that have not been screened out.

The findings of this screening exercise in relation to 'Equality (Section 75)' are contained within Appendix 1a and Appendix 1b.

The findings of the assessment exercise in respect of 'Rural Needs' are contained within Appendix 2.

Following consideration of the modifications to the DPS in the context of the statutory requirements, it has been concluded that the directed modifications do not alter the outcomes of the original 'Equality (Section 75) Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment Report' published in June 2019.

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What happens next?

Following publication of this Equality and Rural Needs Addendum, together with the Sustainability Appraisal Addendum and Habitats Regulations Assessment, comments are invited through the consultation process outlined below.

It is important to note that this consultation relates to these amended documents only. It is not an opportunity to make comment on the content of the Departmental Direction, the PAC Report into the IE or the DPS itself and any comments regarding these documents will be discounted.

Once the content of any comments to the revision of these documents have been considered by the Council and the requirements of the Departmental Direction have been carried out, the Council will then move to formally adopt the Plan Strategy and publish final versions of the assessments.

Consultation Arrangements

This Addendum will be available for consultation for a period of two weeks, from 1 April 2025 to 15 April 2025 (by close of play 5 pm). Late submissions will not be accepted after this time.

You can respond to this consultation exercise:

- by email to forwardplanningteam@antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk
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All of the relevant documentation is available online at https://antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk/residents/planning/local-development-plans/draft-plan-strategy/ from 1 April 2025. Documentation will also be available for inspection at the Council civic offices, between 8:30am to 5pm, Mon to Fri.

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Plan Strategy forms the first stage of a two stage Local Development Plan 2030 (LDP) for the Borough. The LDP will also consist of the Local Policies Plan (LPP), which is the second stage of the plan making process. The LPP will provide the detailed site specific policies and proposals, including settlement limits, land use zonings and environmental designations.
- 1.2 The Draft Plan Strategy (DPS) was published in June 2019, along with a number of assessments, including an 'Equality (Section 75) Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment Report'. These documents were then subject to a period of public consultation, where approximately 120 representations were received which made comment on different aspects of the DPS and one comment was made in relation to the 'Equality (Section 75) Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment Report'.
- 1.3 This document forms an Addendum to and should be read alongside, the 'Equality (Section 75) Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment Report (2019),' and takes account of modifications required to make the DPS 'sound' following the IE.

The Draft Plan Strategy Independent Examination

- 1.4 The DPS was published in June 2019 for a period of public consultation. Approximately 120 representations were submitted to the Council during this period on a range of issues, as well as 26 representations made during the 'counter representation' period. In preparation for the Independent Examination (IE), the content of these representations were subject to detailed consideration by the Council. A number of representations requested that changes be made to the DPS.
- 1.5 For the majority of these requests the Council considered that no change was required, as the approach taken in the DPS was considered to be appropriate and reasonable. There were, however, also a number of requests for changes to be made to the DPS, which the Council considered to be relatively minor in nature. These included requests for additional factual information or to update text to reflect legislative requirements, whilst others sought greater clarity in the wording of parts of the document. As a consequence, and in order to assist the IE process, a schedule of suggested minor changes was prepared where the Council was open to changes to the DPS document, should the Independent Examiner consider it was beneficial. At the same time, the Council also took the opportunity to identify a list of minor typographical errors within the DPS, the intention being to resolve these as part of the adopted version of the Plan.
- 1.6 The Council's suggested changes (typographical errors and suggested minor changes) were first identified in the 'Draft Plan Strategy Public Consultation Report' (March 2021), published to assist with the IE process. As stated at paragraph 7.3 of that Report, the Council was content that the minor changes

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- suggested, both individually and cumulatively, did not have any impact on the soundness of the DPS nor any of the accompanying assessments, including the Sustainability Appraisal incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment, the draft Habitats Regulation Assessment and the Equality (Section 75) Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment Report.
- 1.7 In March 2021, the DPS, its supporting assessments and evidence papers were submitted to Dfl to cause an IE to be carried out. In September 2021 Dfl appointed the Planning Appeals Commission to conduct an IE into the DPS, which was held over two sessions, between May and June 2022.
- 1.8 During discussions at IE, a limited number of the previously suggested changes by the Council were updated and a range of other suggested changes were raised as 'matters arising' during the process. To take account of these further changes an 'Updated Schedule of Suggested Minor Changes Report' (June 2022) was published on the PAC website, at the closing of the IE hearing.
- 1.9 In the Updated Schedule of Suggested Minor Changes Report, at paragraph 1.5, the Council again reiterated that it was not of the view that any of the suggested changes either individually or cumulatively had raised issues of soundness. Council was of the view that the changes were beneficial in the interests of clarity and completeness and it was not necessary to undertake any form of public consultation on them.

Post-examination modifications

- 1.10 In October 2023, the PAC Report into the IE was forwarded to Dfl for consideration. This Report contained a number of recommendations in relation to the PS, as well as the reasons for those recommendations. The PAC concluded that, subject to the recommended modifications, the DPS met the statutory tests of soundness. Having considered the content of the Report and in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Section 12(1)(b) of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, on 27 September 2024 Dfl issued a Departmental Direction, instructing the Council to adopt the PS, with a number of modifications.
- 1.11 The Departmental Direction identifies one Schedule of Modifications:
 - **Schedule 1:** identifies 93 modifications that are required to make the plan sound. The modifications are a combination of:
 - Amended proposed minor changes (taken from the Draft Plan Strategy Public Consultation Report – Chapter 7 Schedule of suggested Minor changes (March 2021),
 - Schedule of Suggested Minor Changes of the dPS (updated as part of the Independent Examination) (June 2022),
 - New changes recommended following the conclusion of the IE process; and

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- New modifications directed by the Department following consideration of the IE Report.
- 1.12 To fulfil the requirements of the Departmental Direction and legislative requirements under the Planning Act (NI) 2011, the Council is now required to modify the DPS to include all of the modifications detailed in Schedule 1 ahead of its formal adoption. In order to provide clarity and transparency in the adoption process, the Council published the advisory PAC IE Report and Departmental Direction on its website on 18th October 2024 for information purposes.

2 The Screening of the Directed Modifications

- 2.1 The Council has a statutory duty to have due regard to the need to promote both equality of opportunity and the needs of people in rural areas under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 and the Rural Needs Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 respectively. Consequently, in bringing forward the LDP, the Council is committed to ensuring that the needs of Section 75 groups and those in rural areas are considered. Throughout the process the Council has combined both assessments into one document due to the common steps that have been undertaken to engage with both Section 75 groups and the rural community.
- 2.2 Accordingly, an 'Equality (Section 75) Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment Report' was published alongside the DPS in 2019. Table 2 of that document identifies the impact of the DPS policies upon Section 75 and Rural Needs groups.
- 2.3 At that stage it was concluded that no adverse impacts were identified in relation to Section 75 groups as a consequence of the provisions of the DPS and therefore a full Equality Impact Assessment was not required. As Rural Needs cannot be screened in or out, a full assessment must be undertaken. In the 2019 Report the view of the Council was that it had undertaken the required Rural Needs Impact Assessment and had taken the identified needs of rural people into consideration in the preparation of the DPS.
- 2.4 This Addendum takes into account those modifications set out in Schedule 1 of the Departmental Direction, which must be undertaken before the PS can be formally adopted. As a consequence, this addendum should be read in conjunction with the original 2019 Report.
- 2.5 The findings of this screening exercise in relation to 'Equality (Section 75)' are contained within Appendix 1a and Appendix 1b. The findings of this assessment exercise in respect of 'Rural Needs' are contained within Appendix 2.

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Equality (Section 75) Screening

- 2.6 In order to screen the modifications in relation to equality matters, Schedule 1 of the Departmental Direction, containing the 93 modifications directed as being necessary for the adoption of the DPS, has been included in Appendix 1a of this document. As well as detailing the required modifications, it also sets out the following:
 - An assessment of whether Schedule 1 modifications impact on the overall aim/purpose of the policy as originally assessed; and
 - An assessment of the likely impact on equality of opportunity for Section 75 groups as a result of the Schedule 1 modifications, beyond those original assessed.
- 2.7 The Council has assessed the relevant provisions of the DPS in light of the modifications for any differential impact that it may have when compared to the original, as well as the impact of cumulative changes to those provisions. The screening set out in Appendix 1a has then been used as the basis for the completion of the 'Section 75 Policy Screening Form' set out in Appendix 1b.
- 2.8 Following consideration of the directed modifications to the DPS in the context of the statutory requirements, it has been concluded that the modifications do not alter the outcomes relating to 'Equality (Section 75)' identified within the original Equality (Section 75) Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment Report (June 2019).

Rural Needs Impact Assessment

- 2.9 In order to consider the modifications in relation to rural needs, Schedule 1 of the Departmental Direction, containing the 93 modifications directed as being necessary for the adoption of the DPS, has been included in Appendix 2 of this document. As well as detailing the required modifications it also sets out the following:
 - An assessment of whether the Schedule 1 modifications impact on the overall aim/purpose of the policy or strategy as originally assessed; and
 - An assessment as to whether the Schedule 1 modifications affect the original RNIA assessment of the likely impact(s) of the DPS on the rural community and/or the influence 'rural needs' has on the DPS policy or strategy.
- 2.10 Appendix 2 of this document presents the outcomes of the assessment of these modifications to determine whether any 'materially change' the outcomes of the original 2019 RNIA.
- 2.11 Each modification to the provisions of the DPS was assessed for any differential impact it would have in terms of the aim of the provision and the likely impact on rural needs. Any likely cumulative impact resulting from a number of related modifications was also considered through the screening process.

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2.12 Following consideration of the directed modifications to the DPS in the context of the statutory requirements, it has been concluded that the modifications do not alter the outcomes relating to 'Rural Needs' identified within the original Equality (Section 75) Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment Report (June 2019).

3 Conclusion

- 3.1 The Council has now undertaken an exercise to assess the implications of the required modifications to the DPS issued under the Dfl Departmental Direction, in relation to the outcomes of the original Equality (Section 75) Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment Report, published in June 2019.
- 3.2 The modifications to the DPS do not introduce any new policies. They include changes to address minor typographical errors and to ensure factual accuracy. Other modifications have been included as logical changes to the provisions of the DPS for the purposes of soundness and provide clarification or to improve the effectiveness, coherency and consistency of the plan.
- 3.3 The assessment which has informed this addendum has determined that the modifications do not materially change the aims or influence of the policies or strategies to which the proposed modifications relate.
- 3.4 In reassessing the outcomes of the original 'Equality (Sec 75) Screening' and 'Rural Needs' Report issued alongside the DPS in June 2019, with regard to the modifications, it is considered that those outcomes are unchanged from the original assessment. Therefore, it is considered that the modifications do not alter the likely impact of the DPS policies and strategies on the Section 75 groups or the rural community, nor do they alter how much regard the DPS has had to equality or rural needs.

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Appendix 1a: Review of modifications required to Draft Plan Strategy as per Schedule 1 of Dfl Direction on Equality of Opportunity of Section 75 Groups

Dfl Modification No.	PAC Recommended Amendment No.	Recommended Amendment	Page/Policy/Para No. in DPS	PAC Recommended Amendment	Dfl Modification following consideration of Recommended Amendments under Sec. 12 of 2011 Act.	Will the modification impact of the policy?	Likely Impacts of the modification
MOD 01	RA01	Appendix 2, change 1.	Page 20 Para. 1.15	"Once the Plan Strategy is adopted it will replace the regional operational policies that are currently retained by the Strategic Planning Policy Statement"	DFI directs the Council to modify the first sentence of paragraph 1.15, page 20 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC recommendation, as follows: "Once the Plan Strategy is adopted it will replace the regional operational policies that are currently retained by the Strategic Planning Policy Statement (comprised of the existing suite of Planning Policy Statements and the remaining extant provisions Planning Strategy for Rural Northern Ireland)."	No Factual update to introductory text for purposes of consistency and coherence. Not a policy modification.	N/a
MOD 02	RA02	Appendix 2, change 2.	Page 26 Para. 2.5	"In addition, there are a large number of other Government Strategies and Plans, such as the Biodiversity Strategy for Northern Ireland and 'Lifetime Opportunities', the Government's Anti-Poverty and Social Inclusion Strategy that, whilst not specifically referenced in this Section, have been taken into account in preparation of the Plan Strategy.	DFI directs the Council to modify paragraph 2.5, page 26 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC recommendation, as follows: "In addition, there are a large number of other Government Strategies and Plans, such as the Biodiversity Strategy for Northern Ireland and 'Lifetime Opportunities', the Government's Anti- Poverty and Social Inclusion Strategy that, whilst not specifically referenced in this Section, have been taken into account in preparation of the Plan Strategy."	No Factual update to introductory text for purposes of consistency. Not a policy modification.	N/a
MOD 03	RA03	Appendix 2, change 3.	Page 30/31 After Para 2.20	"UK Marine Policy Statement 2.21 The UK Marine Policy Statement (MPS) was published in September 2011 and was prepared and adopted under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. The statement provides the policy framework for the Marine Planning system and for taking decisions that have the potential to impact on the marine environment. The policy framework will contribute to the achievement of sustainable development in the UK's marine area which includes both offshore and inshore regions including all tidal rivers and sea loughs. As our Borough abuts Belfast Lough, the Plan Strategy has had regard to the provisions of the MPS. Draft Marine Plan for Northern Ireland. The draft Marine Plan for Northern Ireland was published in April 2018 by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and	Dfl directs the Council to modify by inserting new paragraphs after paragraph 2.20, page 30-31 of the dPS, and renumber subsequent paragraphs as necessary, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Ro Factual update to introductory text for purposes of consistency. Not a policy modification.	N/a

¹ Suggested minor changes or Matters Arising submitted during the public examination hearing sessions, as contained within Appendix 2 and 3 of the 'Schedule of Suggested Minor Changes to the DPS (updated as part of the Independent Examination) June 2022. The recommended amendment may however reflect a revised wording to that originally suggested by ANBC following consideration of representations, response to questions and discussions under the various topic areas at the IE hearing sessions.

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MOD 04	RA04	Appendix 2, change 4.	Page 58 Strate gic Objec tive 1	Rural Affairs (DAERA). The draft Marine Plan has been developed within the framework of the UK Marine Policy Statement (MPS) in order to protect and sustainably manage the marine environment in Northern Ireland and facilitate sustainable development including coastal areas. The draft Marine Plan will inform and guide the regulation, management, use and protection of our marine area, both the offshore and inshore regions. The draft Marine Plan was taken into account in preparing the draft Plan Strategy and will continue to inform the LDP process until such time as it is adopted. Under Section 8 of the Marine Act (NI) 2013 the Council must take any authorisation or enforcement decision in accordance with any appropriate marine plan unless relevant considerations indicate otherwise". (remaining paragraphs renumbered) "• Promote sustainable growth by managing development and securing new infrastructure provision in our settlements, countryside and coast to meet the needs of all our citizens".	Dfl directs the Council to modify Strategic Objective 1, page 58 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	No Minor modification of Strategic Objective for purposes of consistency. Not a policy	N/a
MOD 05	RA05	Appendix 2, change 5.	Page 58 Strate gic Objec tive 3	"• Provide a range and quality of land and premises to facilitate business growth, promote economic diversification and protect our strategically important employment locations including the Regional Gateway at Belfast International Airport".	Dfl directs the Council to modify Strategic Objective 3, page 58 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	modification. No Minor modification of Strategic Objective for purposes of consistency. Not a policy modification.	N/a
MOD 06	RA06	Appendix 2, change 6.	Page 59 Strate gic Objec tive 11	"• Promote biodiversity, and conserve the natural assets of our countryside, coast and loughs".	Dfl directs the Council to modify Strategic Objective 11, page 59 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	No Minor modification of Strategic Objective for purposes of coherence and consistency. Not a policy modification.	N/a
MOD 07	RA07	Appendix 2, change 7.	Page 62 Policy SP 1.3	Insertion of new paragraph, "SP 1.3 In addition any development proposal which affects or might affect the whole or any part of the marine area of Belfast Lough must accord with the provisions of the UK Marine Policy Statement and the Draft Marine Plan for NI once adopted unless relevant considerations indicate otherwise." (remaining paragraphs renumbered).	Dfl directs the Council to modify by inserting a new paragraph after paragraph SP 1.2, page 62 of the dPS, and renumber the subsequent paragraphs, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	No Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.

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MOD 08	RA08	Appendix 2, change 8.	Page 63 Policy SP 1.4	"to allow proper consideration of the impacts of the development (to include where relevant impacts on the marine area) and any mitigation measures proposed."	Dfl directs the Council to modify the first sentence of SP1.4, page 63 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read: "To assist the delivery of sustainable development, the Council will require developers to provide impact assessments in association with planning applications where this is necessary to allow proper consideration of the impacts of the development (to include where relevant impacts on the marine area) and any mitigation measures proposed."	No Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 09	RA09	Appendix 2, change 9.	Page 65 Policy SP 1.6	"(g) Afford suitable protection to our Borough's natural and historic environment, including the adjacent marine environment, in accommodating growth"	Dfl directs the Council to modify criterion (g) of the Spatial Growth Strategy, page 65 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Mo Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 10	RA10	n/a	Page 67 Policy SP 1.11	Replace term 'brownfield land' to 'previously developed land'	Dfl directs the Council to modify Policy SP1.11 of page 67 of the dPS, by retaining the term "brownfield land" and inserting a footnote at "brownfield land", to read: "RDS 2035 (page 106) definition of brownfield land: This is sometimes referred to as previously developed land that is, or was occupied by a permanent structure within a defined Settlement limit". Furthermore, Dfl directs the council to insert the phrase "within settlements", after "In all locations". For clarity this policy should read; "In all locations, within settlements, proposals that reuse or make better use of vacant, derelict or underused brownfield land (footnote number) or buildings will be supported where they are in accordance with the relevant policies of the LDP".	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence and consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 11	RAII	Appendix 2, change 10.	Page 68 Para 4.2	"the careful management of our historic environment and natural heritage, including the adjacent marine area. The Plan"	Dfl directs the Council to modify the first sentence of paragraph 4.2, page 68 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity this should read: "As such, the LDP seeks to further sustainable development through its policies and designations which balance the social and economic priorities of our Borough alongside the careful management of our historic environment and natural heritage, including the adjacent marine area."	Modification of justification wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.

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MOD 12	RA12	n/a	Page 70 Para 4.7	Insert (villages and hamlets) after the term 'smaller settlements'	Dfl directs the Council to modify by inserting "(villages and hamlets)" after the term "smaller settlements" in the last sentence of paragraph 4.7, page 70 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read: "Our Strategic Growth Strategy also recognises the importance of sustaining our Borough's rural community and seeks to allow appropriate growth in our smaller settlements (villages and hamlets) and the countryside."	Modification of justification wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 13	RA13	Appendix 3, MA018	Page 71 Para 4.11	MA0018 Additional paragraph: "4.11 The sustainability of development schemes will also be improved through the use of an appropriate balance of new construction materials and recycled materials wherever feasible."	Dfl directs the Council to modify by inserting an additional paragraph after paragraph 4.10, page 71 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of justification wording for purposes of coherence and effectiveness. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 14	n/a	n/a	Page 78 Policy SP 2.8	n/a	Dfl directs the Council to modify by inserting an additional sentence (highlighted below) at end of SP2.8, page 78, of the dPS. For clarity this will read as follows: "Until such times as the boundary of the SEL is identified at BIA, the Council will operate a presumption in favour of a wide range of industrial, business, airport related, and other complementary employment and service uses on the lands currently zoned at this location for airport related uses. In addition, the Council will in principle, support development at BIA that accords with or complements the published Airport Masterplan 2030. Proposals for retail and other town centre uses at this location must comply with all relevant retail policies set out elsewhere in the plan strategy including policies SP2.12 and DM7."	No Modification of policy wording for purposes of clarity. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 15	n/a	n/a	Pages 84 and 87 Para 5.18 & 5.19 Fig. 5 map			Modification of justification wording and figure 5 map as directed by Dfl. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.

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								"Whilst the five town centres vary greatly in size and the level of provision of services afforded, they all perform an important function in meeting the needs of residents within their surrounding catchment areas." Also, Dfl directs the Council to modify the map entitled "Figure 5: Hierarchy of Centres in our Borough" by removing the reference to "Abbey Centre" under "Large Town Centre". Dfl directs the Council to renumber the titles and reflect this in the map accordingly.		
MOD 16	RA14	Appendix 2, Change 11	Pages 78-79 Policy SP 2.12	Table	4 amende Title Large Town Centres Town Centres District Centres	Role and Function Provides (or has the potential to provide) a range of shops, services, businesses and community facilities to a significant hinterland which includes smaller neighbouring towns or a number of suburbs. Provides (or has the potential to provide) a range of stops, services, businesses and community facilities to a hinterland which includes neighbouring villages or a few surrounding suburbs. Provides (or has the potential to provide) a range of shops, services, businesses and community facilities to a suburban community. Provides (or has the potential to provide) a range of shops and services to a surrounding community.	Centres Abbey Centre and Antrim Baltyclare, Crumiin, Gierriguerriery, and Randabilown Northcott and Whiteabbey Village Urban Metropolitan Newfownabbey Abbar's Cross, Ballyduff, Beverley Road, Carminney,	Dfl directs the council to modify Table 4 within Policy SP2.12, page 79 of the dPS, in accordance with the PAC recommended Table 4. Dfl further directs Council to modify this amended Table 4, to remove Abbey Centre from Tier 1, Large Town Centres.	Modification of policy wording as directed by Dfl. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD	RA15	Appendix 3,	Page	See M.			Cloughtern, The Diamond (Rathcoole), Jennings Park, Kingspark/Kings Crescent, Malkusk, Mayfield, Merville Garden Village, Monkstown, Massley West and Richmond. Antrim Greystone and Parkhall Rural Ballynure, Doagh, Parkgate, Templepatrick, and Toome	Dfl directs the Council to modify by replacing the heading	No	The modified policy
17	RAIS	MA001	Page 78 Policy SP 2.12		ge to head	ding: and the Retail Hierarch	ny''	"Town Centres and Retailing" with the heading "Retail Centres and the Retail Hierarchy" at SP2.12, page 78 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 18	RA16	Appendix 2, Change 12	Page 89 Policy DM 1.4	be inc materi	ompatible	e with the remaining be nental to the specific o	uld not result in conflict or usinesses at the site or be character and amenity	Dfl directs the Council to modify by replacing criterion (c), page 89 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.

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					policy from that originally assessed.	
MOD 19	RA17	Page 94 Policy DM 4	Inclusion of Forestry development in Policy DM4	Dfl directs the Council to modify the title of policy DM4, page 94 of the dPS, to include the word "forestry". For clarity, the title should read: "Policy DM4: Agricultural and Forestry Development" Dfl also directs the Council to modify the following sections of Policy DM4, page 94-95, of the dPS, to include forestry development. For clarity this should read as follows: The first sentence of DM4.1 to be modified as: "The Council will support proposals for a new agricultural building(s), forestry development or other development ancillary" The second sentence of DM4.2 to be modified as: "Exceptionally, a lesser period may be acceptable, but only where the applicant is actively engaged in farming or forestry, and it is demonstrated that the proposal is necessary to meet the needs of a farm or forestry business that has been in operation for at least 12 months." Policy DM 4.3 (a) should be modified as: "(a) It is essential for the efficient functioning of the farm or forestry business;" Policy DM 4.4 should be modified as: "Development proposals involving intensive farming, forestry or animal husbandry must demonstrate that they will not result in any significant adverse health or environmental effects, particularly in relation to ammonia production." Furthermore, Dfl directs the Council to modify the Policy section heading above paragraph 5.34 and paragraphs 5.34 -5.36, pages 93-94, of the dPS to include forestry. For clarity, the title should read: "Agricultural and Forestry Development". The second line of paragraph 5.34 should be modified as follows: "The aim of this policy is to ensure that the operational development needs of farm and forestry businesses are managed in an appropriate way" Paragraph 5.35 should be modified as follows:	No Modification of policy wording for purposes of clarity. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.

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MOD 20	RA18	Appendix 2, Change 13	Page 98 Policy DM 6.1	"The Council will encourage and support a diverse range of retail and Complementary town centre uses* within our Borough's identified centres provided these support rather than detract from the successful functioning of the centres and their ability to meet local needs. All development proposals should contribute positively to the vitality and viability of the centre, and will be required to demonstrate that they will maintain or enhance the visual amenity of the area by providing an active and attractive frontage appropriate to the location". Footnote *Complementary town centre uses include cultural and community facilities, leisure, entertainment and business uses, including offices."	"Our Borough has a well-established agricultural and forestry community and business sector which contributes significantly to the local economy and is vital in maintaining a vibrant rural community. As agricultural and forestry business needs change and in order to ensure the longevity of a farm or forestry enterprise and maintain employment in the agricultural and forestry sector, new or extended buildings may be required." Finally, paragraph 5.36 should be modified as follows: "In bringing forward proposals, the applicant will be required to demonstrate a need for any new or extended agricultural or forestry buildings and that these are sensitively integrated into the landscape and will not cause any significant adverse impacts on amenity, human health or the environment." Dfl directs the Council to modify the introductory text of DM 6.1, delete criterion (c) and add footnote to the term "complimentary town centre uses", page 98 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	No Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence and effectiveness. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 21	RA19	Appendix 3, MA003	Page 98 Policy DM 6.2	"Proposals that would result in the loss of retail units will only be permitted where it is demonstrated that the retail use of the unit is no longer viable (e.g. evidence to show that despite marketing of the unit/building for at least 6 months there has been no interest shown) and this will not result in a concentration of non-retail uses that would be harmful to the shopping function of the centre."	"12 months" with "6 months" at page 98 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence and effectiveness. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 22	RA20		Page 98 Policy DM 6	Additional paragraph to be added after DM 6.4, "District and Local Centres A Retail Assessment will be required for any development proposal that involves an increase of more than 1,000 m2 (gross) of retail floor space in District and Local Centres. The Retail Assessment should provide a proportionate response to the proposal being sought and incorporate an assessment of need, impact and the sequential test. This includes applications for an extension/s which would result in the overall	Dfl directs the Council to modify Policy DM 6 by inserting an additional paragraph after current DM 6.4 to the policy box at page 98 of the dPS in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.

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				development exceeding 1000 square metre gross external area."			
MOD 23	RA21	Appendix 3 MA004.A	Page 99 Para 5.42	"The aim of this policy is to protect the role, viability and vitality of town centres from the adverse impacts"	Dfl directs the Council to modify the first sentence of paragraph 5.42, page 99 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. It is noted that the correct reference is 'MA004.A'.	Modification of justification wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 24	RA22	Appendix 3 MA005.A	Page 100 Policy DM 7.1 & 7.2	"In considering development proposals for retail use (including extensions) and other main town centre uses outside our Borough's centres, the Council will apply the following sequential test which requires that locations for new development be considered in the following order of preference: Centre sites; Edge of Centre sites; and Out of Centre locations that are, or can be made, accessible by walking, cycling and public transport."	Dfl directs the Council to modify Policy 7.1, page 100 of the dPS, to remove "which generate significant footfall" and "town" in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity this should read: "In considering development proposals for retail use (including extensions) and other main town centre uses outside our Borough's centres, the Council will apply the following sequential test which requires that locations for new development be considered in the following order of preference: • Centre sites*; • Edge of Centre sites; and • Out of Centre locations that are, or can be made, accessible by walking, cycling and public transport." Dfl also directs the Council to insert an asterix at Centre sites in the first bullet point to read: *"To be applied in the following order of Large Town Centres, Town Centres, and then District Centres." It is noted that the correct reference is 'MA005.A'.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency, coherence and effectiveness. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 25	RA23	Appendix 3 MA005.B	Page 100 Policy DM 7.2	"Proposals for retail use and other main town centre uses in out of centre locations will only be acceptable where, having regard to the expected catchment of the development, all of the following criteria are demonstrated: All centre and edge of centre options have been assessed and discounted as unsuitable, unviable or unavailable. Where there are multiple centres within the defined catchment area, the order of preference should be to develop in the higher order centre; The scale of development proposed is appropriate to its location, and it has been shown that the proposal cannot reasonably be altered or reduced in scale to allow it to be accommodated at a sequentially preferable location;	Dfl directs the Council to modify Policy 7.2, page 100 of the dPS, to delete "which generate significant footfall" and "town" in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. It is noted that the correct reference is 'MA005.B'. For clarity, this should read as follows: "Proposals for retail use and other main town centre uses in out of centre locations will only be acceptable where, having regard to the expected catchment of the development, all of the following criteria are demonstrated: (a) All centre and edge of centre options have been assessed and discounted as unsuitable, unviable or unavailable. Where there are multiple centres within the	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence and consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.

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				There will be no significant individual or cumulative adverse effect on the vitality and viability of existing centres within the catchment; The proposal will help to meet qualitative or quantitative deficiencies; and The site can be easily accessed by a range of transport modes."	defined catchment area, the order of preference should be to develop in the higher order centre; (b) The scale of development proposed is appropriate to its location, and it has been shown that the proposal cannot reasonably be altered or reduced in scale to allow it to be accommodated at a sequentially preferable location; (c) There will be no significant individual or cumulative adverse effect on the vitality and viability of existing centres within the catchment; (d) The proposal will help to meet qualitative or quantitative deficiencies; and (e) The site can be easily accessed by a range of transport modes."		
MOD 26	RA24	Appendix 3 MA005.C	Page 101 Policy DM 7.5	"A Retail Assessment will be required for any development proposal that involves an increase of more than 1,000 m2 (gross) of retail floor space outside any of our Borough's centres. This includes applications for an extension(s) which would result in the overall development exceeding 1,000 m2 gross external area. The Retail Assessment should provide a proportionate response to the proposal being sought and incorporate an assessment of need, impact and the sequential test."	Dfl directs the Council to modify Policy DM 7.5, page 101 of the dPS in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. It is noted that the correct reference is 'MA005.C'.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 27	RA25	Appendix 2 Change 18	Page 104 Policy DM 9.4	"For new hotels and guesthouses, preference will be given to developments that are physically associated with existing settlements or which involve the sympathetic conversion of a locally important building. In other cases where a guesthouse or hotel accommodation is proposed in a countryside location a specific locational need must be demonstrated."	Dfl directs the Council to amend the second sentence of DM9.4, page 104 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 28	RA26		Page 105 Policy DM 9.10	"(d) Satisfactory information is submitted for proposals in the countryside to demonstrate a robust business case for the development; The extent to which the proposal will promote a sustainable form of development and complement the Council's Tourism Strategy; and existing or planned public access to tourism assets, including landscape features and the coast, are safeguarded or enhanced."	Dfl directs the Council to modify by inserting an additional criterion (f) at DM9.10, page 105 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read as follows: "DM 9.10 Developers will be required to submit a supporting statement to accompany all proposals for tourism development that demonstrates how the proposal meets the following criteria: (a) The development is compatible with policies to safeguard and enhance the historic environment and natural heritage assets; (b) There is a high quality of design and the scale and nature of the development will allow for its integration into the receiving environment; (c) The development is proposed at an accessible location and adequate infrastructure arrangements can be provided (e.g. roads, parking, drainage); (d) Satisfactory information is submitted for proposals in the countryside to demonstrate a robust business case for the development;	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence and effectiveness. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.

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MOD 29	RA27	Appendix 2, Change 20	Page 112 Policy SP 3.9	"complementary measures for the overall delivery of more sustainable travel patterns and to reduce the level of private car use."	(e) The extent to which the proposal will promote a sustainable form of development and complement the Council's Tourism Strategy; and (f) Existing or planned public access to tourism assets, including landscape features and the coast, are safeguarded or enhanced." Dfl directs the Council to modify by inserting this additional text at the end of the second sentence of SP3.9, page 112 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	No Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence and effectiveness. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 30	RA28	Appendix 2, Change 21	Page 115 Para 6.15	"The LDP will be supported by a Local Transport Study (LTS) prepared by Dfl"	Dfl directs the Council to modify by replacing the phrase "Transport Strategy" with the phrase "Transport Study", in the first sentence of paragraph 6.15, page 115 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of justification wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 31	RA29	Appendix 2, Change 22	Page 118 Policy DM 10.1	"(a) There is the capacity on the road network to accommodate the type and amount of traffic likely to be generated, or where any adverse impact can be suitably mitigated, taking into account the cumulative impacts of development; (b) Access arrangements do not prejudice road safety or significantly inconvenience the flow of people or goods; and"	Dfl directs the Council to modify by amending criteria (a) and (b) of DM10.1, page 118 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 32	RA30	Appendix 2, Change 23	Page 119 Para 6.21	"A properly located and well-designed access* is essential for the safety and convenience" Insert the following footnote, *For the purposes of DM 10 and DM 11 a field gate does not constitute an access.	Dfl directs the Council to modify by inserting an asterisk after "access" in the first sentence of 6.21 and a corresponding footnote, at page 119 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Mo Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 33	RA31	n/a	Page 120	the prefix 'sub' to be deleted	Dfl directs the Council to modify by deleting the prefix "sub" in the first sentence of DM11.3(b), at page 120 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in

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			Policy DM11. 3(b)			consistency and coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 34	RA32	n/a	Page 121 Policy DM11. 4(b)	The Plan should refer to road safety	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM11.4(b) of page 121 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. This wording has been established in paragraph 5.81 of the PAC Report on the Independent Examination and for clarity, should read: "A residential proposal, which assists in the creation of a high quality urban design without compromising standards of road safety and does not result in an excessive number of additional access points onto the Protected Route."	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency and coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 35	RA33	Appendix 2, Change 24	Page 121 Policy DM12. 1(b)	" (b) Safe, convenient and attractive walking and cycle linkages to existing or programmed networks nearby;"	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM12.1(b), at page 121 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency and coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 36	RA34	Appendix 2, Change 25	Page 126 Policy DM14. 1(c)	"(c) The proposal will not have an unacceptable adverse impact on local amenity or the environment."	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM14.1(c), at page 126 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. Please note, the reference to MA006 is incorrect. MA006 is dealt with under RA36 below.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 37	RA35	n/a	Page 126 Policy DM 14.2	Insert the word 'unacceptable' before 'adverse impacts'	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM14.2, at page 126 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 38	RA36	Appendix 3,	Page 126	"(a) They avoid areas identified for their landscape importance as set out in SP 8 except where it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Council that this is not feasible"	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM14.3(a), at page 126 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	No	The modified policy wording will have no

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		MA006	Policy DM14. 3(a)		Please note that this is MA006.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence and effectiveness. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 39	RA37	Appendix 2, Change 27	Page 127 Policy DM 14.4	Amended paragraph 14.4, new paragraph 14.5 & new footnote: "DM 14.4 Proposals involving development within the vicinity of a wastewater treatment works* will only" "DM 14.5 In assessing proposals the Council will also take into account the provisions of any relevant policy or guidance produced by Northern Ireland Water." *For the purposes of this policy a Waste Water Treatment Work (WWTW) includes a Waste Water Pumping Station (WWPS)."	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM14.4, insert a new paragraph after 14.4 and insert a corresponding footnote at page 126 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence and effectiveness. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 40	RA38	Appendix 2, Change 28	Page 128 Policy DM 16.4	New footnote inserted: "DM 14.6 Applications for telecommunications development by Code System Operators* or broadcasters will need to include: information about the purpose and need for the particular development including a description of how it fits into the operator's or broadcaster's wider network; details of the consideration given to measures to mitigate the visual and environmental impact of the proposal; and where the proposal relates to the development of a mobile telecommunications base station, a statement indicating the following: Its location, the height of the antenna, the frequency and modulation characteristics and details of power output; Declaring that the base station when operational will meet the ICNIRP guidelines for public exposure to electromagnetic fields; and That the development shall not cause undue interference to other radio spectrum users. * As defined under The Communications Act 2003."	Dfl directs the Council to modify by inserting an asterisk after the term "Code System Operators" at DM16.4 and a corresponding footnote, at page 128 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. Please note, reference to DM 14.6 within RA 38 is incorrect, this RA relates to DM16.4. For clarity, this should read as follows: "DM 16.4 Applications for telecommunications development by Code System Operators* or broadcasters will need to include: (a) information about the purpose and need for the particular development including a description of how it fits into the operator's or broadcaster's wider network; (b) details of the consideration given to measures to mitigate the visual and environmental impact of the proposal; and (c) where the proposal relates to the development of a mobile telecommunications base station, a statement indicating the following: • Its location, the height of the antenna, the frequency and modulation characteristics and details of power output; • Declaring that the base station when operational will meet the ICNIRP guidelines for public exposure to electromagnetic fields; and • That the development shall not cause undue interference to other radio spectrum users.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 41	RA39	Partially as suggested under Appendix 3,	Page 139 & 140	See MA021 Additional paragraph and subsequent renumbering of relevant paragraphs:	Dfl directs the Council to modify by inserting a new paragraph after 7.23, at page 140 of the dPS as follows:	No Modification of justification wording for purposes of	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in

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		MA021	7.24	"7.24 For the purposes of the Plan, the definition of Affordable Housing is the same as the definition used in the Strategic Planning Policy Statement. 7.25 In order"	"7.24 The current definition of affordable housing, which is provided by the Department for Communities is contained in Planning policy, specifically the Strategic Planning Policy Statement – SPPS. 7.25 In order"	coherence and effectiveness. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 42	RA40	Appendix 3, MA026	Page 143 Policy DM17. 1(d)	"(d) For proposals of 20 units or more, a minimum of 20% must demonstrate how the 'Lifetime Homes' approach has been taken account of, to ensure that new developments are accessible to all and will assist in the creation of a more balanced community;"	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM17.1(d), page 143 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. Note: this is MA026	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 43	RA41	Appendix 3, MA027	Page 144 Policy DM 17.5	See MA027 Additional paragraph and subsequent renumbering: "DM 17.5 Where it is demonstrated that a development is not viable, a reduced or alternative provision of affordable housing may be acceptable."	Dfl directs the Council to modify by inserting a new first paragraph at DM17.5 and renumber subsequent paragraphs as necessary, page 144 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence and effectiveness. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 44	RA42	Appendix 3, MA025.A	Page 145 Para 7.34	See MA025A Additional paragraph and renumbering of successive paragraphs: "7.34 Details of the requirements of the Lifetime Homes standards can be obtained from the Department for Communities website at: https://www.communitiesni.gov.uk/articles/housing-association-guide"	Dfl directs the Council to modify by inserting a new paragraph after 7.33 and renumber subsequent paragraphs as necessary, page 145/146 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. It is noted that the correct reference is 'MA025.A'.	Modification of justification wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 45	RA43	Appendix 3, MA029	Page 148 Policy DM18. 3(b)	"No dwellings or residential development opportunities have been sold off or transferred from the farm holding within a period of 10 years from the date of the application and no previous permissions have been granted for a farm dwelling during the same period; and"	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM18.3(b), page 148 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 46	RA44	N/a	Page 149	"Exceptionally, where it is demonstrated that it is not possible to sensitively cluster with an established group of buildings as per DM 18.3(c), consideration may be given where this	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM18.4, page 149 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read:	No	The modified policy wording will have no

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			Policy DM 18.4	would have a limited impact on the character and appearance of the countryside"	"Exceptionally, where it is demonstrated that it is not possible to sensitively cluster with an established group of buildings as per DM 18.3(c), consideration may be given to locating the new farm dwelling on a well-defined site on the holding that is enclosed by significant, long established boundary planting, where this would have a limited impact on the character and appearance of the countryside"	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence and consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 47	N/a	N/a	Page 150 & 157 Policy DM18.		Dfl directs council to modify by deleting Policy DM18.8 and figure 9, page 150 of the dPS. Furthermore, Dfl directs council to modify by deleting the last sentence of paragraph 7.50, page 157, of the DPS.	Modification of policy wording and amplification wording as directed by Dfl. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 48	RA45	Partially as suggested under Appendix 3, MA032	Page 150 Policy DM18.	"However in all cases, buildings designed and used for agricultural purposes, such as sheds, and temporary buildings, will not be eligible for replacement under this policy."	Dfl directs the Council to modify Policy DM18.10, page 150 of the dPS, for clarity this should read as follows: "However, in all cases, temporary buildings and buildings designed and used for agricultural purposes (such as sheds), will not be eligible for replacement under this policy." Note: Dfl have reworded MA032 for clarity. Furthermore, Dfl also direct council to modify the last sentence of paragraph 7.51, page 157 of the dPS, as follows: However, it should be noted that temporary buildings (such as caravans and mobile homes) and agricultural buildings (such as sheds) are not eligible for replacement under this policy.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 49	N/a	N/a	Page 154 Policy DM18 (g)		Dfl directs the Council to modify policy DM18G, paragraph DM18.29, page 154, of the dPS by inserting a footnote after the phrase "small group of dwellings in the countryside". The corresponding footnote should read: "*No more than 14 dwellings"	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence and certainty. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 50	RA46	Appendix 3, MA034	Page 161	"Where a need is identified for a transit site or a serviced site which cannot readily be met within an existing settlement in	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM20.2, page 161 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	No Modification of policy wording for	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact

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			Policy DM 20.2	the locality, proposals will also be required to meet the provision of Policy DM 18.31".		purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 51	RA47	N/a	Page 164 Policy DM 22	the information contained in Annex A of the Addendum to PPS7 – Residential Extensions and Alterations should be replicated in the PS	Dfl directs the Council to modify Policy DM 22.2, page 164, of the dPS, as follows: "The Council will take account of the guidance set out in Appendix B of the Plan Strategy, which replicates the details included in Annex A of the Addendum to Planning Policy Statement 7: Residential Extensions and Alterations (DoE 2008)". Dfl are content this raises no issues of copyright. It is noted relevant content will be from page 10 -20 of this document. References to "The Department" should be changed to "The Council" where appropriate, as well as references to PPS7, which will be superseded by the PS. These changes would be covered under MOD93.	Modification of policy wording to identify location of SPG text. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 52	RA48	Appendix 2, Change 30	Page 175 Para 8.18	"Examples of significant may include the provision of affordable housing where a demonstrable local need"	Dfl directs the Council to modify the first sentence of paragraph 8.18, page 175 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read as follows: "Examples of significant community benefit acceptable under the policy may include the provision of affordable housing where a demonstrable local need is identified or the development of a local facility which has the support of the wider community"	Modification of amplification wording for purposes of clarification and consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 53	RA49	N/a	Page 178 Policy DM 24.2	Relocate DM 24.2 under the heading 'Development in the Countryside'	Dfl directs the Council to relocate DM24.2 under the heading "Development in the Countryside", page 178 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency and coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 54	RA50	Appendix 3, MA017.A	Page 178 & 179 Policy DM 24.4 (b)	"(b) There would be an overall community benefit from a development and the particular loss of land and facilities will have no significant effect on the overall provision of facilities in the locality; or"	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM24.4(b), page 179 of the dPS, to change the word "gain" to "benefit" in accordance with the PAC Recommended Amendment. It should be noted that the correct reference is 'MA017.A'.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.

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						policy from that originally assessed.	
MOD 55	RA51	Appendix 3, MA017.B	Page 179 Policy DM 24.5	See MA017B DM 24.5 to sit under a new sub-heading entitled: "Community Facilities within Residential Developments"	Dfl directs the Council to insert a new sub-heading "Community Facilities within Residential Developments" above DM24.5, page 179 of the dPS, in accordance with the PAC Recommended Amendment. It should be noted that the correct reference is 'MA017.B'.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 56	N/a	N/a	Page 178 & 179 Policy DM 24		Further to the changes above within RA49-51, Dfl also directs council to modify DM24.2, DM24.3 and DM24.6, page 178-179, of the dPS, as detailed below. For clarity Policy DM24: Community facilities has been written out in full to include the changes at RA49-51 (above) and the further changes directed by Dfl within this modification. Policy DM24: Community Facilities Development within Settlements DM 24.1 - The Council will support proposals that provide new or enhanced community facilities and services. New facilities should be located within or adjacent to town, district or local centres or other locations that are easily accessible by public transport, walking and cycling. Development in the Countryside Edge of Settlement DM 24.2 - In exceptional circumstances, where it is demonstrated that there is no alternative site within a settlement, the Council will support a community facility, including intensive sports facilities, at an accessible location on the edge of a settlement where the proposal: (a) Represents a logical extension to the built- up area; (b) Is of an appropriate scale in relation to the size of the settlement; and (c) Will not cause any significant adverse effect on the landscape setting or character of the settlement. Other countryside locations DM 24.3 - With the exception of Intensive Sports Facilities, the Council will sympathetically view proposals for new community buildings and facilities, including appropriate outdoor recreational, sporting and play facilities at accessible locations in the countryside. All proposals will be required to demonstrate an identified local need and accord with the other policies of this plan. Reuse of Existing Community Facilities	Modification of policy wording and amplification wording as directed by Dfl. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.

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DM24.4 - The Council will not support development that may be detrimental to or result in the loss of community services and facilities. In exceptional circumstances, the Council will support development, which seeks to reuse or redevelop an existing community facility for another purpose whereby: (a) The facility is surplus to the needs of the community; (b) There would be an overall community benefit from a development and the particular loss of land and facilities will have no significant effect on the overall provision of facilities in the locality; or (c) Alternative provision or equivalent community recreational benefit is made available at a suitable location within the local area. Community Facilities within Residential Developments DM 24.5 - New residential development should be designed to ensure good accessibility to existing services and facilities intended to serve future residents and where appropriate developers may be required to provide or contribute towards new and/or enhanced community infrastructure arising as a result of the development. DM 24.6 - For the purposes of this policy, community facilities includes sports and recreation facilities (including intensive sports facilities) as well as a range of community and public buildings. Furthermore, Dfl directs council to modify the amplification text on page 179 of the dPS, by inserting new wording within paragraph 8.25, a new paragraph at 8.26 and subsequent re-numbering of remaining paragraphs. **Amplification** 8.25 New community facilities should be located in places that promote accessibility for the communities they are intended to serve. Whilst the majority of facilities will be located within or, exceptionally, adjacent to our Borough's settlements. It is also recognised that certain facilities at an appropriate scale may also be acceptable at accessible locations in the countryside where a demonstrable case of need can be made. 8.26 An intensive sports facility is a purpose built or outdoor resource which facilitates one or more activity fundamental to maintaining individual health and fitness. This may include stadia, sports halls, leisure centres, swimming pools, and other indoor (and outdoor) sports facilities. The precise location of such facilities can be contentious, and by their very nature and scale can give rise to particularly complex planning considerations such as impact on sustainability issues and amenity, for example, through floodlighting. Such facilities shall be located within settlements in order to maximise the use of existing infrastructure. Where it is

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MOD 57	RA52	Appendix 2, Change 32	Page 184 Policy SP 6.2	" unique Places of the Borough and assist in the promotion of biodiversity."	demonstrated that there is no suitable site in a settlement such facilities may be permitted in an edge of settlement location subject to the criteria at DM 24.2. 8.27 Where a proposal involves a change of use or redevelopment of an existing community facility to a non-community use, the developer will be required to demonstrate that the facility is surplus to the needs of the community and that it is no longer needed or viable for an alternative community use. This will normally entail evidence that the property has been marketed for a meaningful period for community use with no interest shown. 8.28 The Council also considers that it is reasonable for developers to contribute towards the demand arising for new or enhanced community infrastructure as a result of their development. In such cases, the Council may seek to secure the provision or improvement of community facilities, or improved access to such facilities, by way of a planning agreement under Section 76 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011. This may include provision for agreed works to be carried out by the developer or a financial contribution in lieu of such works. Dfl directs the Council to modify the SP6.2, page 184 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	No Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 58	RA53	Appendix 3, MA007	Page 185 Policy SP 6.4	"all proposals for 10 dwellings or more and all non-residential development of 500m2 internal floorspace or greater to be accompanied by a Design and Access Statement"	Dfl directs the Council to modify the second sentence of SP6.4, page 185 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read: "The Council will therefore require all proposals for 10 dwellings or more and all non-residential development of 500m2 internal floorspace or greater to be accompanied by a Design and Access Statement."	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence and effectiveness. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 59	RA54	Appendix 2, Change 33	Page 192 Para 9.20	"integrate into their surroundings, assist the promotion of biodiversity and to protect the amenity"	Dfl directs the Council to modify the first sentence of paragraph 9.20, page 192 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read: "The aim of this policy is to promote high quality forms of development which are designed to sympathetically integrate into their surroundings, assist the promotion of biodiversity and to protect the amenity and character of our countryside."	Modification of justification wording for purposes of coherence and consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.

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						policy from that originally assessed.	
MOD 60	RA55	Appendix 2, Change 34	Page 194 Policy DM 27.5	"All proposals for development in the countryside will be expected to address biodiversity impact and be accompanied"	Dfl directs the Council to modify the first sentence of DM27.5, page 194 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read: "All proposals for development in the countryside will be expected to address biodiversity impact and be accompanied by a detailed landscaping scheme, which retains or reinstates traditional boundaries and augments existing planting."	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence and consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 61	RA56	Appendix 2, Change 35	Page 194 Policy DM 27.6	"The Council will take account of the supplementary guidance document 'Building on Tradition – A Sustainable Design Guide for the Northern Ireland Countryside' (Dfl, 2012) in assessing the design of all development proposals for new buildings in the countryside."	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM27.6, page 194 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	No Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 62	RA57	N/a	Page 198 Policy DM 29.2	"An advertisement proposed to be attached to, or within the curtilage of, a Listed Building should be carefully designed and located and special regard must be paid to the desirability of preserving the building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest which it possesses. Advertisements in Conservation Areas and Areas of Townscape Character should not have an adverse effect on the specific character, appearance and setting of the area".	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM29.2, page 198 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 63	RA58	N/a	Page 216 Policy DM 32.4	Change 'Statement of Justification' to 'Statement of Significance'.	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM32.4, page 216 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. Furthermore, Dfl directs the council to modify the amplification text at paragraph 10.34 on page 217 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 64	N/a	N/a	Page 221 Policy DM 33.1		Dfl directs the Council to modify DM33.1, page 221 of the dPS as follows: The Council will only support development within or adjacent to a Conservation Area that enhances the character or appearance of the area where an opportunity to do so arises, or otherwise to preserve its character or appearance and that is consistent with any relevant conservation area guidance."	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency and coherence. The modification does not change the	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.

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MOD 65	RA59	N/a	Page 221	"The proposal accords with the Guiding Principle of Policy paragraph DM 33.2 through the appropriate design, use of materials, detailing, scale, form & massing & arrangement of	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM33.3(a), page 221 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed. No Modification of	The modified policy wording will have no
			Policy DM33. 3(a)	such development"	Amendment.	policy wording for purposes of coherence and consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 66	N/a	N/a	Page 221 Policy DM 33.5		Dfl directs Council to modify the second sentence of Policy DM33.5, page 221, of the dPS, as follows: "In such cases it must clearly be demonstrated that any redevelopment of the site will enhance the character or appearance of the area where an opportunity to do so arises, or otherwise preserve its character or appearance".	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency and coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 67	RA60	Appendix 2, Change 36	Page 236 Policy SP 8.2(b)	"adverse impact of development, including consideration of potential cumulative effects."	Dfl directs the Council to modify the end of SP8.2(b) page 236 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity this should read as follows: "(b) Applying policies DM37 to DM42 and other relevant policies of the Local Development Plan (LDP) to protect our Borough's natural heritage assets from the adverse impact of development, including consideration of potential cumulative effects."	No Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 68	RA61	Appendix 2, Change 37	Page 237 Policy SP 8.4	"the overall landscape character, seascape character and specific"	Dfl directs the Council to modify SP8.4 page 237 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read: "The Council will operate a presumption in favour of development that protects, and where appropriate enhances, the overall landscape character, seascape character and specific landscape features of our Borough, including its coastline with Belfast Lough."	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 69	RA62	Appendix 3, MA013	Page 245 Policy DM 38.2	"The Council will support development that is not likely to harm or have an adverse effect on any other statutorily protected species and where any impact arising, can be adequately mitigated or compensated against."	Dfl direct the Council to modify Policy DM38.2, page 245, of the dPS, for clarity this should read as follows: "The Council will support development that is not likely to have an adverse effect on any other statutorily protected	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.

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				See MA011	species and where any impact arising, can be adequately mitigated or compensated against." Note: Dfl have amended MA013 in line with the PAC IE report at paragraph 7.16. Dfl directs the Council to modify DM38.4 page 245 of the	not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	
MOD 70	RA63	Appendix 3,	Page 245 Policy DM 38.4	Additional paragraph "DM 38.4 Where there is potential or evidence to suggest, that a protected species exists on the site or is likely to be impacted by a development proposal, the developer will be required to undertake a suitable ecological appraisal, including where necessary, surveys for protected species."	dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of clarity and consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 71	RA64	Appendix 2, Change 38	Page 246 Para 11.27	"Developers will be required to undertake an ecological appraisal, including where necessary surveys for protected species, where there is potential, or evidence to suggest, that they are present on site or"	Dfl directs the Council to modify paragraph 11.27 page 246 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of amplification wording for purposes of consistency and coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 72	RA65	N/a	Page 247 Policy DM 39.1	"The Council will only permit development likely to result in an unacceptable adverse impact on, or damage to, the features listed below"	Dfl directs the Council to modify the first sentence of DM39.1, page 247 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency and coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 73	RA66	Appendix 2, Change 39	Page 247 Policy DM 39.2	"Where there is potential or evidence to suggest, that a habitat"	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM39.2, page 247 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 74	RA67	Appendix 2, Change 40	Page 250	"as well as being important economic, recreational and cultural assets."	Dfl directs the Council to modify paragraph 11.35, page 250 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	No Modification of justification	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact

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			Para 11.35			wording for purposes of consistency and coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 75	RA68	Appendix 2, Change 41	Page 251 Policy DM 40.2	"assessment of landscape impacts a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment proportionate to the development"	Dfl directs the Council to modify the first sentence of DM40.2, page 251 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read: "To inform the council's assessment of landscape impacts, a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment, proportionate to the development in question, will be required to accompany planning applications in the following cases:"	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 76	RA69	n/a	Page 251 Policy DM40. 5(b)	"Low intensity recreational uses or low intensity tourism proposals;"	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM40.5(b) page 251 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 77	RA70	Appendix 3, MA011	Page 252 Policy DM40. 6(b)	See MA014 "Low intensity recreational uses or low intensity tourism proposals;"	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM40.6(b) page 252 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of clarity and consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 78	RA71	Appendix 2, Change 42	Page 253 Policy DM41. 1(b)	"the qualities of the coastal landscape (including seascape character) while still protecting".	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM41.1(b) page 253 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read: "Other development where it can be demonstrated that the proposal will not harm the qualities of the coastal landscape (including seascape character) while still protecting its nature conservation value."	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 79	RA72	Appendix 2,	Page 255	"Coastal Policy Area should consider their impact on seascape character and how they can enhance the area ".	Dfl directs the Council to modify the first paragraph of 11.43 page 255 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read:	No	The modified policy wording will have no

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		Change 43	Para 11.43		"All development proposals along or adjacent to the Belfast Lough Coastal Policy Area should consider their impact on seascape character and how they can enhance the area, including its nature conservation and amenity value."	Modification of amplification wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 80	RA73	Appendix 2, Change 44	Page 255 Para 11.44	"policy provisions set out in this policy, all development proposals which affect or might affect the whole or any part of the marine area (which includes the Belfast Lough Coastal Policy Area) will also be assessed against the provisions within the UK Marine Policy Statement and the"	Dfl directs the Council to modify paragraph 11.44 page 255 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read: "It should be noted that in addition to the policy provisions set out in this policy, all development proposals which affect or might affect the whole or any part of the marine area (which includes the Belfast Lough Coastal Policy Area) will also be assessed against the provisions within the UK Marine Policy Statement and the Northern Ireland Marine Plan, once adopted."	Modification of amplification wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 81	RA74	Appendix 2, Change 45	Page 256 Policy DM42. 1 (a)	"native species planting and that seek to incorporate tree- lined streets within new developments."	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM42.1 (a), page 256 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 82	RA75	Appendix 2, Change 46	Page 262 Policy SP 9.1	"Development will be supported will not have an unacceptable adverse impact on the environment, amenity or public safety"	Dfl directs the Council to modify the second sentence of SP9.1, page 262 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency, coherence and flexibility. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 83	RA76	N/a	Page 264 & 265 Para 12.11	MA018 Additional paragraph, "4.11 The sustainability of development schemes will also be improved through the use of an appropriate balance of new construction materials and recycled materials wherever feasible."	Dfl directs council to modify by inserting an additional paragraph after paragraph 12.11, page 264-265 of the dPS, in accordance with the Council's schedule of Minor Changes June 2022. For clarity this should read as follows: "Positive Planning Note – Adding Value: Our Borough has good potential to accommodate further renewable energy schemes in appropriate locations	No Insertion of new Positive Planning Note. Not a policy modification.	N/a

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MOD 84	RA77	Appendix 3, MA009	Page 272 Policy DM45. 2(e)	See MA009 "avoids or adequately resolves any unacceptable adverse impacts including on the"	harnessing natural resources such as the sun and wind. The potential also exists across the Borough, and in particular around Antrim and to the north west of Mallusk, for the use of both shallow and deep geothermal energy resources for the production of heat, and possibly electrical power, including at a commercial scale. To promote greater sustainability in new development, the Council encourages developers to examine the potential for renewable energy to be incorporated into their schemes, for example through the use of solar panels or ground source heat pumps." Dfl directs the Council to modify DM45.2(e), page 272 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read: "The proposal avoids or adequately resolves any unacceptable adverse impacts including on the historic and natural environment, cultural heritage, biodiversity, woodlands and tourism and recreational interests; and"	Mo Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 85	RA78	Appendix 2, Change 49	Page 275 Para 12.28	"will be required to provide detail on decommissioning and site restoration"	Dfl directs the Council to modify the first sentence of paragraph 12.28, page 275 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read: "Where renewable energy development will eventually become redundant, such as wind and solar farms, applicants will be required to provide detail on decommissioning and site restoration."	Modification of amplification wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 86	RA79	Appendix 2, Change 50	Page 275 Para 12.28	"the site to its former or enhanced condition. Where proposals come forward for the re-use, refurbishment, repair or repowering of existing renewable energy development in order to prolong their life span these will be considered on their individual merits in light of the then prevailing policy. The provisions of The Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc.) Regulations (NI) 1995 as amended will also apply to all such proposals".	Dfl directs the Council to modify the second sentence of paragraph 12.28, page 275 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read: "This is to include the removal of all aboveground infrastructure and return the site to its former or enhanced condition. Where proposals come forward for the re-use, refurbishment, repair or repowering of existing renewable energy development in order to prolong their life span these will be considered on their individual merits in light of the then prevailing policy. The provisions of The Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc.) Regulations (NI) 1995 as amended will also apply to all such proposals".	Modification of amplification wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 87	RA80	Partially as suggested under Appendix 2, Change 51	Page 288 Para 13.21	Additional text to paragraph 13.21 "It should demonstrate that: (a) all sources of flood risk to and from the proposed development have been identified; and (b) there are adequate measures to manage and mitigate any increase in flood risk arising from the development."	Dfl directs the Council to modify Policy DM46.2, page 287 of the dPS, by inserting the text detailed in the PAC recommended amended into policy rather than J&A. For clarity the last sentence of Policy DM46.2 should read: "These should be set out in the accompanying FRA (flood risk assessment) and should demonstrate that: (a) All sources of flood risk to and from the proposed development have been identified; and	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.

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					(b) There are adequate measures to manage and mitigate any increase in flood risk arising from the development".	policy from that originally assessed.	
MOD 88	RA81	Appendix 2, Change 52	Page 291 Policy DM 47.5	"use of the following measures to assist in minimising flood risk: 'soft' SuDS measures e.g. green roofs; swales; soakaways; basins; ponds; wetlands; and rainwater recycling, 'hard' SuDS measures e.g. oversized storm water pipes with flow control attenuation tanks and permeable paving."	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM47.5, page 291 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity this should read as follows: "In the case of development accompanied by a DA, the Council will expect applicants to demonstrate that they have considered use of the following measures to assist in minimising flood risk: 'soft' SuDS measures e.g. green roofs; swales; soakaways; basins; ponds; wetlands; and rainwater recycling, and 'hard' SuDS measures e.g. oversized storm water pipes with flow control attenuation tanks and permeable paving."	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence and effectiveness. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 89	RA82	Appendix 2, Change 53	Page 292 Para 13.30	" Green roofs, permeable surfaces, oversized storm pipes, water storage"	Dfl directs the Council to modify paragraph 13.30, page 292 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read: "Developers should consider the incorporation of SuDS as early as possible in the design process, whilst appropriate techniques may include such solutions as green roofs, permeable surfaces, oversized storm pipes, water storage (e.g. ponds), swales (shallow drainage channels), wetlands and ground water infiltration or a combination of such solutions."	Modification of amplification wording for purposes of coherence and effectiveness. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 90	RA83	Appendix 2, Change 54	Page 295 Para 13.35	Delete paragraph 13.35 and renumber subsequent paragraphs. Amend paragraph 13.36 to: "Details of Controlled Reservoirs in the Borough are available on Reservoir Flood Maps produced by Dfl (Rivers) and are available to view on its website. These provide"	Dfl directs the Council to delete paragraph 13.35 and modify paragraph 13.36, page 295 of the dPS, and renumber subsequent paragraphs as necessary, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of amplification wording for purposes of consistency and coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 91	RA84	Appendix 2, Change 55	Page 298 Policy DM 50.1	"the development will not have an unacceptable adverse impact on local amenity or the environment"	Dfl directs the council to modify the second sentence of DM50.1, page 298 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read: "The report must demonstrate that the development will not have an unacceptable adverse impact on local amenity or the environment and detail how any pollution arising will be appropriately mitigated."	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 92	RA85	Appendix 3, MA008	Page 302	See MA008 "having a likely unacceptable adverse effect"	Dfl directs the Council to modify the first sentence of DM53.2, page 302 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read:	Modification of policy wording for purposes of	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in

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			Policy DM 53.2	"It must be demonstrated that the proposal will bring an overall net social, environmental and economic benefit without having a likely unacceptable adverse effect:" consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	terms of its impact on \$75 groups.
MOD 93	N/a	N/a	N/a	As a result of the modifications contained within this direction, Dfl directs the Council to ensure that any other presentational or factual amendments, typographical errors and grammatical errors are updated as necessary to the overall Plan Strategy upon adoption. These updates should not amend the nature and intent of the modifications. No General 'administrative' modification.	N/a

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Appendix 1b: Section 75 Policy Screening Form

This form should be used for all new or amended policies. It has five parts.

Part 1 – Policy scoping – provide details about the policy being screened and the available evidence to help assess the likely impact on equality of opportunity and good relations.

Part 2 – Screening questions – look at the extent of the likely impact of the policy on each of the Section 75 categories.

Part 3 – Screening decision – the information provided in the previous sections is used to decide whether there is a need to carry out an Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA).

Part 4 – Monitoring – sets how the effects of the policy will be monitored. Table 5 details how each step in the preparation of the LDP is monitored to determine any future potential equality impacts.

Part 5 – Authorisation and approval – to be completed upon publication of final document.

Section 75 Policy Screening Form	Implications of Directed Modifications
Part 1 – Policy scoping	The information provided in the original 2019 Equality (Section 75) Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment Report, pages 27 to 34, remains relevant.
Part 2 – Screening questions	A detailed screening exercise in relation to the directed modifications and their likely impact on equality of opportunity is in included in Appendix 1a of this document. This screening exercise has been used to aid the completion of this form.
What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, for each of the Section 75 equality categories?	The assessment contained in Appendix 1a of this document, demonstrates that the directed modifications do not change the aim or purpose of any of the provisions of the DPS, or change the likely impacts which were previously identified under the original 2019 Equality (Section 75) Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment Report, pages 35 to 36.
Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity	The assessment contained in Appendix 1a of this document, demonstrates that the

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for people within the Section 75 equality categories?

directed modifications do not create additional opportunities to promote equality of opportunity over and above those already identified under the original 2019 Equality (Section 75) Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment Report, pages 36 to 38.

To what extent is the policy likely to impact on good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?

The assessment contained in Appendix 1a of this document, demonstrates that the directed modifications do not change the aim or purpose of any of the provisions of the DPS, or change the likely impacts which were previously identified under the original 2019 Equality (Section 75) Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment Report, page 38.

Are there opportunities to better promote good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group?

The assessment contained in Appendix 1a of this document, demonstrates that the directed modifications do not create additional opportunities to promote good relations between people of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group over those already identified in under the original 2019 Equality (Section 75) Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment Report, page 38.

Additional considerations

Multiple identity
People can fall into more than
one Section 75 category. Are
there any potential impacts of
the policy/decision on people
with multiple identities?

The assessment contained in Appendix 1a of this document, demonstrates that the directed modifications do not change the aim or purpose of any of the provisions of the DPS, or change the likely impacts which were previously identified under the original 2019 Equality (Section 75) Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment Report, page 39.

Disability
Will the policy encourage
disabled people to participate in
public life or promote positive
attitudes towards disabled
people?

The assessment contained in Appendix 1a of this document, demonstrates that the directed modifications do not change the aim or purpose of any of the provisions of the DPS, or change the likely impacts which were previously identified under the original 2019 Equality (Section 75) Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment Report, page 39.

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Part 3 – Screening decision	The recommendation is not to conduct an
	equality impact assessment.
If the recommendation is not to conduct an equality impact assessment, please provide details of the reasons.	Further to the directed modifications to a number of the individual DPS strategies and policies, no impacts on equality of opportunity have been identified on Section 75 groups either individually or cumulatively. Reasons as set out in the original 2019 Equality (Section 75) Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment Report, page 40 -41 remain valid. Therefore the decision has been taken not to conduct an equality impact assessment.
Mitigation Can the policy/decision be amended or changed or an alternative policy introduced to better promote equality of opportunity and/or good relations?	No
If so, give the reasons to support your decision, together with the proposed changes/amendments or alternative policy.	N/a
Part 4 – Monitoring	
What data is required in future to ensure effective monitoring?	See the original 2019 Equality (Section 75) Screening and Rural Needs Impact Assessment Report, page 42.
	Any issues raised during this consultation process will be considered before any decision is made in respect of the adoption of the plan strategy.
	The LDP will be subject to further equality screening during the second stage of the plan process, the Local Policies Plan.
Part 5 – Authorisation and approval	To be completed within final version.

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Appendix 2: Review of modifications required to Draft Plan Strategy as per Schedule 1 of Dfl Direction with regard to Rural Needs

Dfl Modification No.	PAC Recommended Amendment No.	Link to Council's Recommended Amendment No.², if applicable.	Page/Policy/Para No. in DPS	PAC Recommended Amendment	Dfl Modification following consideration of Recommended Amendments under Sec. 12 of 2011 Act.	Will the modification impact of the aim of the policy?	Likely Impacts of the modification
MOD 01	RA01	Appendix 2, change 1.	Page 20 Para. 1.15	"Once the Plan Strategy is adopted it will replace the regional operational policies that are currently retained by the Strategic Planning Policy Statement"	DFI directs the Council to modify the first sentence of paragraph 1.15, page 20 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC recommendation, as follows: "Once the Plan Strategy is adopted it will replace the regional operational policies that are currently retained by the Strategic Planning Policy Statement (comprised of the existing suite of Planning Policy Statements and the remaining extant provisions Planning Strategy for Rural Northern Ireland)."	No Factual update to introductory text for purposes of consistency and coherence. Not a policy modification.	N/a
MOD 02	RA02	Appendix 2, change 2.	Page 26 Para. 2.5	"In addition, there are a large number of other Government Strategies and Plans, such as the Biodiversity Strategy for Northern Ireland and 'Lifetime Opportunities', the Government's Anti-Poverty and Social Inclusion Strategy that, whilst not specifically referenced in this Section, have been taken into account in preparation of the Plan Strategy.	DFI directs the Council to modify paragraph 2.5, page 26 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC recommendation, as follows: "In addition, there are a large number of other Government Strategies and Plans, such as the Biodiversity Strategy for Northern Ireland and 'Lifetime Opportunities', the Government's Anti- Poverty and Social Inclusion Strategy that, whilst not specifically referenced in this Section, have been taken into account in preparation of the Plan Strategy."	No Factual update to introductory text for purposes of consistency. Not a policy modification.	N/a
MOD 03	RA03	Appendix 2, change 3.	Page 30/31 After Para 2.20	"UK Marine Policy Statement 2.21 The UK Marine Policy Statement (MPS) was published in September 2011 and was prepared and adopted under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. The statement provides the policy framework for the Marine Planning system and for taking decisions that have the potential to impact on the marine environment. The policy framework will contribute to the achievement of sustainable development in the UK's marine area which includes both offshore and inshore regions including all tidal rivers and sea loughs. As our Borough abuts Belfast Lough, the Plan Strategy has had regard to the provisions of the MPS. Draft Marine Plan for Northern Ireland.	Dfl directs the Council to modify by inserting new paragraphs after paragraph 2.20, page 30-31 of the dPS, and renumber subsequent paragraphs as necessary, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	No Factual update to introductory text for purposes of consistency. Not a policy modification.	N/a

² Suggested minor changes or Matters Arising submitted during the public examination hearing sessions, as contained within Appendix 2 and 3 of the 'Schedule of Suggested Minor Changes to the DPS (updated as part of the Independent Examination) June 2022. The recommended amendment may reflect a revised wording to that originally suggested by ANBC following consideration of representations, response to questions and discussions under the various topic areas at the IE hearing sessions.

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				The draft Marine Plan for Northern Ireland was published in April 2018 by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA). The draft Marine Plan has been developed within the framework of the UK Marine Policy Statement (MPS) in order to protect and sustainably manage the marine environment in Northern Ireland and facilitate sustainable development including coastal areas. The draft Marine Plan will inform and guide the regulation, management, use and protection of our marine area, both the offshore and inshore regions. The draft Marine Plan was taken into account in preparing the draft Plan Strategy and will continue to inform the LDP process until such time as it is adopted. Under Section 8 of the Marine Act (NI) 2013 the Council must take any authorisation or enforcement decision in accordance with any appropriate marine plan unless relevant considerations indicate otherwise".(remaining paragraphs renumbered)			
MOD 04	RA04	Appendix 2, change 4.	Page 58 Strate gic Objec tive 1	"• Promote sustainable growth by managing development and securing new infrastructure provision in our settlements, countryside and coast to meet the needs of all our citizens".	Dfl directs the Council to modify Strategic Objective 1, page 58 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	No Minor modification of Strategic Objective for purposes of consistency. Not a policy modification.	N/a
MOD 05	RA05	Appendix 2, change 5.	Page 58 Strate gic Objec tive 3	"• Provide a range and quality of land and premises to facilitate business growth, promote economic diversification and protect our strategically important employment locations including the Regional Gateway at Belfast International Airport".	Dfl directs the Council to modify Strategic Objective 3, page 58 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	No Minor modification of Strategic Objective for consistency, Not a policy modification.	N/a
MOD 06	RA06	Appendix 2, change 6.	Page 59 Strate gic Objec tive 11	"• Promote biodiversity, and conserve the natural assets of our countryside, coast and loughs".	Dfl directs the Council to modify Strategic Objective 11, page 59 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	No Minor modification of Strategic Objective for coherence and consistency. Not a policy modification.	N/a
MOD 07	RA07	Appendix 2, change 7.	Page 62 Policy SP 1.3	Insertion of new paragraph, "SP 1.3 In addition any development proposal which affects or might affect the whole or any part of the marine area of Belfast Lough must accord with the provisions of the UK Marine Policy Statement and the Draft Marine Plan for NI once adopted unless relevant considerations indicate otherwise." (remaining paragraphs renumbered).	Dfl directs the Council to modify by inserting a new paragraph after paragraph SP 1.2, page 62 of the dPS, and renumber the subsequent paragraphs, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.

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						the policy from that originally assessed.	
MOD 08	RA08	Appendix 2, change 8.	Page 63 Policy SP 1.4	"to allow proper consideration of the impacts of the development (to include where relevant impacts on the marine area) and any mitigation measures proposed."	Dfl directs the Council to modify the first sentence of SP1.4, page 63 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read: "To assist the delivery of sustainable development, the Council will require developers to provide impact assessments in association with planning applications where this is necessary to allow proper consideration of the impacts of the development (to include where relevant impacts on the marine area) and any mitigation measures proposed."	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 09	RA09	Appendix 2, change 9.	Page 65 Policy SP 1.6	"(g) Afford suitable protection to our Borough's natural and historic environment, including the adjacent marine environment, in accommodating growth"	Dfl directs the Council to modify criterion (g) of the Spatial Growth Strategy, page 65 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 10	RA10	n/a	Page 67 Policy SP 1.11	Replace term 'brownfield land' to 'previously developed land'	Dfl directs the Council to modify Policy SP1.11 of page 67 of the dPS, by retaining the term "brownfield land" and inserting a footnote at "brownfield land", to read: "RDS 2035 (page 106) definition of brownfield land: This is sometimes referred to as previously developed land that is, or was occupied by a permanent structure within a defined Settlement limit". Furthermore, Dfl directs the council to insert the phrase "within settlements", after "In all locations". For clarity this policy should read; "In all locations, within settlements, proposals that reuse or make better use of vacant, derelict or underused brownfield land (footnote number) or buildings will be supported where they are in accordance with the relevant policies of the LDP".	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence and consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 11	RAII	Appendix 2, change 10.	Page 68 Para 4.2	"the careful management of our historic environment and natural heritage, including the adjacent marine area. The Plan"	Dfl directs the Council to modify the first sentence of paragraph 4.2, page 68 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity this should read: "As such, the LDP seeks to further sustainable development through its policies and designations which balance the social and economic priorities of our Borough alongside the careful management of our historic environment and natural heritage, including the adjacent marine area."	Modification of justification wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.

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MOD 12	RA12	n/a	Page 70 Para 4.7	Insert (villages and hamlets) after the term 'smaller settlements'	Dfl directs the Council to modify by inserting "(villages and hamlets)" after the term "smaller settlements" in the last sentence of paragraph 4.7, page 70 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read: "Our Strategic Growth Strategy also recognises the importance of sustaining our Borough's rural community and seeks to allow appropriate growth in our smaller settlements (villages and hamlets) and the countryside."	Modification of justification wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 13	RA13	Appendix 3, MA018	Page 71 Para 4.11	MA0018 Additional paragraph: "4.11 The sustainability of development schemes will also be improved through the use of an appropriate balance of new construction materials and recycled materials wherever feasible."	Dfl directs the Council to modify by inserting an additional paragraph after paragraph 4.10, page 71 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of justification wording for purposes of coherence and effectiveness. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 14	n/a	n/a	Page 78 Policy SP 2.8	n/a	Dfl directs the Council to modify by inserting an additional sentence (highlighted below) at end of SP2.8, page 78, of the dPS. For clarity this will read as follows: "Until such times as the boundary of the SEL is identified at BIA, the Council will operate a presumption in favour of a wide range of industrial, business, airport related, and other complementary employment and service uses on the lands currently zoned at this location for airport related uses. In addition, the Council will in principle, support development at BIA that accords with or complements the published Airport Masterplan 2030. Proposals for retail and other town centre uses at this location must comply with all relevant retail policies set out elsewhere in the plan strategy including policies SP2.12 and DM7."	Modification of policy wording for purposes of clarity. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 15	n/a	n/a	Pages 84 and 87 Para 5.18 & 5.19 Fig. 5 map			Modification of justification wording and figure 5 map as directed by Dfl. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.

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								"Whilst the five town centres vary greatly in size and the level of provision of services afforded, they all perform an important function in meeting the needs of residents within their surrounding catchment areas." Also, Dfl directs the Council to modify the map entitled "Figure 5: Hierarchy of Centres in our Borough" by removing the reference to "Abbey Centre" under "Large Town Centre". Dfl directs the Council to renumber the titles and reflect this in the map accordingly.		
MOD 16	RA14	Appendix 2, Change 11	Pages 78-79 Policy SP 2.12	2 Tow	e	Role and Function Provides (or has the potential to provide) a range of shops, services, businesses and community facilities to a significant trinterland which includes smaller neighbouring towns or a number of suburbs. Provides (or has the potential to provide) a range of shops, services, businesses and community facilities to a hinterland which includes neighbouring villages or a few surrounding suburbs. Provides (or has the potential to	Centres Abbey Centre and Antrim Ballyclare, Crumin, Genguin key, and Rundublown Northcott and Whiteabbey	Dfl directs the council to modify Table 4 within Policy SP2.12, page 79 of the dPS, in accordance with the PAC recommended Table 4. Dfl further directs Council to modify this amended Table 4, to remove Abbey Centre from Tier 1, Large Town Centres.	Modification of policy wording as directed by Dfl. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
				Cer	cal Centres	provide) a range of shops, services, businesses and community facilities to a suburban community. Provides for has the potential to provide) a range of shops and services to a surrounding community.	Village Metropalitan Newtownabbey Abbat's Cross, Ballyduff, Beverley Road, Carmnoney, Cloughtern, The Diamond (Rathcoole), Jennings Park, Kingspark/Kings Crescent, Maltusk, Mayfield, Merville Garden Village, Monistown, Mossley West and Richmond. Antrim Greystone and Parkhall Rural Ballynure, Doagh, Parkgate, Templepatrick, and Toome			
MOD 17	RA15	Appendix 3, MA001	Page 78 Policy SP 2.12	See MA00 Change to "Retail Ce	to headi	ing: nd the Retail Hierarch	ny''	Dfl directs the Council to modify by replacing the heading "Town Centres and Retailing" with the heading "Retail Centres and the Retail Hierarchy" at \$P2.12, page 78 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 18	RA16	Appendix 2, Change 12	Page 89 Policy DM 1.4	be incom	npatible detrime	with the remaining buental to the specific o	old not result in conflict or usinesses at the site or be character and amenity		Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.

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						policy from that originally assessed.	
MOD 19	RA17	n/a	Page 94 Policy DM 4	Inclusion of Forestry development in Policy DM4	Dfl directs the Council to modify the title of policy DM4, page 94 of the dPS, to include the word "forestry". For clarity, the title should read: "Policy DM4: Agricultural and Forestry Development" Dfl also directs the Council to modify the following sections of Policy DM4: page 94-95, of the dPS, to include forestry development. For clarity this should read as follows: The first sentence of DM4.1 to be modified as: "The Council will support proposals for a new agricultural building(s), forestry development or other development ancillary" The second sentence of DM4.2 to be modified as: "Exceptionally, a lesser period may be acceptable, but only where the applicant is actively engaged in farming or forestry, and it is demonstrated that the proposal is necessary to meet the needs of a farm or forestry business that has been in operation for at least 12 months." Policy DM 4.3 (a) should be modified as: "(a) It is essential for the efficient functioning of the farm or forestry business;" Policy DM 4.4 should be modified as: "Development proposals involving intensive farming, forestry or animal husbandry must demonstrate that they will not result in any significant adverse health or environmental effects, particularly in relation to ammonia production." Furthermore, Dfl directs the Council to modify the Policy section heading above paragraph 5.34 and paragraphs 5.34 -5.36, pages 93-94, of the dPS to include forestry. For clarity, the title should read: "Agricultural and Forestry Development". The second line of paragraph 5.34 should be modified as follows: "The aim of this policy is to ensure that the operational development needs of farm and forestry businesses are managed in an appropriate way" Paragraph 5.35 should be modified as follows:	No Modification of policy wording for purposes of clarity. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.

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MOD 20	RA18	Appendix 2, Change 13	Page 98 Policy DM 6.1	"The Council will encourage and support a diverse range of retail and Complementary town centre uses* within our Borough's identified centres provided these support rather than detract from the successful functioning of the centres and their ability to meet local needs. All development proposals should contribute positively to the vitality and viability of the centre, and will be required to demonstrate that they will maintain or enhance the visual amenity of the area by providing an active and attractive frontage appropriate to the location". Footnote *Complementary town centre uses include cultural and community facilities, leisure, entertainment and business uses, including offices."	"Our Borough has a well-established agricultural and forestry community and business sector which contributes significantly to the local economy and is vital in maintaining a vibrant rural community. As agricultural and forestry business needs change and in order to ensure the longevity of a farm or forestry enterprise and maintain employment in the agricultural and forestry sector, new or extended buildings may be required." Finally, paragraph 5.36 should be modified as follows: "In bringing forward proposals, the applicant will be required to demonstrate a need for any new or extended agricultural or forestry buildings and that these are sensitively integrated into the landscape and will not cause any significant adverse impacts on amenity, human health or the environment." Dfl directs the Council to modify the introductory text of DM 6.1, delete criterion (c) and add footnote to the term "complimentary town centre uses", page 98 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	No Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence and effectiveness. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 21	RA19	Appendix 3, MA003	Page 98 Policy DM 6.2	"Proposals that would result in the loss of retail units will only be permitted where it is demonstrated that the retail use of the unit is no longer viable (e.g. evidence to show that despite marketing of the unit/building for at least 6 months there has been no interest shown) and this will not result in a concentration of non-retail uses that would be harmful to the shopping function of the centre."	"12 months" with "6 months" at page 98 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence and effectiveness. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 22	RA20		Page 98 Policy DM 6	Additional paragraph to be added after DM 6.4, "District and Local Centres A Retail Assessment will be required for any development proposal that involves an increase of more than 1,000 m2 (gross) of retail floor space in District and Local Centres. The Retail Assessment should provide a proportionate response to the proposal being sought and incorporate an assessment of need, impact and the sequential test. This includes applications for an extension/s which would result in the overall	Dfl directs the Council to modify Policy DM 6 by inserting an additional paragraph after current DM 6.4 to the policy box at page 98 of the dPS in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.

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				development exceeding 1000 square metre gross external area."			
MOD 23	RA21	Appendix 3 MA004.A	Page 99 Para 5.42	MA004A "The aim of this policy is to protect the role, viability and vitality of town centres from the adverse impacts"	Dfl directs the Council to modify the first sentence of paragraph 5.42, page 99 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. It is noted that the correct reference is 'MA004.A'.	Modification of justification wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 24	RA22	Appendix 3 MA005.A	Page 100 Policy DM 7.1 & 7.2	"In considering development proposals for retail use (including extensions) and other main town centre uses outside our Borough's centres, the Council will apply the following sequential test which requires that locations for new development be considered in the following order of preference: Centre sites; Edge of Centre sites; and Out of Centre locations that are, or can be made, accessible by walking, cycling and public transport."	Dfl directs the Council to modify Policy 7.1, page 100 of the dPS, to remove "which generate significant footfall" and "town" in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity this should read: "In considering development proposals for retail use (including extensions) and other main town centre uses outside our Borough's centres, the Council will apply the following sequential test which requires that locations for new development be considered in the following order of preference: • Centre sites*; • Edge of Centre sites; and • Out of Centre locations that are, or can be made, accessible by walking, cycling and public transport." Dfl also directs the Council to insert an asterix at Centre sites in the first bullet point to read: *"To be applied in the following order of Large Town Centres, Town Centres, and then District Centres." It is noted that the correct reference is 'MA005.A'.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency, coherence and effectiveness. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 25	RA23	Appendix 3 MA005.B	Page 100 Policy DM 7.2	"Proposals for retail use and other main town centre uses in out of centre locations will only be acceptable where, having regard to the expected catchment of the development, all of the following criteria are demonstrated: All centre and edge of centre options have been assessed and discounted as unsuitable, unviable or unavailable. Where there are multiple centres within the defined catchment area, the order of preference should be to develop in the higher order centre; The scale of development proposed is appropriate to its location, and it has been shown that the proposal cannot reasonably be altered or reduced in scale to allow it to be accommodated at a sequentially preferable location;	Dfl directs the Council to modify Policy 7.2, page 100 of the dPS, to delete "which generate significant footfall" and "town" in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. It is noted that the correct reference is 'MA005.B'. For clarity, this should read as follows: "Proposals for retail use and other main town centre uses in out of centre locations will only be acceptable where, having regard to the expected catchment of the development, all of the following criteria are demonstrated: (a) All centre and edge of centre options have been assessed and discounted as unsuitable, unviable or unavailable. Where there are multiple centres within the	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence and consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.

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				There will be no significant individual or cumulative adverse effect on the vitality and viability of existing centres within the catchment; The proposal will help to meet qualitative or quantitative deficiencies; and The site can be easily accessed by a range of transport modes."	defined catchment area, the order of preference should be to develop in the higher order centre; (b) The scale of development proposed is appropriate to its location, and it has been shown that the proposal cannot reasonably be altered or reduced in scale to allow it to be accommodated at a sequentially preferable location; (c) There will be no significant individual or cumulative adverse effect on the vitality and viability of existing centres within the catchment; (d) The proposal will help to meet qualitative or quantitative deficiencies; and (e) The site can be easily accessed by a range of transport modes."		
MOD 26	RA24	Appendix 3 MA005.C	Page 101 Policy DM 7.5	"A Retail Assessment will be required for any development proposal that involves an increase of more than 1,000 m2 (gross) of retail floor space outside any of our Borough's centres. This includes applications for an extension(s) which would result in the overall development exceeding 1,000 m2 gross external area. The Retail Assessment should provide a proportionate response to the proposal being sought and incorporate an assessment of need, impact and the sequential test."	Dfl directs the Council to modify Policy DM 7.5, page 101 of the dPS in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. It is noted that the correct reference is 'MA005.C'.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 27	RA25	Appendix 2 Change 18	Page 104 Policy DM 9.4	"For new hotels and guesthouses, preference will be given to developments that are physically associated with existing settlements or which involve the sympathetic conversion of a locally important building. In other cases where a guesthouse or hotel accommodation is proposed in a countryside location a specific locational need must be demonstrated."	Dfl directs the Council to amend the second sentence of DM9.4, page 104 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 28	RA26		Page 105 Policy DM 9.10	"(d) Satisfactory information is submitted for proposals in the countryside to demonstrate a robust business case for the development; The extent to which the proposal will promote a sustainable form of development and complement the Council's Tourism Strategy; and existing or planned public access to tourism assets, including landscape features and the coast, are safeguarded or enhanced."	Dfl directs the Council to modify by inserting an additional criterion (f) at DM9.10, page 105 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read as follows: "DM 9.10 Developers will be required to submit a supporting statement to accompany all proposals for tourism development that demonstrates how the proposal meets the following criteria: (a) The development is compatible with policies to safeguard and enhance the historic environment and natural heritage assets; (b) There is a high quality of design and the scale and nature of the development will allow for its integration into the receiving environment; (c) The development is proposed at an accessible location and adequate infrastructure arrangements can be provided (e.g. roads, parking, drainage); (d) Satisfactory information is submitted for proposals in the countryside to demonstrate a robust business case for the development;	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence and effectiveness. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.

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					(e) The extent to which the proposal will promote a sustainable form of development and complement the Council's Tourism Strategy; and (f) Existing or planned public access to tourism assets, including landscape features and the coast, are safeguarded or enhanced."		
MOD 29	RA27	Appendix 2, Change 20	Page 112 Policy SP 3.9	"complementary measures for the overall delivery of more sustainable travel patterns and to reduce the level of private car use."	DfI directs the Council to modify by inserting this additional text at the end of the second sentence of SP3.9, page 112 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence and effectiveness. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 30	RA28	Appendix 2, Change 21	Page 115 Para 6.15	"The LDP will be supported by a Local Transport Study (LTS) prepared by Dfl"	Dfl directs the Council to modify by replacing the phrase "Transport Strategy" with the phrase "Transport Study", in the first sentence of paragraph 6.15, page 115 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of justification wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 31	RA29	Appendix 2, Change 22	Page 118 Policy DM 10.1	"(a) There is the capacity on the road network to accommodate the type and amount of traffic likely to be generated, or where any adverse impact can be suitably mitigated, taking into account the cumulative impacts of development; (b) Access arrangements do not prejudice road safety or significantly inconvenience the flow of people or goods; and"	Dfl directs the Council to modify by amending criteria (a) and (b) of DM10.1, page 118 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 32	RA30	Appendix 2, Change 23	Page 119 Para 6.21	"A properly located and well-designed access* is essential for the safety and convenience" Insert the following footnote, *For the purposes of DM 10 and DM 11 a field gate does not constitute an access.	Dfl directs the Council to modify by inserting an asterisk after "access" in the first sentence of 6.21 and a corresponding footnote, at page 119 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Mo Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 33	RA31	n/a	Page 120	the prefix 'sub' to be deleted	Dfl directs the Council to modify by deleting the prefix "sub" in the first sentence of DM11.3(b), at page 120 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in

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			Policy DM11. 3(b)			consistency and coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 34	RA32	n/a	Page 121 Policy DM11. 4(b)	The Plan should refer to road safety	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM11.4(b) of page 121 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. This wording has been established in paragraph 5.81 of the PAC Report on the Independent Examination and for clarity, should read: "A residential proposal, which assists in the creation of a high quality urban design without compromising standards of road safety and does not result in an excessive number of additional access points onto the Protected Route."	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency and coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 35	RA33	Appendix 2, Change 24	Page 121 Policy DM12. 1(b)	" (b) Safe, convenient and attractive walking and cycle linkages to existing or programmed networks nearby;"	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM12.1(b), at page 121 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency and coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 36	RA34	Appendix 2, Change 25	Page 126 Policy DM14. 1(c)	See MA006 "(c) The proposal will not have an unacceptable adverse impact on local amenity or the environment."	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM14.1(c), at page 126 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. Please note, the reference to MA006 is incorrect. MA006 is dealt with under RA36 below.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 37	RA35	n/a	Page 126 Policy DM 14.2	Insert the word 'unacceptable' before 'adverse impacts'	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM14.2, at page 126 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 38	RA36	Appendix 3,	Page 126	"(a) They avoid areas identified for their landscape importance as set out in SP 8 except where it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Council that this is not feasible"	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM14.3(a), at page 126 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	No	The modified policy wording will have no

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		MA006	Policy DM14. 3(a)		Please note that this is MA006.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence and effectiveness. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 39	RA37	Appendix 2, Change 27	Page 127 Policy DM 14.4	Amended paragraph 14.4, new paragraph 14.5 & new footnote: "DM 14.4 Proposals involving development within the vicinity of a wastewater treatment works* will only" "DM 14.5 In assessing proposals the Council will also take into account the provisions of any relevant policy or guidance produced by Northern Ireland Water." *For the purposes of this policy a Waste Water Treatment Work (WWTW) includes a Waste Water Pumping Station (WWPS)."	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM14.4, insert a new paragraph after 14.4 and insert a corresponding footnote at page 126 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence and effectiveness. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 40	RA38	Appendix 2, Change 28	Page 128 Policy DM 16.4	New footnote inserted: "DM 14.6 Applications for telecommunications development by Code System Operators* or broadcasters will need to include: information about the purpose and need for the particular development including a description of how it fits into the operator's or broadcaster's wider network; details of the consideration given to measures to mitigate the visual and environmental impact of the proposal; and where the proposal relates to the development of a mobile telecommunications base station, a statement indicating the following: Its location, the height of the antenna, the frequency and modulation characteristics and details of power output; Declaring that the base station when operational will meet the ICNIRP guidelines for public exposure to electromagnetic fields; and That the development shall not cause undue interference to other radio spectrum users. * As defined under The Communications Act 2003."	Dfl directs the Council to modify by inserting an asterisk after the term "Code System Operators" at DM16.4 and a corresponding footnote, at page 128 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. Please note, reference to DM 14.6 within RA 38 is incorrect, this RA relates to DM16.4. For clarity, this should read as follows: "DM 16.4 Applications for telecommunications development by Code System Operators* or broadcasters will need to include: (a) information about the purpose and need for the particular development including a description of how it fits into the operator's or broadcaster's wider network; (b) details of the consideration given to measures to mitigate the visual and environmental impact of the proposal; and (c) where the proposal relates to the development of a mobile telecommunications base station, a statement indicating the following: • Its location, the height of the antenna, the frequency and modulation characteristics and details of power output; • Declaring that the base station when operational will meet the ICNIRP guidelines for public exposure to electromagnetic fields; and • That the development shall not cause undue interference to other radio spectrum users.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 41	RA39	Partially as suggested under Appendix 3,	Page 139 & 140	See MA021 Additional paragraph and subsequent renumbering of relevant paragraphs:	Dfl directs the Council to modify by inserting a new paragraph after 7.23, at page 140 of the dPS as follows:	No Modification of justification wording for purposes of	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact

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		MA021	7.24	"7.24 For the purposes of the Plan, the definition of Affordable Housing is the same as the definition used in the Strategic Planning Policy Statement. 7.25 In order"	"7.24 The current definition of affordable housing, which is provided by the Department for Communities is contained in Planning policy, specifically the Strategic Planning Policy Statement – SPPS. 7.25 In order"	coherence and effectiveness. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	on the rural community.
MOD 42	RA40	Appendix 3, MA026	Page 143 Policy DM17. 1(d)	"(d) For proposals of 20 units or more, a minimum of 20% must demonstrate how the 'Lifetime Homes' approach has been taken account of, to ensure that new developments are accessible to all and will assist in the creation of a more balanced community;"	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM17.1(d), page 143 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. Note: this is MA026	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 43	RA41	Appendix 3, MA027	Page 144 Policy DM 17.5	See MA027 Additional paragraph and subsequent renumbering: "DM 17.5 Where it is demonstrated that a development is not viable, a reduced or alternative provision of affordable housing may be acceptable."	Dfl directs the Council to modify by inserting a new first paragraph at DM17.5 and renumber subsequent paragraphs as necessary, page 144 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence and effectiveness. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 44	RA42	Appendix 3, MA025.A	Page 145 Para 7.34	See MA025A Additional paragraph and renumbering of successive paragraphs: "7.34 Details of the requirements of the Lifetime Homes standards can be obtained from the Department for Communities website at: https://www.communitiesni.gov.uk/articles/housing-association-guide"	Dfl directs the Council to modify by inserting a new paragraph after 7.33 and renumber subsequent paragraphs as necessary, page 145/146 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. It is noted that the correct reference is 'MA025.A'.	Modification of justification wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 45	RA43	Appendix 3, MA029	Page 148 Policy DM18. 3(b)	"No dwellings or residential development opportunities have been sold off or transferred from the farm holding within a period of 10 years from the date of the application and no previous permissions have been granted for a farm dwelling during the same period; and"	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM18.3(b), page 148 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Mo Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 46	RA44	N/a	Page 149	"Exceptionally, where it is demonstrated that it is not possible to sensitively cluster with an established group of buildings as per DM 18.3(c), consideration may be given where this	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM18.4, page 149 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read:	No	The modified policy wording will have no

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			Policy DM 18.4	would have a limited impact on the character and appearance of the countryside"	"Exceptionally, where it is demonstrated that it is not possible to sensitively cluster with an established group of buildings as per DM 18.3(c), consideration may be given to locating the new farm dwelling on a well-defined site on the holding that is enclosed by significant, long established boundary planting, where this would have a limited impact on the character and appearance of the countryside"	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence and consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 47	N/a	N/a	Page 150 & 157 Policy DM18.		Dfl directs council to modify by deleting Policy DM18.8 and figure 9, page 150 of the dPS. Furthermore, Dfl directs council to modify by deleting the last sentence of paragraph 7.50, page 157, of the DPS.	Modification of policy wording and amplification wording as directed by Dfl. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 48	RA45	Partially as suggested under Appendix 3, MA032	Page 150 Policy DM18. 10	See MA032 "However in all cases, buildings designed and used for agricultural purposes, such as sheds, and temporary buildings, will not be eligible for replacement under this policy."	Dfl directs the Council to modify Policy DM18.10, page 150 of the dPS, for clarity this should read as follows: "However, in all cases, temporary buildings and buildings designed and used for agricultural purposes (such as sheds), will not be eligible for replacement under this policy." Note: Dfl have reworded MA032 for clarity. Furthermore, Dfl also direct council to modify the last sentence of paragraph 7.51, page 157 of the dPS, as follows: However, it should be noted that temporary buildings (such as caravans and mobile homes) and agricultural buildings (such as sheds) are not eligible for replacement under this policy.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 49	N/a	N/a	Page 154 Policy DM18 (g)		Dfl directs the Council to modify policy DM18G, paragraph DM18.29, page 154, of the dPS by inserting a footnote after the phrase "small group of dwellings in the countryside". The corresponding footnote should read: "*No more than 14 dwellings"	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence and certainty. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 50	RA46	Appendix 3, MA034	Page 161	See MA034 "Where a need is identified for a transit site or a serviced site which cannot readily be met within an existing settlement in	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM20.2, page 161 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	No Modification of policy wording for	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact

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			Policy DM 20.2	the locality, proposals will also be required to meet the provision of Policy DM 18.31".		purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 51	RA47	N/a	Page 164 Policy DM 22	the information contained in Annex A of the Addendum to PPS7 – Residential Extensions and Alterations should be replicated in the PS	Dfl directs the Council to modify Policy DM 22.2, page 164, of the dPS, as follows: "The Council will take account of the guidance set out in Appendix B of the Plan Strategy, which replicates the details included in Annex A of the Addendum to Planning Policy Statement 7: Residential Extensions and Alterations (DoE 2008)". Dfl are content this raises no issues of copyright. It is noted relevant content will be from page 10 -20 of this document. References to "The Department" should be changed to "The Council" where appropriate, as well as references to PPS7, which will be superseded by the PS. These changes would be covered under MOD93.	Modification of policy wording to identify location of SPG text. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 52	RA48	Appendix 2, Change 30	Page 175 Para 8.18	"Examples of significant may include the provision of affordable housing where a demonstrable local need"	Dfl directs the Council to modify the first sentence of paragraph 8.18, page 175 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read as follows: "Examples of significant community benefit acceptable under the policy may include the provision of affordable housing where a demonstrable local need is identified or the development of a local facility which has the support of the wider community"	Modification of amplification wording for purposes of clarification and consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 53	RA49	N/a	Page 178 Policy DM 24.2	Relocate DM 24.2 under the heading 'Development in the Countryside'	Dfl directs the Council to relocate DM24.2 under the heading "Development in the Countryside", page 178 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency and coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 54	RA50	Appendix 3, MA017.A	Page 178 & 179 Policy DM 24.4 (b)	"(b) There would be an overall community benefit from a development and the particular loss of land and facilities will have no significant effect on the overall provision of facilities in the locality; or"	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM24.4(b), page 179 of the dPS, to change the word "gain" to "benefit" in accordance with the PAC Recommended Amendment. It should be noted that the correct reference is 'MA017.A'.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.

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MOD 55	RA51	Appendix 3, MA017.B	Page 179 Policy DM 24.5	See MA017B DM 24.5 to sit under a new sub-heading entitled: "Community Facilities within Residential Developments"	Dfl directs the Council to insert a new sub-heading "Community Facilities within Residential Developments" above DM24.5, page 179 of the dPS, in accordance with the PAC Recommended Amendment. It should be noted that the correct reference is 'MA017.B'.	policy from that originally assessed. No Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 56	N/a	N/a	Page 178 & 179 Policy DM 24		Further to the changes above within RA49-51, Dfl also directs council to modify DM24.2, DM24.3 and DM24.6, page 178-179, of the dPS, as detailed below. For clarity Policy DM24: Community facilities has been written out in full to include the changes at RA49-51 (above) and the further changes directed by Dfl within this modification. Policy DM24: Community Facilities Development within Settlements DM 24.1 - The Council will support proposals that provide new or enhanced community facilities and services. New facilities should be located within or adjacent to town, district or local centres or other locations that are easily accessible by public transport, walking and cycling. Development in the Countryside Edge of Settlement DM 24.2 - In exceptional circumstances, where it is demonstrated that there is no alternative site within a settlement, the Council will support a community facility, including intensive sports facilities, at an accessible location on the edge of a settlement where the proposal: (a) Represents a logical extension to the built- up area; (b) Is of an appropriate scale in relation to the size of the settlement; and (c) Will not cause any significant adverse effect on the landscape setting or character of the settlement. Other countryside locations DM 24.3 - With the exception of Intensive Sports Facilities, the Council will sympathetically view proposals for new community buildings and facilities, including appropriate outdoor recreational, sporting and play facilities at accessible locations in the countryside. All proposals will be required to demonstrate an identified local need and accord with the other policies of this plan. Reuse of Existing Community Facilities	No Modification of policy wording and amplification wording as directed by Dfl. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.

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DM24.4 - The Council will not support development that may be detrimental to or result in the loss of community services and facilities. In exceptional circumstances, the Council will support development, which seeks to reuse or redevelop an existing community facility for another purpose whereby: (a) The facility is surplus to the needs of the community; (b) There would be an overall community benefit from a development and the particular loss of land and facilities will have no significant effect on the overall provision of facilities in the locality; or (c) Alternative provision or equivalent community recreational benefit is made available at a suitable location within the local area. Community Facilities within Residential Developments DM 24.5 - New residential development should be designed to ensure good accessibility to existing services and facilities intended to serve future residents and where appropriate developers may be required to provide or contribute towards new and/or enhanced community infrastructure arising as a result of the development. DM 24.6 - For the purposes of this policy, community facilities includes sports and recreation facilities (including intensive sports facilities) as well as a range of community and public buildings. Furthermore, Dfl directs council to modify the amplification text on page 179 of the dPS, by inserting new wording within paragraph 8.25, a new paragraph at 8.26 and subsequent re-numbering of remaining paragraphs. **Amplification** 8.25 New community facilities should be located in places that promote accessibility for the communities they are intended to serve. Whilst the majority of facilities will be located within or, exceptionally, adjacent to our Borough's settlements. It is also recognised that certain facilities at an appropriate scale may also be acceptable at accessible locations in the countryside where a demonstrable case of need can be made. 8.26 An intensive sports facility is a purpose built or outdoor resource which facilitates one or more activity fundamental to maintaining individual health and fitness. This may include stadia, sports halls, leisure centres, swimming pools, and other indoor (and outdoor) sports facilities. The precise location of such facilities can be contentious, and by their very nature and scale can give rise to particularly complex planning considerations such as impact on sustainability issues and amenity, for example, through floodlighting. Such facilities shall be located within settlements in order to maximise the use of existing infrastructure. Where it is

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MOD 57	RA52	Appendix 2, Change 32	Page 184 Policy SP 6.2	" unique Places of the Borough and assist in the promotion of biodiversity."	demonstrated that there is no suitable site in a settlement such facilities may be permitted in an edge of settlement location subject to the criteria at DM 24.2. 8.27 Where a proposal involves a change of use or redevelopment of an existing community facility to a non-community use, the developer will be required to demonstrate that the facility is surplus to the needs of the community and that it is no longer needed or viable for an alternative community use. This will normally entail evidence that the property has been marketed for a meaningful period for community use with no interest shown. 8.28 The Council also considers that it is reasonable for developers to contribute towards the demand arising for new or enhanced community infrastructure as a result of their development. In such cases, the Council may seek to secure the provision or improvement of community facilities, or improved access to such facilities, by way of a planning agreement under Section 76 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011. This may include provision for agreed works to be carried out by the developer or a financial contribution in lieu of such works. Dfl directs the Council to modify the SP6.2, page 184 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	No Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 58	RA53	Appendix 3, MA007	Page 185 Policy SP 6.4	"all proposals for 10 dwellings or more and all non-residential development of 500m2 internal floorspace or greater to be accompanied by a Design and Access Statement"	Dfl directs the Council to modify the second sentence of SP6.4, page 185 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read: "The Council will therefore require all proposals for 10 dwellings or more and all non-residential development of 500m2 internal floorspace or greater to be accompanied by a Design and Access Statement."	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence and effectiveness. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 59	RA54	Appendix 2, Change 33	Page 192 Para 9.20	"integrate into their surroundings, assist the promotion of biodiversity and to protect the amenity"	Dfl directs the Council to modify the first sentence of paragraph 9.20, page 192 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read: "The aim of this policy is to promote high quality forms of development which are designed to sympathetically integrate into their surroundings, assist the promotion of biodiversity and to protect the amenity and character of our countryside."	Modification of justification wording for purposes of coherence and consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.

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						policy from that originally assessed.	
MOD 60	RA55	Appendix 2, Change 34	Page 194 Policy DM 27.5	"All proposals for development in the countryside will be expected to address biodiversity impact and be accompanied"	Dfl directs the Council to modify the first sentence of DM27.5, page 194 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read: "All proposals for development in the countryside will be expected to address biodiversity impact and be accompanied by a detailed landscaping scheme, which retains or reinstates traditional boundaries and augments existing planting."	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence and consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 61	RA56	Appendix 2, Change 35	Page 194 Policy DM 27.6	"The Council will take account of the supplementary guidance document 'Building on Tradition – A Sustainable Design Guide for the Northern Ireland Countryside' (Dfl, 2012) in assessing the design of all development proposals for new buildings in the countryside."	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM27.6, page 194 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 62	RA57	N/a	Page 198 Policy DM 29.2	"An advertisement proposed to be attached to, or within the curtilage of, a Listed Building should be carefully designed and located and special regard must be paid to the desirability of preserving the building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest which it possesses. Advertisements in Conservation Areas and Areas of Townscape Character should not have an adverse effect on the specific character, appearance and setting of the area".	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM29.2, page 198 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 63	RA58	N/a	Page 216 Policy DM 32.4	Change 'Statement of Justification' to 'Statement of Significance'.	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM32.4, page 216 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. Furthermore, Dfl directs the council to modify the amplification text at paragraph 10.34 on page 217 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 64	N/a	N/a	Page 221 Policy DM 33.1		Dfl directs the Council to modify DM33.1, page 221 of the dPS as follows: The Council will only support development within or adjacent to a Conservation Area that enhances the character or appearance of the area where an opportunity to do so arises, or otherwise to preserve its character or appearance and that is consistent with any relevant conservation area guidance."	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency and coherence. The modification does not change the	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.

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op	D.1.50			"The proposal accords with the Guiding Principle of Policy	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM33.3(a), page 221 of the	aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	
MOD 65	RA59	N/a	Page 221 Policy DM33. 3(a)	paragraph DM 33.2 through the appropriate design, use of materials, detailing, scale, form & massing & arrangement of such development"	dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence and consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 66	N/a	N/a	Page 221 Policy DM 33.5		Dfl directs Council to modify the second sentence of Policy DM33.5, page 221, of the dPS, as follows: "In such cases it must clearly be demonstrated that any redevelopment of the site will enhance the character or appearance of the area where an opportunity to do so arises, or otherwise preserve its character or appearance".	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency and coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 67	RA60	Appendix 2, Change 36	Page 236 Policy SP 8.2(b)	"adverse impact of development, including consideration of potential cumulative effects."	Dfl directs the Council to modify the end of SP8.2(b) page 236 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity this should read as follows: "(b) Applying policies DM37 to DM42 and other relevant policies of the Local Development Plan (LDP) to protect our Borough's natural heritage assets from the adverse impact of development, including consideration of potential cumulative effects."	No Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 68	RA61	Appendix 2, Change 37	Page 237 Policy SP 8.4	"the overall landscape character, seascape character and specific"	Dfl directs the Council to modify SP8.4 page 237 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read: "The Council will operate a presumption in favour of development that protects, and where appropriate enhances, the overall landscape character, seascape character and specific landscape features of our Borough, including its coastline with Belfast Lough."	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 69	RA62	Appendix 3, MA013	Page 245 Policy DM 38.2	See MA013 "The Council will support development that is not likely to harm or have an adverse effect on any other statutorily protected species and where any impact arising, can be adequately mitigated or compensated against."	Dfl direct the Council to modify Policy DM38.2, page 245, of the dPS, for clarity this should read as follows: "The Council will support development that is not likely to have an adverse effect on any other statutorily protected	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact

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					species and where any impact arising, can be adequately mitigated or compensated against." Note: Dfl have amended MA013 in line with the PAC IE report at paragraph 7.16.	not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	on the rural community.
MOD 70	RA63	Appendix 3, MA011	Page 245 Policy DM 38.4	See MA011 Additional paragraph "DM 38.4 Where there is potential or evidence to suggest, that a protected species exists on the site or is likely to be impacted by a development proposal, the developer will be required to undertake a suitable ecological appraisal, including where necessary, surveys for protected species."	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM38.4 page 245 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of clarity and consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 71	RA64	Appendix 2, Change 38	Page 246 Para 11.27	"Developers will be required to undertake an ecological appraisal, including where necessary surveys for protected species, where there is potential, or evidence to suggest, that they are present on site or"	Dfl directs the Council to modify paragraph 11.27 page 246 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of amplification wording for purposes of consistency and coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 72	RA65	N/a	Page 247 Policy DM 39.1	"The Council will only permit development likely to result in an unacceptable adverse impact on, or damage to, the features listed below"	Dfl directs the Council to modify the first sentence of DM39.1, page 247 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency and coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 73	RA66	Appendix 2, Change 39	Page 247 Policy DM 39.2	"Where there is potential or evidence to suggest, that a habitat"	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM39.2, page 247 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 74	RA67	Appendix 2, Change 40	Page 250	"as well as being important economic, recreational and cultural assets."	Dfl directs the Council to modify paragraph 11.35, page 250 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	No Modification of justification	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact

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			Para 11.35			wording for purposes of consistency and coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 75	RA68	Appendix 2, Change 41	Page 251 Policy DM 40.2	"assessment of landscape impacts a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment proportionate to the development"	Dfl directs the Council to modify the first sentence of DM40.2, page 251 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read: "To inform the council's assessment of landscape impacts, a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment, proportionate to the development in question, will be required to accompany planning applications in the following cases:"	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 76	RA69	n/a	Page 251 Policy DM40. 5(b)	"Low intensity recreational uses or low intensity tourism proposals;"	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM40.5(b) page 251 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 77	RA70	Appendix 3, MA011	Page 252 Policy DM40. 6(b)	See MA014 "Low intensity recreational uses or low intensity tourism proposals;"	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM40.6(b) page 252 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of clarity and consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 78	RA71	Appendix 2, Change 42	Page 253 Policy DM41. 1(b)	"the qualities of the coastal landscape (including seascape character) while still protecting".	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM41.1(b) page 253 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read: "Other development where it can be demonstrated that the proposal will not harm the qualities of the coastal landscape (including seascape character) while still protecting its nature conservation value."	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 79	RA72	Appendix 2,	Page 255	"Coastal Policy Area should consider their impact on seascape character and how they can enhance the area ".	Dfl directs the Council to modify the first paragraph of 11.43 page 255 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read:	No	The modified policy wording will have no

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		Change 43	Para 11.43		"All development proposals along or adjacent to the Belfast Lough Coastal Policy Area should consider their impact on seascape character and how they can enhance the area, including its nature conservation and amenity value."	Modification of amplification wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 80	RA73	Appendix 2, Change 44	Page 255 Para 11.44	"policy provisions set out in this policy, all development proposals which affect or might affect the whole or any part of the marine area (which includes the Belfast Lough Coastal Policy Area) will also be assessed against the provisions within the UK Marine Policy Statement and the"	Dfl directs the Council to modify paragraph 11.44 page 255 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read: "It should be noted that in addition to the policy provisions set out in this policy, all development proposals which affect or might affect the whole or any part of the marine area (which includes the Belfast Lough Coastal Policy Area) will also be assessed against the provisions within the UK Marine Policy Statement and the Northern Ireland Marine Plan, once adopted."	Modification of amplification wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 81	RA74	Appendix 2, Change 45	Page 256 Policy DM42. 1 (a)	"native species planting and that seek to incorporate tree- lined streets within new developments."	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM42.1 (a), page 256 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 82	RA75	Appendix 2, Change 46	Page 262 Policy SP 9.1	"Development will be supported will not have an unacceptable adverse impact on the environment, amenity or public safety"	Dfl directs the Council to modify the second sentence of SP9.1, page 262 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency, coherence and flexibility. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 83	RA76	N/a	Page 264 & 265 Para 12.11	MA018 Additional paragraph, "4.11 The sustainability of development schemes will also be improved through the use of an appropriate balance of new construction materials and recycled materials wherever feasible."	Dfl directs council to modify by inserting an additional paragraph after paragraph 12.11, page 264-265 of the dPS, in accordance with the Council's schedule of Minor Changes June 2022. For clarity this should read as follows: "Positive Planning Note – Adding Value: Our Borough has good potential to accommodate further renewable energy schemes in appropriate locations	No Insertion of new Positive Planning Note. Not a policy modification.	N/a

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MOD 84	RA77	Appendix 3, MA009	Page 272 Policy DM45. 2(e)	See MA009 "avoids or adequately resolves any unacceptable adverse impacts including on the"	harnessing natural resources such as the sun and wind. The potential also exists across the Borough, and in particular around Antrim and to the north west of Mallusk, for the use of both shallow and deep geothermal energy resources for the production of heat, and possibly electrical power, including at a commercial scale. To promote greater sustainability in new development, the Council encourages developers to examine the potential for renewable energy to be incorporated into their schemes, for example through the use of solar panels or ground source heat pumps." Dfl directs the Council to modify DM45.2(e), page 272 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read: "The proposal avoids or adequately resolves any unacceptable adverse impacts including on the historic and natural environment, cultural heritage, biodiversity, woodlands and tourism and recreational interests; and"	No Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 85	RA78	Appendix 2, Change 49	Page 275 Para 12.28	"will be required to provide detail on decommissioning and site restoration"	Dfl directs the Council to modify the first sentence of paragraph 12.28, page 275 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read: "Where renewable energy development will eventually become redundant, such as wind and solar farms, applicants will be required to provide detail on decommissioning and site restoration."	Modification of amplification wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 86	RA79	Appendix 2, Change 50	Page 275 Para 12.28	"the site to its former or enhanced condition. Where proposals come forward for the re-use, refurbishment, repair or repowering of existing renewable energy development in order to prolong their life span these will be considered on their individual merits in light of the then prevailing policy. The provisions of The Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc.) Regulations (NI) 1995 as amended will also apply to all such proposals".	Dfl directs the Council to modify the second sentence of paragraph 12.28, page 275 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read: "This is to include the removal of all aboveground infrastructure and return the site to its former or enhanced condition. Where proposals come forward for the re-use, refurbishment, repair or repowering of existing renewable energy development in order to prolong their life span these will be considered on their individual merits in light of the then prevailing policy. The provisions of The Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc.) Regulations (NI) 1995 as amended will also apply to all such proposals".	Modification of amplification wording for purposes of coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 87	RA80	Partially as suggested under Appendix 2, Change 51	Page 288 Para 13.21	Additional text to paragraph 13.21 "It should demonstrate that: (a) all sources of flood risk to and from the proposed development have been identified; and (b) there are adequate measures to manage and mitigate any increase in flood risk arising from the development."	Dfl directs the Council to modify Policy DM46.2, page 287 of the dPS, by inserting the text detailed in the PAC recommended amended into policy rather than J&A. For clarity the last sentence of Policy DM46.2 should read: "These should be set out in the accompanying FRA (flood risk assessment) and should demonstrate that: (a) All sources of flood risk to and from the proposed development have been identified; and	No Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.

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					(b) There are adequate measures to manage and mitigate any increase in flood risk arising from the development".	policy from that originally assessed.	
MOD 88	RA81	Appendix 2, Change 52	Page 291 Policy DM 47.5	"use of the following measures to assist in minimising flood risk: 'soft' SuDS measures e.g. green roofs; swales; soakaways; basins; ponds; wetlands; and rainwater recycling, 'hard' SuDS measures e.g. oversized storm water pipes with flow control attenuation tanks and permeable paving."	Dfl directs the Council to modify DM47.5, page 291 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity this should read as follows: "In the case of development accompanied by a DA, the Council will expect applicants to demonstrate that they have considered use of the following measures to assist in minimising flood risk: 'soft' SuDS measures e.g. green roofs; swales; soakaways; basins; ponds; wetlands; and rainwater recycling, and 'hard' SuDS measures e.g. oversized storm water pipes with flow control attenuation tanks and permeable paving."	Modification of policy wording for purposes of coherence and effectiveness. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 89	RA82	Appendix 2, Change 53	Page 292 Para 13.30	" Green roofs, permeable surfaces, oversized storm pipes, water storage"	Dfl directs the Council to modify paragraph 13.30, page 292 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read: "Developers should consider the incorporation of SuDS as early as possible in the design process, whilst appropriate techniques may include such solutions as green roofs, permeable surfaces, oversized storm pipes, water storage (e.g. ponds), swales (shallow drainage channels), wetlands and ground water infiltration or a combination of such solutions."	No Modification of amplification wording for purposes of coherence and effectiveness. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 90	RA83	Appendix 2, Change 54	Page 295 Para 13.35	Delete paragraph 13.35 and renumber subsequent paragraphs. Amend paragraph 13.36 to: "Details of Controlled Reservoirs in the Borough are available on Reservoir Flood Maps produced by Dfl (Rivers) and are available to view on its website. These provide"	Dfl directs the Council to delete paragraph 13.35 and modify paragraph 13.36, page 295 of the dPS, and renumber subsequent paragraphs as necessary, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment.	Modification of amplification wording for purposes of consistency and coherence. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 91	RA84	Appendix 2, Change 55	Page 298 Policy DM 50.1	"the development will not have an unacceptable adverse impact on local amenity or the environment"	Dfl directs the council to modify the second sentence of DM50.1, page 298 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read: "The report must demonstrate that the development will not have an unacceptable adverse impact on local amenity or the environment and detail how any pollution arising will be appropriately mitigated."	Modification of policy wording for purposes of consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 92	RA85	Appendix 3, MA008	Page 302	See MA008 "having a likely unacceptable adverse effect"	Dfl directs the Council to modify the first sentence of DM53.2, page 302 of the dPS, in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity, this should read:	Modification of policy wording for purposes of	The modified policy wording will have no differential impact than the original in

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			Policy DM 53.2	overall net social, environmental and economic benefit without having a likely unacceptable adverse effect:"	consistency. The modification does not change the aim/purpose of the policy from that originally assessed.	terms of its impact on the rural community.
MOD 93	N/a	N/a	N/a	As a result of the modifications contained within this direction, Dfl directs the Council to ensure that any other presentational or factual amendments, typographical errors and grammatical errors are updated as necessary to the overall Plan Strategy upon adoption. These updates should not amend the nature and intent of the modifications.	No General 'administrative' modification.	N/a

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