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Our Ref: DPS-SL1

8 March 2021

Dear Alistair

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Local Development Plan 2030 – Formal Submission of Documents to the Department for Infrastructure

I am writing to advise you, in accordance with Section 10 (i) of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 (the Act) and Regulation 20 of The Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 (the LDP Regulations), that Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council is today formally submitting its Local Development Plan 2030 Draft Plan Strategy (DPS) to the Department, to cause an Independent Examination (IE) to be carried out into the Plan document.

The Council is of the view, as required by Section 10 (2) of the Act, that it has complied with the relevant requirements of the LDP Regulations and that the DPS is ready for Independent Examination.

In accordance with Regulation 20 of the Regulations, the submission is comprised of a range of documents relating to the DPS and its supporting evidence. A full list of all documents being submitted is set out in Annex A. For ease of reference and to assist the Department, all the documentation required to be submitted under Regulation 20 is set out and cross referenced in Annex B. Please note that this documentation has been subject to scrutiny by the Council's Legal Services team and is being submitted to you electronically at this stage.

The enclosed information includes personal data that falls within the scope of the General Data Protection Regulations 2018 (GDPR) and the Council is content under its GDPR statement to provide both redacted and unredacted representations which should be managed in accordance with the provisions of the GDPR 2018.

The Council has fully considered all representations and counter representations made to the DPS following public consultation and its views are set out in the Draft Plan Strategy Public Consultation Report. This is accompanied by a number of documents including summary tables of representations made by issue, representations made by respondent and finally counter representations made.

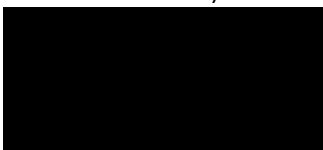
In response to comments made in relation to certain aspects of housing matters outlined in the DPS the Council has also produced two specific topic papers setting out its position in greater detail. Topic Paper 1 addresses Housing Growth and includes the Council's position on the Revised Housing Growth Indicators 2016-2030 (published September 2019), whilst Topic Paper 2 addresses comments raised in relation to the DPS approach on Affordable Housing.

Following an analysis of the matters raised in representations, the Council would advise that it is open to consideration of a number of minor changes to the DPS document. These are listed in the Council's DPS Public Consultation Report. The Council is content that the changes suggested are minor in nature, both individually and cumulatively, and do not impact on the soundness of the DPS. As a consequence, the Council is presenting these suggested minor changes in advance of an IE and considers these can properly be considered through the IE process, should the Independent Examiner consider that appropriate.

Finally, following discussions with Ms Suzanne Bagnall and in recognition of the current impact of COVID-19 on normal working arrangements, the Council is content to liaise with Departmental Officials to arrange for the safe and speedy delivery of hard copies of all documentation that is being submitted electronically.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Sharon Mossman on 028 9034 0422 or by email: (sharon.mossman@antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk). I look forward to hearing from you in due course and trust the Department is in a position to progress the DPS to IE in line with published timescales. I would also be very grateful if you can confirm receipt of this email and the attached documentation.

Yours sincerely



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Enclosures:

Annex A: Inventory List of Documents submitted to DfI to cause IE;
Annex B: Regulation 20 (LDP) compliance DfI submission checklist.

ANNEX A	
Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council – Local Development Plan Submission List of Documents submitted to the DfI for the purposes of causing an Independent Examination.	
Evidence Ref No	Document Name
DPS-SL1	ANBC Formal Submission of Documents to DfI letter (including Annex A & B) – March 2021
1. Draft Plan Strategy	
DPS 001	Draft Plan Strategy
1A. Draft Plan Strategy Assessments	
DPS 002	Sustainability Appraisal (SA) incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Report
DPS 003	Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Non-Technical Summary (NTS)
DPS 004	Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Scoping Report
DPS 005	Draft Habitat Regulations Assessment June 2019
DPS 006	Equality (Section 75) Screening & Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) June 2019
1B. Draft Plan Strategy Evidence Papers	
DPS 007	Evidence Paper 1: Population
DPS 008	Evidence Paper 2: Settlement Evaluation
DPS 009	Evidence Paper 3: Economic Growth
DPS 010	Evidence Paper 4: Retail and Commercial-Leisure Study
DPS 011	Evidence Paper 5: Tourism
DPS 012	Evidence Paper 6: Housing
DPS 013	Evidence Paper 7: Historic Environment
DPS 014	Evidence Paper 8: Community Facilities
DPS 015	Evidence Paper 9: Open Space, Sport & Recreation
DPS 016	Evidence Paper 10: Transportation
DPS 017	Evidence Paper 11: Public Utilities

DPS 018	Evidence Paper 12: Minerals
DPS 019	Evidence Paper 13: Renewables
DPS 020	Evidence Paper 14: Flooding
DPS 021	Evidence Paper 15: Waste
DPS 022	Evidence Paper 16: Landscape Character Assessment
DPS 023	Evidence Paper 17: Natural Heritage
DPS 024	Evidence Paper 18: Rural Pressure Analysis
DPS 025	Evidence Paper 19: Coast
DPS 026	Evidence Paper 20: Loughs
DPS 027	Evidence Paper 21: Placemaking and Good-Design
2. Draft Plan Strategy Representations	
2A	Representations Inventory
2B	Copies of all DPS Representations
2C	DPS Representations to Supporting Assessments
2D	Copies of all DPS Representations received in response to Counter Representations Consultation Stage
3. DPS Public Consultation Reports	
DPS-S-001	DPS Public Consultation Report
DPS-S-002	Representations by Issue Report
DPS-S-003	Representations by Respondent Report
DPS-S-004	Counter Representation Report
DPS-S-005	Topic Paper 1: Housing Growth Housing
DPS-S-006	Topic Paper 2: Affordable Housing
4. Soundness	
DPS-S-007A	Soundness Report
DPS-S-007B	Appendix 1: Inventory of Soundness Evidence
DPS-S-007C	Appendix 2: Soundness Evidence Base: Draft Plan Strategy stage
DPS-S-007D	Appendix 3: Soundness Evidence Base: Preferred Options Paper stage

DPS-S-007E	Appendix 4: Soundness Evidence Base: Pre-POP stage
DPS-S-007F	Appendix 5: Soundness Evidence Base: Timetable
DPS-S-007G	Appendix 6: Soundness Evidence Base: Statement of Community Involvement
5. Preferred Options Paper	
POP 001	Preferred Options Paper
5A. POP Public Consultation Report	
POP 002	POP Public Consultation Report June 2019
5B. Preferred Options Evidence Papers	
POP 003	Meeting the Needs of Society Evidence Paper
POP 004	Facilitating Economic Development Evidence Paper
POP 005	Shaping Our Environment Evidence Paper
POP 006	A Review of Operational Planning Policy Evidence Paper
POP 007	Antrim and Newtownabbey Housing Monitor 2015
POP 008	Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report
POP 009	Sustainability Appraisal Interim Report inc. SEA & HRA
POP 010	Equality Screening Assessment Interim Progress Report
POP 011	POP Summary Booklet
6. Towards Preferred Options	
PrePOP 001	Towards Preferred Options
7. LDP Timetable	
T 001	Revised Timetable 2020 ¹
8. Statement of Community Involvement	
SCI 001	Statement of Community Involvement 2016
9. Other Strategies & Documents	
DPS-S-008	ANBC Community Plan
DPS-S-009	ANBC Housing Needs Assessment (Sept 2018)

¹ Other timetables are contained within Appendix 5 (DPS-S-007F) of Section 4 of the DfI Documents Submission Section.

DPS-S-010	Supporting Statement: ANBC Car Parking Strategy February 2021
DPS-S-011	ANBC Economic Strategy 2018 – 2023
DPS-S-012	ANBC Tourism Strategy 2017 – 2022
DPS-S-013	ANBC Corporate Plan 2019 - 2030
DPS-S-014	NIHE Housing Market Analysis Update 2018 for ANBC

ANNEX B				
LDP Regulation 20 Compliance checklist: Submission of Documents for Independent Examination				
Regulation	Requirement	Y/N	Evidence (Document Name)	Evidence Ref No
20 (1)	Consideration of Reps made under Regs 16 & 18.	Yes	Representations and Counter Representations were considered in the following reports:	
			DPS Public Consultation Report Representations by Issue Report Representations by Respondent Report Counter Representations Report Topic Paper 1: Housing Growth; & Topic Paper 2: Affordable Housing	DPS-S-001 DPS-S-002 DPS-S-003 DPS-S-004 DPS-S-005 DPS-S-006
20 (2)(a)	Report under Section 8(6)(b)	Yes	Sustainability Appraisal (SA) incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Report Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Non-Technical Summary (NTS) Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Scoping Report	DPS 002 DPS 003 DPS 004
20 (2)(b)	Copy of Statement of Community Involvement	Yes	Statement of Community Involvement	SCI 001
20 (2)(c)	Compliance with Statement of Community Involvement	Yes	Refer to Chapter 3 & P1 Test of Soundness Report	DPS-S-007A & DPS-S-007G
20 (2)(d)	Copies of Reg 10, 15 & 17 Notices	Yes	Refer to Appendix 1 of Soundness Report for Adverts	DPS-S-007B (POP) & DPS-007C (DPS)
			Reg 10 Notice (POP)	POP-SND-004
			Reg 15 Notice (DPS)	DPS-SND-002
			Reg 17 Notice (Counter Reps)	DPS-SND-005
20 (2)(e)	Timetable	Yes	Refer to: Soundness Report Inventory of Evidence	DPS-S-007F

			LDP Revised Timetable 2020	T001
			Revised Timetable 2018	POP-SND-003
			Original Timetable 2016	POP-SND-001
20 (2)(f)	Statement setting out:- 1. Summary of main issues made in reps under regulation 11(2) and 2. How taken into account	Yes	POP Public Consultation Report June 2019	POP 002
20 (2)(g)	Statement setting out: 1. Summary of main issues raised in Reps; 2. How main issues have been taken into account in the preparation of DPD.	Yes	DPS Public Consultation Report Representations by Issue Report Representations by Respondent Report Counter Representations Report Topic Paper 1: Housing Growth; & Topic Paper 2: Affordable Housing	DPS-S-001 DPS-S-002 DPS-S-003 DPS-S-004 DPS-S-005 DPS-S-006
20 (2)(h)	Copies of Reps made to DPD	Yes	DPS Representations (LA03/DPS/001 - 0122)	LA03/DPS-001-0122
			DPS Representations to Supporting Assessments: - (LA03/DPS/032, LA03/DPS/0046, LA03/DPS/0102)	LA03/DPS/032, LA03/DPS/0046, LA03/DPS/0102
			DPS Representations received in response to the DPS Counter Representation Consultation Stage: (LA03/DPS/CR/0123 – 0148)	LA03/DPS/CR/0123 – 0148
20 (2) (i)	Copies of supporting documents relevant to the preparation of the development plan document. ¹	Yes	Draft Habitat Regulations Assessment June 2019	DPS 005
			Equality (Section 75) Screening & Rural Needs Impact Assessment (RNIA) June 2019	DPS 006

¹ In addition to the documents listed above

		Evidence Paper 1: Population Evidence Paper 2: Settlement Evaluation Evidence Paper 3: Economic Growth Evidence Paper 4: Retail and Commercial-Leisure Study Evidence Paper 5: Tourism Evidence Paper 6: Housing Evidence Paper 7: Historic Environment Evidence Paper 8: Community Facilities Evidence Paper 9: Open Space, Sport & Recreation Evidence Paper 10: Transportation Evidence Paper 11: Public Utilities Evidence Paper 12: Minerals Evidence Paper 13: Renewables Evidence Paper 14: Flooding Evidence Paper 15: Waste Evidence Paper 16: Landscape Character Assessment Evidence Paper 17: Natural Heritage Evidence Paper 18: Rural Pressure Analysis Evidence Paper 19: Coast Evidence Paper 20: Loughs Evidence Paper 21: Placemaking and Good-Design	DPS 007 DPS 008 DPS 009 DPS 010 DPS 011 DPS 012 DPS 013 DPS 014 DPS 015 DPS 016 DPS 017 DPS 018 DPS 019 DPS 020 DPS 021 DPS 022 DPS 023 DPS 024 DPS 025 DPS 026 DPS 027
		POP Meeting the Needs of Society Evidence Paper POP Facilitating Economic Development Evidence Paper POP Shaping Our Environment Evidence Paper A Review of Operational Planning Policy Evidence Paper Antrim and Newtownabbey Housing Monitor 2015 POP Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report	POP 003 POP 004 POP 005 POP 006 POP 007 POP 008
		POP Sustainability Appraisal Interim Report inc. SEA & HRA POP Equality Screening Assessment Interim Progress Report POP Summary Booklet	POP 009 POP 010 POP 011

			Soundness Report and Appendices 1-6	DPS-S-007A- G
			Timetable(s)	T 001 T-SND-003 T-SND-001
			Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Community Plan	DPS-S-008
			ANBC Housing Needs Assessment (Sept 2018)	DPS-S-009
			Supporting Statement: ANBC Car Parking Strategy February 2021	DPS-S-010
			ANBC Economic Strategy 2018 – 2023	DPS-S-011
			ANBC Tourism Strategy 2017 – 2022	DPS-S-012
			ANBC Corporate Plan 2019 - 2030	DPS-S-013
			NIHE Housing Market Analysis Update 2018 for ANBC	DPS-S-014
20 (3) (a)	Copy of DPD to the Department	Yes	Copy of Draft Plan Strategy included in ANBC formal submission of documents to DfI (letter sent March 2021)	DPS-SL1