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Dear Sirs,

Please find attached a submission by the Planning Department of Mid Ulster Council to your draft Plan.

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**Subject:** Draft Monaghan County Development Plan

**Importance:** High

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I wish to inform you that pursuant to Section 11 of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000-2016 the Draft Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025 is on public display and a public consultation phase will run **from Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 until Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018.**

The Draft Plan contains the written text and maps for County Monaghan including the five large towns with associated appendices contain supporting technical and environmental reports such as the Strategic Environmental Assessment, Natura Impact Assessment and the Record of Protected Structures. The Draft Plan is available to view at <https://monaghan.ie/planning/stage-2-draft/>

Submissions or observations regarding objectives and policies of the Draft development plan may be made **from Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 until Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018.**

A submission or observation can be made to Monaghan County Council, Forward Planning Team, Planning Section, County Offices, The Glen, Monaghan, or by email to [devplan@monaghancoco.ie](mailto:devplan@monaghancoco.ie)

Please make your submission by one medium only i.e. in hard copy or via email. This will avoid the duplication of submission reference numbers and will streamline the process.

Please include your name and address on a separate page to the content of your submission in order to assist Monaghan County Council in complying with the provisions of the Data Protection Act. Your assistance on these issues is appreciated.

For and on behalf of Monaghan County Council

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**By email only**

Date: 17 May 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Draft Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025**

I write with reference to the above subject. This letter is a submission by Mid Ulster District Council to the Draft Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025.

While Mid Ulster falls outwith the jurisdiction of this plan the opportunity to comment on it is welcomed given the position of our District in Northern Ireland and at a key gateway on the border between the north and south and as a neighbour to Monaghan County.

We note that the aim of this Plan is to ensure that the future development of County Monaghan is promoted and regulated in a manner that will improve living standards and facilitate social and cultural development for the population of County Monaghan without jeopardising the ability of future generations to do likewise. We also note the Strategic Objective and aims of the Core Strategy of the Plan.

In preparing our own new Local Development Plan for Mid Ulster we see the challenges facing us as: accommodating growth and creating quality places; creating jobs and enhancing prosperity and enhancing our environment and improving our infrastructure.

We are of the opinion that the economic strengths and regional identity of Mid Ulster and the neighbouring counties of Fermanagh, Monaghan and Cavan deserves recognition. Mid Ulster has been a growth centre because of the success of its agri-food industry, and in relation to mineral extraction, quarry products and related engineering, all of which provide export revenue and employment income around Mid Ulster. A key strength of Mid Ulster is its central position and its relationship with industry in Fermanagh, Monaghan and Cavan. In Mid Ulster our engineering

businesses are considered global leaders in high growth export sectors, especially in material handling. We are the top area in the region for enterprise development and entrepreneurship and we have three growing vibrant and economically active towns that have the potential to facilitate an urban cluster hub within the district. Development of cross border cooperation for economic growth is an important action within our Community Plan. Enhanced and improved road linkages and infrastructure are key to the success of this and to allow for mutual benefit between both jurisdictions.

Road linkages and infrastructure are key to facilitating co-ordination and to ensuring that connections between Ireland and the north are continued and utilised to mutual advantage. This council see the upgrade of the N2/A5 corridor as being key to this. In addition, within Mid Ulster the A29 is a very important north-south road corridor within the district and its upgrade to allow for the 3 towns (Dungannon, Cookstown, and Magherafelt) within our district to act as a cluster is considered to be strategic issue. The upgrade of the entire length of the A29 would allow important linkages to Armagh, Newry and beyond to Dundalk to be further enhanced. Connecting our towns and cities and ports in an all island context has mutual economic benefits to both jurisdictions.

You will be aware that there has been ongoing interaction between our respective councils as part of the Local Development Plan Cross Border Forum and that we have discussed a number of shared issues:

- Protection of landscapes through appropriate environmental designations;
- Protection of River Corridors from inappropriate development and safeguarding the Ulster Canal;
- Management of Minerals Development and the use of Areas of Constraint on Mineral Development;
- Improvement of road linkages and infrastructure;
- Improve energy infrastructure and provision; and,
- Improve broadband provision.

Mid Ulster Council see these shared issues as matters that our development plans should address. We have recently issued a draft Statement of Common Ground for consideration at the next Cross Border Forum meeting and we look forward to continuing to work with you as part of the forum.

Should you wish to discuss this please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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**On behalf of Dr Chris Boomer, Planning Manager**