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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached comments to the above consultation on behalf of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council.

Regards,

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Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: Consultation to Draft Monaghan County Development Plan 2019-2025.**

I refer to the above consultation and email received on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the draft documents and having consulted with our Members on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018, would offer the following observations.

Fermanagh and Omagh's draft Plan Strategy, the first part of the Local Development Plan, is currently under preparation. It is recognised that many of the challenges for County Monaghan are similar to those identified in our district. The planning policies put forward in the draft Monaghan County Development plan are considered to be an appropriate response to these challenges.

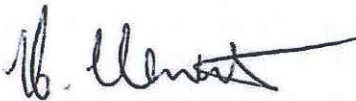
It is acknowledged that there are opportunities for co-operation for the benefit of cohesive planning in the cross border area. Cross-border tourism initiatives provide an opportunity to get the maximum benefit from our wealth of environmental and heritage assets. Greenways such as the Ulster Canal Greenway have the potential to link up on a cross border basis. The Fermanagh and Omagh LDP will ensure that the section of the Ulster Canal which falls within our district is safeguarded for future tourism/recreational use. Improvements to the transport infrastructure such as the N2/A5 upgrade are also important to the central border region and our respective council areas.

It is noted that a National Heritage Area is proposed at Sliabh Beagh in recognition of its important conservation value. The wider setting of this area extends into Fermanagh and Omagh and this is reflected in the jointly commissioned project for a Draft Sliabh Beagh Masterplan. The Fermanagh and Omagh LDP is unlikely to introduce more stringent controls on development across this area as the various national and international nature designations are already a significant constraint.

However, it is acknowledged that areas outside these designations remain attractive to wind energy development and any proposals of this nature will need careful consideration.

We look forward to continuing engagement with your Council and in co-operating on planning matters of mutual benefit.

Yours faithfully

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