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Dear Paul

Mid and East Antrim Borough Council, Local Development Plan – draft Plan Strategy 2030, Public Consultation

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council would like to congratulate Mid and East Antrim Borough Council on the launch of its Local Development Plan draft Plan Strategy document. As a statutory consultee, this Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on its content. The Council notes the Spatial Growth Strategy and Countryside Strategy including the detailed contents therein regarding the Plan's proposed approach in relation to housing, economic lands, retail, tourism, transport, open space, countryside and land instability/coastal erosion. The Council also notes the detailed operational planning policies proposed in the draft Plan Strategy.

In terms of cross boundary issues, it is the opinion of the Council that there is nothing within your draft Plan Strategy that conflicts with this Council's draft Plan Strategy. The Council does however reserve the right to comment further at the Local Policies Plan Stage. I note that the draft Plan Strategy supports the delivery of a Greenway between Carrickfergus and Mossley via Greenisland and I would point out for information that this Council does not at this time support the provision of a Greenway route using the current disused railway line between Mossley and Greenisland.

We look forward to further engagement with your Council as our respective plans progress and would also welcome further discussion regarding the proposed development limit of Greenisland and other detailed cross boundary matters likely to arise at the Local Policies Plan stage.

Finally, the Council would request that any infrastructure improvements deemed necessary to deliver Mid and East Antrim's Growth Strategy should be considered at a sub-regional level, taking into account the infrastructure priorities identified by this Council in order to help delivery of our own Spatial Growth Strategy.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Executive