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Section B. Your Details

Q1. Are you responding as individual, as an organisation or as an agent acting on behalf of individual, group or organisation? (Required)

Please only tick one

- Individual *(Please fill in the remaining questions in the section, then proceed to Section F.)*
- Organisation *(Please fill in the remaining questions in the section, then proceed to Section D.)*
- Agent *(Please fill in the remaining questions in the section, then proceed to Section E.)*

Q2. What is your name?

Title

First Name **(Required)**

Last Name **(Required)**

Email

Q3. Did you respond to the previous Preferred Options Paper?

- Yes No Unsure

Section C. Individuals

Address Line 1 **(Required)**

Line 2

Line 3

Town **(Required)**

Postcode **(Required)**

Section D. Organisation

If you have selected that you are responding as an organisation, there are a number of details that we are legally required to obtain from you.

If you are responding on behalf of a group or organisation, please complete this section, then proceed to Section F.

Organisation / Group Name **(Required)**

Your Job Title / Position **(Required)**

Organisation / Group Address (if different from above)

Address Line 1 **(Required)**

Line 2

Line 3

Town **(Required)**

Postcode **(Required)**

Section E. Agents

If you have selected that you are responding on behalf of another individual, organisation or group there are a number of details that we are legally required to obtain from you.

Please provide details of the individual, organisation or group that you are representing.

Client Contact Details

Title

First Name **(Required)**

Last Name **(Required)**

Address Line 1 **(Required)**

Line 2

Line 3

Town **(Required)**

Postcode **(Required)**

Q4. Would you like us to contact you, your client or both in relation to this response or future consultations on the LDP?

Please only select one.

- Agent Client Both

Section F. Soundness

The draft Plan Strategy will be examined at Independent Examination in regard to its soundness. Accordingly, your responses should be based on soundness and directed at specific strategic policies or proposals that you consider to be unsound, along with your reasons. The tests of soundness are set out below in Section M.

Those wishing to make representations seeking to change the draft Plan Strategy should clearly state why they consider the document to be **unsound** having regard to the **soundness tests** in Section M. It is very important that when you are submitting your representation that your response reflects the most appropriate soundness test(s) which you believe the draft Plan Strategy fails to meet. There will be no further opportunity to submit information once the consultation period has closed unless the Independent Examiner requests it.

Those who make a representation seeking to change the draft Plan Strategy should also state whether they wish to be heard orally.

Section J. Type of Procedure

Q5. Please indicate if you would like your representation to be dealt with by:
(Required)

Please select one item only

- Written (Choose this procedure to have your representation considered in written form only)
- Oral Hearing (Choose this procedure to present your representation orally at the public hearing)

Unless you specifically request a hearing, the Independent Examiner will proceed on the basis that you are content to have your representation considered in written form only. Please note that the Independent Examiner will be expected to give the same careful consideration to written representations as to those representations dealt with by oral hearing.

Section K. Is the draft Plan Strategy Sound?

Your comments should be set out in full. This will assist the Independent Examiner understand the issues you raise. You will only be able to submit further additional information if the Independent Examiner invites you to do so.

Sound

If you consider the Plan Strategy to be Sound and wish to support the Plan Strategy, please set out your comments below.

(Required)

Section L. Unsound

In this section we will be asking you to specify which part(s) of the draft Plan Strategy you consider to be unsound.

Note: If you wish to inform us that more than one part of the draft Plan Strategy is unsound each part should be listed separately. Complete this page in relation to one part of the draft Plan Strategy only.

Q6. If you consider that the draft Plan Strategy is unsound and does not meet one or more of the tests of soundness below, you must indicate which test(s) you consider it does not meet, having regard to Development Plan Practice Note 6 available at:

https://www.planningni.gov.uk/index/news/dfi_planning_news/news_releases_2015_onwards/development_plan_practice_note_06_soundness_version_2_may_2017.pdf

Please note if you do not identify a test(s) your comments may not be considered by the Independent Examiner.

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Section M. Tests of Soundness (Required)

Procedural tests

- P1. Has the plan been prepared in accordance with the Council's timetable and the Statement of Community Involvement?
- P2. Has the Council prepared its Preferred Options Paper and taken into account any representations made?
- P3. Has the plan been subject to Sustainability Appraisal including Strategic Environmental Assessment?
- P4. Did the Council comply with the regulations on the form and content of its plan and on the procedure for preparing the plan?

Consistency tests

- C1. Did the Council take account of the Regional Development Strategy?
- C2. Did the Council take account of its Community Plan?
- C3. Did the Council take account of policy and guidance issued by the Department?

Coherence and effectiveness tests

- CE1. The plan sets out a coherent strategy from which its policies and allocations logically flow and where cross boundary issues are relevant is it in conflict with the plans of neighbouring Councils.
- CE2. The strategy, policies and allocations are realistic and appropriate having considered the relevant alternatives and are founded on a robust evidence base.
- CE3. There are clear mechanisms for implementation and monitoring.
- CE4. The plan is reasonably flexible to enable it to deal with changing circumstances.

Section N. Which part(s) of the draft Plan Strategy are you commenting on?

This should relate to only one section, paragraph or policy of the draft Plan Strategy. If you wish to inform us that you consider more than one part of the draft Plan Strategy is unsound, you can submit further representations by completing and submitting additional copies of this section.

Relevant Policy number(s)

(and/or)

Relevant Paragraph number(s)

(and/or)

District Proposals Map

Please give full details of why you consider the draft Plan Strategy to be unsound having regard to the tests(s) you have identified above. Please be as clear and concise as possible.

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If you consider the draft Plan Strategy to be unsound, please provide details of what changes(s) you consider necessary to make the draft Plan Strategy sound.

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Northern Trust Comments extracted from PDF Response Form

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(Required)

Thank you for the opportunity to consider the MEA Council Local Development Plan, which ref

“Thank you for the opportunity to consider the MEA Council Local Development Plan, which reflects the objectives of Putting People First, as outlined on page 31. MEA Council is to be commended for having aligned its Corporate Plan with the thematic structure of the Community Plan and having incorporated within the Local Development Plan aspects of direct relevance including Criteria for Safety and Safeguarding of Human Health/Wellbeing (page 111 & 118) and particularly the commitments to Building Sustainable Communities throughout section 8 (pages 170 -207). This includes sections on housing including adaptable and accessible homes (p181) and commitments on use of land for open space, sports/recreation and leisure (194-207) which accord with Community Planning outcomes on health and wellbeing. The Plan also contributes to addressing the underlying causes of poor health through economic growth, sustainability, transport. With regard to capital development, Section 8.3 (p208) outlines the aim of improving the health and wellbeing of the MEA community and outlines a policy commitment in support of use of land for health and related purposes. It is worth noting this commitment extends to proposals for alternative use of existing facilities for such purposes requiring to demonstrate having become surplus to requirements and not be viable for alternative community use. In addition we note that the Local Development Plan should allocate sufficient land to meet the anticipated needs of the community in terms of health, education and other public services. It is therefore important to protect land for new education, health and cultural facilities. It also states that new facilities must be based in appropriate and assessable locations within settlement areas where there is good connectivity with public transport and active travel infrastructure. In terms of the Technical Supplement 11 Health, Education, Community and Cultural Facilities it states that the following proposals have been identified by the Northern Health and Social Care Trust as intended capital developments within Mid and East Antrim. However, it should be noted that these are subject to approval of capital allocation by the Department of Health which determines capital allocation regionally. • Replacement of three Adult Centres (this is Carrickfergus, Larne and George Sloan and it is unlikely, given the lack of capital to address all of the Trust capital requirements, that all 3 will be funded in the short to medium term) • Replacement of Slemish House, Children’s Centre (this is now a refurbishment solution in the

medium term) • Replacement roof and refurbishment of Pennybridge stores (the Trust is assessing the cost and viability of upgrading this building). Once again, thank you for the opportunity to comment. The Northern Trust welcomes the ongoing engagement with MEA through Community Planning, and also through the emerging opportunities from the work of the Regional Integrated Care System Prototype being led by the Trust”