

Mid and East Antrim Borough Council Development Plan Team Planning Office County Hall 182 Galgorm Road Ballymena BT42 1QF

Dear Sir/ Madam

Date: 04th March 2021

Your Ref: MEA-DPS-020

Our ref: 2019541

Re: Response to Mid & East Antrim Council Local Development Plan 2030- Draft Plan Strategy (Modifications)

We write on behalf of our client, & to make a submission in respect the Mid & East Antrim Borough Council ("MEA") Local Development Plan ("LDC") Draft Plan Strategy ("DPS").

We have reviewed the proposed Modifications do not seek to make any further representations in respect of the soundness of those Modifications. However our previous submissions remain applicable and have not been altered or reduced as a consequence of the Modifications.

While we welcome the clarification provided through Modification provided through PM-004 and PM-005 in respect of SGS 3, that the Housing supply and allocation is based on the updated HGI's as published in 2016, we remain concerned that the reliance on HGI along is insufficient and does not meet the soundness tests as previously set out in our previous submission (MEA-DPS-020). We do not seek to repeat or add to the points previously raised, as these go beyond the modification and pertain to the wider Draft Plan Strategy.

Similarly while we welcome the clarification provided by PM-007 in respect of Phasing, we do not feel this overcomes the concerns previously raised and therefore we remain of the view that this SGS5 is unsound for the reasons already stated. We do not seek to repeat or add to the points previously raised, as these go beyond the modification and pertain to the wider Draft Plan Strategy.

Our client, would welcome the opportunity to remain involved in this process.

We trust this will be given due consideration, but should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely

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