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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Mid and East Antrim Local Development Plan 2030 draft Plan Strategy - Notice of Independent Examination

In accordance with Regulation 22 of the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, I am writing to advise that the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) will commence the Independent Examination (IE) hearing sessions in relation to the Mid and East Antrim Borough Council Local Development Plan 2030 draft Plan Strategy on Monday 6 June 2022 at 10.30am.

These sessions will be conducted remotely. Details of how the IE sessions will be conducted are available on the PAC website at www.pacni.gov.uk/local-development-plans

Further Submission Document

Further to the submission of the draft Plan Strategy and supporting documents to the Department of Infrastructure on 29 March 2021, the Council has prepared a further document entitled Schedule of Proposed Corrections (reference DPS-144), dated June 2021. This document has been submitted to the Department and is included in the submission for Independent Examination before the Planning Appeals Commission.

Revised Local Development Plan Timetable

I would also like to take this opportunity to advise that the Council has recently revised its LDP Timetable. The LDP Timetable sets out the key stages of the LDP process and the accompanying Sustainability Appraisal process along with an indicative framework that the Council will try to meet for each key stage in the LDP process.

The revised Timetable and all the LDP documents submitted for Independent Examination, are available to view on the Council's website at www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/ldp or at

the Council Planning Office during normal office hours (by appointment only) at: Silverwood Business Park, 190 Raceview Road, Ballymena, BT42 4HY. To make an appointment please telephone 02825 633500.

Please note there is no further opportunity for comment on the draft Plan Strategy. Jurisdiction has now passed to the Department for Infrastructure and the Planning Appeals Commission to assess the soundness of the Plan.

For further information, please contact me or visit the Council's website at www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/ldp

Yours sincerely

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