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By email only

Dear Mr Jackson,

Mid Ulster District Council Local Development Plan – Forum to Discuss Cross Boundary Planning Issues

As you will be aware Mid Ulster District Council (MUDC) are progressing the preparation of their Local Development Plan (LDP). Consultation on the LDP Preferred Options Paper (POP) commenced on 7th November 2016 and ended on 27th January 2017. The next stage in the plan making process is preparation of the draft Plan Strategy.

Soundness is the basis on which all Local Development Plans (LDP) will be examined and is a new aspect to the plan making process in Northern Ireland. One of the tests of soundness relates to consistency and whether we have had regard to other relevant plans, policies and strategies relating to any adjoining council's district. Another aspect of the soundness test relates to coherence and effectiveness, ensuring that where cross boundary issues are relevant our Plan policies and allocations are not in conflict with the Development Plan Documents of neighbouring councils.

As a means of demonstrating the soundness of our LDP in relation to neighbouring councils, MUDC has decided to establish a number of forums to discuss cross boundary issues. The three forums will consider Lough Neagh & Lough Beg, The Sperrins and Cross Border matters.

MUDC would welcome the participation of your council in the following forum and invite you to appoint 2-3 elected members and relevant planning officers to attend and participate in the discussions:

1. The Sperrins – 28th April 2017 at 10.30am
MUDC will be represented on this forum by Councillor Clarke and Councillor Mallaghan and by relevant planning officers. A representative of DEARA NIEA has also been invited to attend.

The forum will be held in Meeting Room 3 in the Magherafelt Office at the address at the top of this letter. It would be appreciated if you could confirm attendance by 21 April 2017.

Yours sincerely



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On behalf of Dr Chris Boomer, Planning Manager

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