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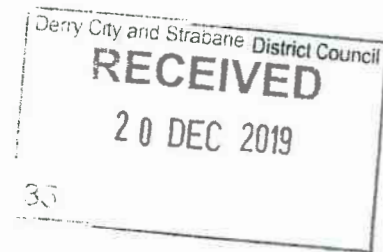
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Dear Ms Fox,

Re: Local Development Plan (LDP 2032 Draft Plan Strategy)

In reply to your letter dated 2nd December, 2019. For some time I have contemplated writing to your office about the density per acre of public housing in the Skeoge area and elsewhere and the proximity of such housing to main roads and the consequences of noise and traffic pollution levels on householders from traffic emissions.

In recent years the housing associations have failed to adequately screen their housing estates by planting trees with hedges on clay embankments to reduce noise and pollution. Recent planting schemes in the Skeoge area are totally inadequate due to the lack of hedges both in size and width. Trees that are not heavy standard with evergreen hedges do not attenuate traffic noise or trap harmful pollutants.

Reducing exposure to traffic emissions in near road locations like the Skeoge and Northland Road is scientifically proven to be beneficial to those living in estates that have been adequately landscaped by building high clay embankments (ie Bundwalls) that brings immediate screening and gives added height to hedges and trees planted, thereby accelerating the immediate benefits of trapping carbon particles.

Roadside green infrastructure planted with deciduous and evergreen trees, hedge shrubs or bushes on clay embankments has been my companies policy for the last 40 years at can be evidenced at the Ulster Science and Technology Park www.ulstersciencepark.com Springtown Shopping Centre and Templegrove private housing development. The **Branch/Buncrana** Road area was planted by my companies as a first priority to be adornment on the landscape to attenuate noise and traffic pollution.

Branch/Buncrana Road roundabout

I understand the public sector intend to build new housing estate on land bounded by Templemore Road and the Buncrana Road. This development is welcomed as it has been undeveloped for more than 15 years and is in close proximity to all services. It is a recognised fact that effective roadside green infrastructure improves air quality by reducing harmful particulates that increases health risks of lung cancer, heart disease, strokes and bronchitis. **Living** within 50 metres of a busy road increases cancer and stunts lung growth in children. Some housing along the Skeoge are built within 10-15 metres of the Skeoge bypass and have no proper planted screening. This is environmental neglect that shows little respect for its inhabitants and the need to decarbonise and reduce dioxide pollution from traffic in very close proximity to large scale housing in the Skeoge and elsewhere in the city.

Proposed application by Poundstretcher for retrospective permission to sell food items

This site is and should remain bulky goods and should not have any element of Class 1 Retailing.

I hope my own track record of respecting the built environment and its surroundings will be emulated by the public sector who need to return to greener landscapes and not greediness as can be evidentially shown.



Managing Director