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Dear Sirs,
Please find attached our revised submission to LDP 2032 for your consideration.
Regards



From:
Sent: 02 November 2020 12:44
Subject: Local Development Plan (LDP 2032): Draft Plan Strategy – Reminder of closing date for Re-Consultation period.

Dear Sir / Madam

I write to remind you that the current period of re-consultation on the draft Plan Strategy (dPS) of the Local Development Plan 2032 (LDP) **will close shortly on Friday 6th November 2020**. Representations received after this date may not be accepted.

Before the end of Friday 6th November 2020, it is important that you tell the Council how you wish your previously made consultation to be considered during this statutory re-consultation period.

If you wish to have your previously submitted representation carried forward as it is, please email us at LDP@DerryStrabane.com or write to us at *Planning LDP Team, 98 Strand Road, Derry BT48 7NN*. Alternatively, if you wish to revise or provide additional information in support of your previous representation, or to withdraw it, or wish to submit a new representation, you can also email / write to us, or preferably use the online Representation Form:

https://www.derrystrabane.com/getmedia/18adf031-a2dc-491b-98a5-80c77673a416/Final-LDP-Reps-2-Re-Consultation-form-2020_1.pdf

Apologies for further correspondence again on this matter, but it is important that the Council is instructed on how you wish your previously made consultation to be considered before the 6th November 2020 deadline.

Best wishes,

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Present submission on area plan

Dear Sirs,

This submission is made by *[redacted]*, contactable through the Agents e-mail enquiries@bondarchitects.com and is in addition to a previous submission repeated below:

We refer to our previous submission regarding the inclusion of Gortnessy as small settlement in the forthcoming Area Plan being a counter balance to Lettershandony (Village status) & and Tamnaherin (small settlement) with regard to cross community cohesion and inclusiveness?

We would request that this area be reassessed as having at least equal, if not greater, justification of small settlement designation than some other areas proposed to be included in this category?

Further limited and controlled development in this area would have positive benefits to the existing and established small community situated here meeting the demand for much needed accommodation in a small mixed rural location without development spread over more suburban areas such as Lettershandoney.

Lettershandoney & Tamnaherin are small settlements – Lettershandoney is now proposed as a village. Gortnessy should be highlighted as a small settlement in the LPP2030 to create a balance of mixed communities. Gortnessy has historically been a place of settlement at one time having a large number of residents in nearly sixty dwellings closely associated with the Grocers Company as part of a thriving rural community.

Gortnessy would be suitable to accommodate a small amount of appropriate-scale development, currently with a cluster of new and old dwellings with a traditional focal point, and convincing evidence of local community activity. The well-established church with a large new church hall centred on a road junction which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs with a number of close and easy connections to the Derry/Coleraine road & New Bridge and now will be near to the new A6 connection to Belfast. be suitable to accommodate a small amount of appropriate-scale development.

The area has a new water main connection under construction and can easily be connected to the main sewage infrastructure.

It is ideally placed with planned expansion to provide a small settlement within easy reach of a major centre, to provide future outward growth as an enhancement to the local area with no flood risk.

There is the potential for integrated land use, particularly in the areas of walking and cycling.

Job opportunities are available locally with the easy access to larger centres and more particularly in the areas of home working.



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These features combine together to reinforce the rural character of this existing small nucleus of development around the Church and road junction.

Gortnessy Church the original Meeting House was situated in the middle of rolling countryside between Drumahoe, near Londonderry and Eglinton. It was built in 1841 and for the two previous years, the congregation worshipped in the local school.

The congregation was originally mainly farming but now has 69 families. Many members work in the city and nearby factories, and the church has a cross community bowling club. Public worship takes place each Sunday morning and evening

We would strongly suggest that in material planning terms Gortnessy has as strong, if not stronger case to be identified as a small settlement, a suitable location of new development to be permitted / encouraged / managed in the countryside. The location provides an alternative rural environment of quality living within close contact with major urban centres and transport routes in tune with today's requirement for a high quality environment

We trust Gortnessy will be considered as an additional growth point.

Regards