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**HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT DIVISION COMMENTS RE: ADDENDUM TO SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL INCORPORATING SEA REPORT IN ADVANCE OF ADOPTION OF DERRY CITY AND STRABANE PLAN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LDP) PLAN STRATEGY**

DfC Historic Environment Division (HED) operate via a Service Level Agreement with colleagues in DAERA in relation to SEA, whereby we provide authoritative comment and advice in relation to matters of Cultural Heritage including archaeological and architectural heritage. We make the following comments in respect of the consultation letter and associated documents received by our office on 19/03/2025.

HED have reviewed the sustainability appraisal and note assessment in relation to various modifications to the LDP, and we recognise that the minor modifications in respect of the historic environment policy suite have been screened out for further assessment in light that they are unlikely to have significant environmental effects.

We congratulate the council on the forthcoming adoption of the plan strategy, and advise that as the plan making process now moves forwards to Local Policies stage, there will be a need to update and review the historic environment evidence base. To this end we attach again a link to

our historic environment evidence bases, - of particular note since Plan Strategy stage, has been the completion of a survey of Northern Ireland's defence heritage remains. [Historic Environment Digital Datasets | Department for Communities](#)

We also attach a link to our [Historic Environment Map Viewer](#) While some shipwreck information can be viewed via the DAERA Marine Mapviewer the detailed datasets on the marine historic environment can be obtained through contacting [HERoNI@communities-ni.gov.uk](mailto:HERoNI@communities-ni.gov.uk)

Finally we highlight the publication of our [Conservation Principles guidance | Department for Communities](#) since the development of the Plan Strategy. This guidance has been the subject of public consultation and supports sustainable management of the historic environment.

If there are any queries about the content of this response, we can be contacted via the address above.

Yours sincerely,

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