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Dear Maura,

**PLANNING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2011 THE PLANNING (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN) DIRECTION 2024**

**ADOPTION OF THE DERRY CITY AND STRABANE DISTRICT COUNCIL PLAN STRATEGY UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE PLANNING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2011**

I refer to recent discussions in respect of the fact checking exercise in relation to the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) Independent Examination (IE) report for your Council area.

Following completion of the fact checking exercise, this correspondence now encloses a formal direction from the Department for Infrastructure in relation to the adoption of Derry City and Strabane District Council Plan Strategy development plan document. The accompanying Explanatory Note provides details regarding the direction and the Department's considered approach.

The Department wishes to acknowledge the significant amount of work undertaken by Derry City and Strabane District Council in the preparation of the Plan Strategy. In particular, the Department wishes to extend its appreciation for the positive engagement between the teams in the final stages of the fact checking process.

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The Department considers that the professional approach of Council officials, the PAC and all other stakeholders involved in the process has contributed to the successful conclusion of this IE process.

The Department acknowledges the Council's desire to progress quickly towards adoption of the Plan Strategy and we wish to express appreciation for your patience during our consideration of the IE report and the preparation of the direction.

Yours sincerely



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- DfI Direction – Adoption of DCSDC Plan Strategy with modifications.
- Schedule 1A and 1B
- Schedule 2 & accompanying Annexes 1-7
- Schedule 3
- s12 Explanatory Note
- Annex A – PAC IE Report