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# LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LDP) 2032



## DRAFT PLAN STRATEGY Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA)

Second Addendum (Changes as set out in DfI Direction and Responses to Public  
Consultation) – May 2025

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## Executive Summary

Derry City and Strabane District Council conducted an Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) for its Local Development Plan (LDP) Draft Plan Strategy (dPS), published on 2nd December 2019. A first Addendum was released in November 2021 alongside the Council's Proposed Changes. Both the original EQIA and the first Addendum underwent public consultation, with no concerns raised.

The dPS and related documents were submitted to the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) in May 2022, leading to an Independent Examination (IE) by the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) between September and October 2023. The PAC's report in May 2024 concluded that the dPS was sound, subject to certain amendments. The DfI accepted these findings and issued a Direction on 17th December 2024 for the Council to adopt the dPS with Modifications. An updated Direction followed on 5th February 2025 to correct minor errors.

This Second Addendum to the EQIA has been prepared to assess the equality impacts of the Modifications in the DfI's Direction that had not been previously evaluated. The assessment determined that these Modifications do not materially alter the conclusions of the original EQIA or its first Addendum. It concluded that the dPS is unlikely to have an adverse impact on Section 75 groups, either directly or indirectly.

The Second Addendum was published for public consultation between 19<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025, during which time 12 representations were received. Of these 12, 2 contained comments on the EQIA document and/or comments relating to equality issues and Section 75 groups generally. In addition to considering the Modifications contained in the DfI Direction, this report addresses the comments contained in the representations received through the public consultation exercise.

This Addendum to the EQIA comprises the following stages:

- Screening of any Modifications to the dPS that are within DfI's Direction and have not been previously assessed to determine if any of the Modifications materially change the outcomes of the Equality Impact Assessment i.e. whether they alter the assessed impact that the LDP Plan Strategy is likely to have on Section 75 groups or the influence equality considerations have had on the LDP Plan Strategy;
- Undertake an assessment of the Modifications that have not been screened out.
- Consideration of public consultation comments
- Conclusions of the assessment of Modifications to the LDP draft Plan Strategy in the context of the requirement to have due regard to impacts on Section 75 groups and the need to promote equality of opportunity.

## 1.0 Introduction

1.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA) of the LDP Draft Plan Strategy (dPS) was prepared by Derry City and Strabane District Council and published on 2nd December 2019, alongside the Council's dPS and other associated assessment documents. An Addendum to the EQIA was subsequently prepared and published in November 2021 alongside the Schedule of Proposed Changes to the dPS. Both the original EQIA and the Addendum were subject to formal consultation, alongside other published Local Development Plan (LDP) documents, as part of the

plan-making process. None of the representations received during the consultation raised any issues regarding the EQIA or its first Addendum.

- 1.2 This document, serving as the Second Addendum to the EQIA, has been prepared in relation to the DfI Direction to the LDP Draft Plan Strategy (dPS). It identifies whether the outcomes of the EQIA should be amended as a result of the Modifications to the dPS or as a result of comments received through the public consultation exercise. This Addendum should be read in conjunction with the original EQIA and first Addendum, published in November 2021.

#### Independent Examination and Department for Infrastructure Direction

- 1.3 Following the submission of the Draft Plan Strategy (dPS) and associated documents to the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) for Independent Examination (IE) on 26th May 2022, DfI appointed the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) on 20th September 2022 to conduct the IE. The hearing took place from 5th September to 4th October 2023, during which the Council introduced additional proposed further changes for consideration. Subsequently, the PAC produced a report on the dPS and the Council's proposed changes, concluding that the dPS met the required tests of soundness, subject to recommended amendments. These PAC-recommended amendments were made in accordance with Section 10(8) of Part 2 of the Planning Act (NI) 2011. Paragraphs 1.23-1.25 of the PAC report affirmed that, the Council's EQIA on the draft Plan Strategy (dPS) identified no adverse impacts on Section 75 groups, with the dPS anticipated to have mostly positive effects by addressing environmental, economic, and social needs. Some developments may positively impact specific groups by improving access to housing, jobs, and services. Furthermore, the Addendum in November 2021 reassessed Proposed Changes and found no significant issues, except for Policy HOU 01, which may have a differential impact by addressing specific housing needs in areas with prominent religious groups. It was therefore concluded by PAC that overall, the dPS is expected to positively contribute to equality and social progress.
- 1.4 DfI accepted the PAC's findings and considered the recommended amendments within the report. In December 2024, DfI issued a Direction to the Council to adopt the dPS with Modifications, in accordance with Section 12(1)(b) of Part 2 of the Planning Act (NI) 2011. These Modifications were outlined in Schedules 1A, 1B, and 2 of DfI's Direction. An updated Direction was subsequently published on 5th February 2025, which included updates to Schedule 2, Annex 2, Annex 4, Annex 5, and Annex 6 to address minor errors and omissions.

#### Categories of Modifications

- 1.5 Schedule 1A lists recommendations that the PAC considered necessary to make the Plan Strategy (PS) sound. These Modifications or corrections, having been proposed by the Council, have no further amendments. The Council had consulted on these Modifications between 9th December 2021 and 3rd February 2022.
- 1.6 Schedule 1B lists Modifications proposed by the Council that the PAC did not consider necessary to make the dPS sound; however, DfI commended their inclusion in the dPS. The Council had consulted on these amendments between 9th December 2021 and 3rd February 2022.

1.7 The Modifications within Schedules 1A and 1B have already been screened for any potential impact on Section 75 groups within the Addendum to the EQIA of the dPS and any further amendments by DfI were minor editing changes which do not alter the nature or intent of the Modifications.

1.8 Schedule 2 lists 113 Modifications that are required to make the PS sound. These Modifications are a combination of Council-proposed changes that have been amended, further changes and new changes recommended by the PAC following the conclusion of the IE process. DfI has updated some of these changes for clarity and consistency. This Second Addendum to the EQIA of the PS assesses these Modifications for any potential impact on Section 75 groups. It also assesses the Modifications in light of representations received from the 2025 public consultation.

#### Formal Consultation Representations

1.9 The Council received 12 representations following the formal consultation exercise. Of these 12, 2 comment on potential impacts on Section 75 groups and/or the EQIA Report and this second addendum. The issues raised are summarised as follows:

- Screens out modifications without proper analysis of indirect or cumulative effects,
- Fails to examine how infrastructure pressures could disproportionately impact older, disabled, and low-income rural residents.
- Does not address potential rural isolation or health inequalities arising from increased development.
- emerging pressures from potential large-scale data centre developments have not been addressed in the Council's assessments.
- The Council's assessments fail to consider: the cumulative health impacts of wind energy development, the disproportionate burden on rural vulnerable groups (elderly, disabled, low-income households),
- The requirement to apply a precautionary approach under public health and environmental law.

## 2.0 Statutory Requirements

2.1 Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 places a statutory obligation on all public authorities, in the execution of their functions relating to Northern Ireland, to actively promote equality of opportunity across various dimensions. Public authorities are required to have due regard to the need to foster equality between individuals of differing religious beliefs, political opinions, racial groups, ages, marital statuses, or sexual orientations; men and women generally; persons with disabilities and those without; and persons with dependants and those without.

2.2 In addition to the equality obligations outlined above, public authorities must also consider the desirability of promoting good relations. Specifically, while carrying out their functions in Northern Ireland, authorities must strive to foster and maintain positive relationships between individuals of differing religious beliefs, political opinions, or racial groups.



- 2.3 The Disability Discrimination (NI) Order 2006 in line with the Disability Discrimination (NI) Act, 1995 and subsequent amendments made to expand the definition of disability, in line with the Autism Act (2011), introduced further statutory obligations for public authorities. In performing their functions relating to Northern Ireland, authorities must have due regard to the need to promote positive attitudes towards disabled individuals and encourage the active participation of disabled individuals in public life.
- 2.4 The screening of proposed Modifications is an important process that assists in identifying potential issues relating to the Local Development Plan (LDP) and the Planning policies contained within it. This process ensures that any prospective changes are assessed for their differential impacts on equality of opportunity and the promotion of good relations. Through this screening, potential Planning concerns can be proactively addressed, ensuring compliance with statutory equality and good-relations obligations.

### 3.0 Screening of Modifications

- 3.1 In advancing the Local Development Plan (LDP), the Council is dedicated to ensuring that due regard is afforded to Section 75 groups.
- 3.2 Given the statutory requirement to have due regard to Section 75 groups when developing, adopting, implementing, or revising policies, strategies, and plans, the Council needs to screen Modifications to the dPS. This process ensures identification of whether these Modifications influence the level of impact previously assessed in the EQIA and the first Addendum to the EQIA of the dPS. Modifications listed within Schedules 1A and 1B of the DfI Direction have already undergone screening for potential impacts on equality.
- 3.3 The Modifications to the PS set out in Schedule 2 introduce changes that have not been previously assessed for their potential impact on equality. Therefore, these Modifications require screening. This Second Addendum to the EQIA of the PS should be reviewed alongside the original EQIA of the dPS and its first Addendum. Readers are also directed, where applicable, to Schedules 1A, 1B, and 2 of the DfI Direction, the updated DfI Direction letter, and associated documents dated 5th February 2025, as well as the PAC's Independent Examination Report concerning the Derry City and Strabane District Council's Local Development Plan 2032: Draft Plan Strategy.
- 3.4 The majority of the proposed changes are considered to be logical and rational amendments to existing policies or policy clarifications, in addition to minor adjustments. The Council has screened all 113 proposed Modifications. Most of these have been considered cumulatively, and it has been determined that these proposed changes present no differential impact on equality.
- 3.5 The results of this assessment are detailed in Table 1 at the end of this document, which focuses on the more-substantive Modifications relevant to equality screening purposes. Table 1 outlines 35 Modifications to the PS included within Schedule 2 of the DfI Direction and presents the

outcomes of their screening to determine whether any Modifications materially alter the findings of the original EQIA of the dPS or, where applicable, the first Addendum to the EQIA.

- 3.6 These Modifications have been assessed for any differential impacts in comparison to the original or, where applicable, modified dPS strategy or policy. This includes considering the aim of the policy or strategy, the likely impact on Section 75 groups, and any potential cumulative impact resulting from related Modifications.
- 3.7 A Screening Questionnaire which was previously published as part of the dPS, has also been included in Appendix 1. Having reviewed the currently directed Modifications, it is considered that the previously published (December 2019) questionnaire is still valid and useful as a screening framework.
- 3.8 Table 1 of Appendix 2 provides the following:
- an assessment of whether the selected Schedule 2 Modifications impact the overall aim or purpose of the policy or strategy as previously assessed;
  - an evaluation of whether the Schedule 2 Modifications influence the original EQIA assessment concerning the likely impact of the dPS on Section 75 groups or its overall policy or strategy framework.

## 4.0 Screening of Representations

- 4.1 In terms of the 12 representations received through the public consultation, these have also been screened and relevant comments (as set out under para. 1.9) are addressed below. Several of these representations provide comment on the draft Plan Strategy policies pre-Modifications and are replications of previous comments. As such, they have been considered under the previous consultation exercises.
- 4.2 One of the representations appears to have misunderstood the purpose of the latest consultation exercise, in that it related solely to the assessment of any further impacts the Modifications (put forward by the PAC and included in the DfI Direction to adopt the Plan Strategy after it has been found to be sound) potentially may have.
- 4.3 Another commented on 'Just Transition' principles in terms of renewable energy and requested that they and an assessment of their impacts be included in an expanded EQIA. There was no comment on the Modifications and assessment outcomes. It is considered this was assessed in previous EQIA and addendum.
- 4.3 Therefore, the replicated comments, those relating to soundness and those relating to 'Just Transition' principles have been screened out and are not considered in this second Addendum.
- 4.4 In respect of those comments received which disagree with the second addendum as published for consultation or indeed the full EQIA (as an ongoing assessment up to the point of adoption), having fully considered the issues raised in isolation and cumulatively, it

has been determined that neither the second Addendum nor the full overall EQIA require further revision.

- 4.5 Regarding the assertion that the Second Addendum screens out Modifications without proper analysis of indirect and direct impacts, those changes listed and assessed under Table 1 (Appendix 2) are the 'more-substantive' of the Direction Modifications. A review of Table 1 will demonstrate that those screened in are very minor and largely centre on clarificatory text. They do not materially impact the dPS policies. Therefore, those screened out are comparatively more minor again and it would be unreasonable and unnecessary to provide an impact assessment of each.
- 4.6 It was also asserted that the Second Addendum does not examine how infrastructure pressures could disproportionately impact older, disabled, and low-income rural residents, nor does it address potential rural isolation or health inequalities arising from increased development. However, the respondent does not appear to have considered that infrastructure also provides many benefits to the same groups by for example enhancing connectivity between the rural and urban areas and reducing the need for longer journeys for services that can now be more readily facilitated in smaller settlements closer by. Similarly, consolidation of smaller settlements through new development brings more opportunities for health and wellbeing services to be provided by increasing their population density.
- 4.7 Comments were also received in respect of data centres, stating that their impacts have not been addressed in the Council's assessments. While there may be no direct mention of this specific type of development, it has been considered under the assessment of any and all policies applicable to such proposals; as is the case with many types of development that are not directly referred to. The assessment of impacts of these (and all policies) were carried out in the previous EQIA and addendum.
- 4.8 Lastly, a comment stated that there is no evidence that the equality duty under Section 75 was considered in terms of the impacts on rural communities and protected groups. A thorough review of the original EQIA and First Addendum, read in conjunction with this Second Addendum contradicts this. All documents clearly set out the impacts to be assessed, the assessment and the outcome. In any event, comments were invited in relation to the DfI Direction Modifications. The previous two assessments have already considered all policies in relation to these and other Section 75 groups. They have been subject to independent examination by the PAC and accepted by DfI subject to the Modifications.

## 5.0 Conclusion

- 5.1 The Modifications to the LDP Plan Strategy do not introduce any new policies and they vary in nature. These include minor editing corrections to address typographical errors and corrections to ensure factual accuracy. Other amendments are logical changes to strategies or policies and associated text to enhance coherency and consistency.

- 5.2 The assessment informing this Addendum has determined that the Modifications do not materially change the aims or influence of the policies or strategies to which they relate. Nor have they impacted the overall 'Vision' for the District as set out in the PS.
- 5.3 The majority of the Modifications have been screened out as having no differential impact on equality. These are not considered further in this Addendum and can be viewed in Schedule 2 of the DfI Direction. Table 1 additionally considers those changes identified as being more-substantive for equality screening purposes.
- 5.4 The only Modification of note that the assessment identified was the proposed change to economic development Policy ED 4, as it could have a differential impact on equality. The Modification would slightly expand the ED 4 Justification and Amplification wording to state: 'Particular care is needed to avoid soft play areas, jump zones, care settings, etc. that can attract the public and vulnerable users such as children, those with disabilities.' This change would provide a minor positive impact on Section 75 groups, particularly individuals with disabilities, by offering clarity for developers and ensuring the needs of vulnerable users are duly considered.
- 5.5 Upon reassessment of the findings of the original EQIA, the first Addendum concerning the proposed Modifications and the public representations, it is concluded that these outcomes remain unchanged. Therefore, the proposed changes do not alter the likely impact of the LDP Plan Strategy on Section 75 groups, nor do they affect the level of regard given to equality.
- 5.6 The LDP will also be subject to further equality screening at the Local Policies Plan stage. Monitoring and reviewing the LDP is an integral part of the plan-making process. The LDP draft Plan Strategy includes a Monitoring and Review Framework, which highlights that a five-year review will be conducted post-adoption to ensure that policies and proposals achieve their objectives. There will be further scope for equality impacts to be considered during this review.



# Appendix One: Screening Questionnaire.

## Statement of Intent

- 1.1 The Council has screened its LDP Plan Strategy policies and policy areas, in accordance with Paragraph 5 and 6 of its Equality Scheme, to determine which would require a fuller equality analysis in the form of an impact assessment. Further information is available at:  
<https://www.derrystrabane.com/about-council/equality/equality-scheme>

## 2.0 Policy Scoping

- 2.1 The first stage of the screening process involves scoping the policy or policy area. The purpose of policy scoping is to help prepare the background and context and set out the aims and objectives for the policy being screened. At this stage, scoping the policy will help to identify potential constraints as well as opportunities and will help the policy maker work through the screening process on a step-by-step basis.

## 3.0 Information on the Policies

- 3.1 Name of the policy or Policy Area

Derry City & Strabane Local Development Plan – Plan Strategy

## 3.2 Is this an existing, revised or new policy area?

In Line with the Planning (NI) Act 2011, Derry City & Strabane District Council has prepared a Local Development Plan (LDP -Plan Strategy) for the period 2017-2032. When adopted the LDP Plan Strategy supersedes the policies contained within the following documents:

- PPS 2: Natural Heritage
- PPS 3: Access, Movement & Parking
- PPS 3: (Clarification) Access, Movement & Parking
- PPS 4: Planning and Economic Development
- PPS 6: Planning, Archaeology and The Built Heritage
- PPS 6 (Addendum): Areas of Townscape Character
- PPS 7: Quality Residential Environments
- PPS 7 (Addendum): Residential Extensions and Alterations
- PPS 8: Open space, Sport and Outdoor Recreation
- PPS 11: Planning & Waste Control
- PPS 12: Housing in Settlements
- PPS 12: Policy HS 3(Amended) Travellers Accommodation
- PPS 13: Transportation and Land Use
- PPS 15 (Revised): Planning & Flood Risk
- PPS 16: Tourism
- PPS 17: Control of Outdoor Advertisements
- PPS 18: Renewable Energy
- PPS 21: Sustainable Development in the Countryside
- PPS 23: Enabling Development for the Conservation of Significant Places

- Relevant Provisions within 'A Planning Strategy for Rural Northern Ireland'
- Derry Area Plan 2011
- Strabane Area Plan 2001

4.0 Are there any Section 75 groups, which might be expected to benefit from the intended policies? If so, Explain how.

The Derry & Strabane District LDP will provide a framework that will implement the strategic objectives of the Regional Development Strategy and the Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland. The LDP will promote and guide sustainable development throughout the City and District.

The LDP will benefit all within the Derry & Strabane District, it will promote inclusion and opportunities for all those within Section 75 groups. The Plan aims to implement positive objectives for all within the City & District in terms of sustainable economic growth, provide access to housing for all, increase our environmental protection by reducing our carbon footprint and the improvement to health and wellbeing.

5.0 Who initiated or wrote the Policies?

Derry City & Strabane District Council Local Development Plan Section

6.0 Who is responsible for the implementation of the policy?

Derry City & Strabane District Council Planning Department

7.0 Are there any factors, which could contribute to/detract from the intended aim/outcome of the policies/ Decision? If yes, are they:

Yes ☐

No ☒

Financial ☐

Legislative ☐

Other, Please Specify ☐

8.0 Who are the internal/external stakeholders (actual or potential) that the policies will impact upon?

Staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Service users	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other public sector	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Organisations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Voluntary/community/ trade unions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other, Please specify	<input type="checkbox"/>

9.0 Is this policy associated with any other policies?

Yes ☒

No ☐

If yes, please state the related policies

Planning Act (NI) 2011	Department for Infrastructure (DFI)
Draft Northern Ireland Programme for Government	NI Executive
Principles of Sustainable Development – Everyone’s Involved – Sustainable Development Strategy, May 2010	NI Executive
Regional Development Strategy (RDS) 2035	Department for Regional Development (Now DFI)
North West Transport Strategy	DFI Roads
Regional Transportation Strategy – Ensuring a Sustainable Transport Future (ESTF) – A New Approach to Regional Transportation (June 2011)	Department for Infrastructure
Together: Building a United Community (T:BUC)	NI Executive
Strategic Planning Policy Statement for Northern Ireland	Department for Infrastructure
Existing Planning Policy Statements (PPS’s)	Department for Infrastructure
A Planning Strategy for Rural Northern Ireland	Department for Infrastructure
Derry Area Plan 2011	
Strabane Area Plan 2001	
Planning in Republic of Ireland - National Planning Framework 2040	Dept. of Housing, Planning and Local Government, ROI
Development Control Advice Notes	Department for Infrastructure

Sustainable Water - a Long Term Water Strategy for NI	NI Water
Creating Places	Department for Infrastructure
Neighbouring Councils - Section 3(5) of the 2011 Planning Act requires that we must consult with our neighbours. This council has led the way in establishing a three cross boundary forums with the aims of ensuring that our respective local development plans do not conflict with the other but also to ensure open dialogue and good practice so that we do not operate in isolation in the new plan making system.	
Inclusive Strategic Growth Plan: Our Community Plan	Derry City & Strabane District Council
Equality of Opportunity - Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998	
Rural Needs Impact Assessment	
Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA)	
Sustainability Appraisal/ Strategic Environment Assessment	

10.0 How does the policy contribute towards the achievement of the Council's strategic objectives?

The Council is committed to promoting economic wellbeing, improving environmental wellbeing and increasing social inclusion. The LDP policies will encourage sustainable development and promote a growing economy that will provide jobs for all. The LDP will promote sustainable developments and active travel in order to improve our natural environment. The Council is committed to improving the health and wellbeing in the City and District.

12.0 What is the likely impact on equality of opportunity for those affected by this policy, for each of the Section 75 equality categories? Minor/ Major/ None

Religious Belief                      Minor Positive

Political Opinion                      Minor Positive

Racial Group                          Minor Positive

Age	Minor Positive
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Marital Status	Minor Positive
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Sexual Orientation	Minor Positive
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Gender	Minor Positive
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Disability	Minor Positive
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Dependant

- 13.0 Are there opportunities to better promote equality of opportunity within the Section 75 equalities categories? If yes, provide details. If no, provide reasons

None identified ahead of public consultation. Any Section 75 issues raised during consultation will be considered as part of the local development plan process.

The policies are to be applied strategically across the District, regardless of S75 equality categories. A key policy objective of the LDP is to encourage mixed settlements in sustainable locations with a range of tenure types and sizes that are accessible for all.



**Appendix Two- Table 1 EQIA Screening of Departmental Modifications prior to LDP Plan Strategy Adoption**

EQIA Assessment of LDP - Schedule of Departmental Modifications (all new MODs, All FCs, any altered Commissioner RAs) to be made to LDP PS prior to Adoption					
Recommended Amendment / Modification Ref no.	Council Proposed / Further Change no.	Section within the LDP Plan Strategy	Summary of Change	Will the proposed change(s) impact on the aim of the policy / strategy? Yes/No	Reconsideration of Equality Impact
MOD 01 RA 01		Part B Overall Strategy  4. LDP Vision and Objectives	DfI directs the Council to modify objective (a)(ii) and (iii), of the dPS, to include 'residential uses' to the list of identified land uses.	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to containing a minor text addition which will not alter the impact.
MOD 05	FC 09	Part B Overall Strategy  6. Spatial Strategy for the Derry City and Strabane District Part B Overall Strategy  7. General Development Principles & Policies	DfI directs the Council to modify paragraphs 6.14, 7.50 and 7.53- 7.57 in accordance with Schedule 2 Annex 7 of the Direction:  Amend the 2nd & 3rd sentences of para 6.14 to read as follows: 'The Council will explore opportunities to demonstrate / test climate change / adaptation processes, but any new form of settlement would be of modest scale and most-probably based upon an existing cluster or settlement – if / when it is developed over the life of this LDP or possibly after 2032. Any such development would respect and enhance sustainable development patterns	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to text additions which will not alter the impact.

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			<p>within existing settlements, be an 'exceptional case', considered on its individual merits and it would need to fit in the appropriate tier within the LDP's settlement hierarchy.'</p> <p>Amend para 7.50 measure iii as follows: 'iii considering the feasibility of a pilot 'form of resilient settlement' project at LPP stage to promote sustainable, climate resilient settlement form; and'</p> <p>Amend para 7.53, 3rd line to ...'resilient form of settlement'</p> <p>Amend para 7.57, 3rd sentence to: This 'resilient form of development', subject to the feasibility study, would be an exceptional case and would need to fit in the appropriate tier normally be expected to lie within an existing settlement and respect and enhance sustainable development patterns, within the</p>		

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			LDP's settlement hierarchy. Refer also to Chapter 6 of the LDP Spatial Strategy, Para 6.14		
MOD 09		Part B Overall Strategy  7. General Development Principles & Policies	Dfl directs the Council to modify paragraph 7.4, page 73 of the dPS as follows:  'This chapter sets out those key development principles GDP 1 to GDP 8. <b>These are not formal planning policies against which proposals will be assessed but rather underlying criteria which all development requiring Planning permission will seek to achieve. General policy is formally set out at GDPOL 1 &amp; GDPOL 2 providing</b> requirements that relevant development proposals should meet in order to secure planning permission. This chapter also gives further detail on how these principles will be implemented.	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to text addition which will not alter the impact.
MOD 16	FC 16	Part B Overall Strategy 7. General Development Principles & Policies	Dfl directs the Council to amend para 7.44 page 85 by removing most of the para which was mostly a direct repetition of SPPS, this was to prevent confusion of readers thinking these were LDP policies. The text is amended to read	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to removal and

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			as follows: The SPPS sets out strong regional policies for developments in relation to the protection of the natural environment. Development proposals will be assessed against the detailed planning policy contained in Chapter 21: Natural Environment.		amendment of text which will not alter the impact.
MOD 25 RA 33	FC 23	Part C Economy Strategy, Designations & Policies  9. Economic Development	DfI directs the Council to modify Policy ED 3, page 121.  In ED 3, under (b) Villages and Small Settlements, amend the end of criteria (i) as follows: '(i) the land is identified as a Land Use Policy Area (LUPA) for economic development use. <b>An exemption will apply to allow economic development in smaller settlements with no relevant LUPA, provided it complies with (ii) and (iii) below</b> '.	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to additional text clarifying an exemption to economic development policy.

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MOD 26 RA 34	PC 50 FC 24	Part C Economy Strategy, Designations & Policies  9. Economic Development	<p>DfI directs the Council to modify Policy ED 4 page 122 to read as follows:</p> <p>‘Zoned Land in all Locations Development that would result in the loss of land or buildings zoned for economic development use in the LDP to other uses will not be <b>permitted except:</b></p> <p>(a) where an essential need has been demonstrated and the proposed use is a small scale, complementary / ancillary use that meets the day-to-day needs of local employees or</p> <p><b>(b) where an essential need has been demonstrated, for development of a compatible sui generis employment use that is of a scale, nature and form appropriate to the location.</b></p> <p><b>In the case of proposals under either (a) or (b), it must also be demonstrated that the approval of the proposal would not lead to a significant diminution of economic</b></p>	Yes	The Council considers that the Modification will have a slight positive impact on section 75 groups. Due to additional text being added at para 9.30 which includes consideration for vulnerable groups including those with disabilities.



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			<p><b>development</b> / employment land either in the locality or in the <b>District</b> generally.'</p> <p>Within ED 4, within the section 'Unzoned Land in Settlements', amend part (h) as follows: '(h) where an essential need has been demonstrated, it is a small scale complementary / ancillary use that meets the day-to-day needs of local employees'.</p> <p>Dfl directs the Council to amend the opening of J&amp;A paragraph 9.30 to read as follows:  <b>'Exceptionally</b>, a small-scale complementary / ancillary use ...'</p> <p>At the end of 9.30, insert new text: 'Particular care is needed to avoid soft play areas, jump zones, care settings, etc. that can attract the public and vulnerable users such as children, those with disabilities, parent drop-offs, etc. that are incompatible with an Economic Development area. Therefore, to maintain the</p>		

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			integrity of these areas, such non-compatible uses will only be approved in exceptional circumstances, where it can be clearly demonstrated that it is ancillary to the main use and would primarily meet the needs of the immediately nearby employees.'		
MOD 27 RA 35	FC25	Part C Economy Strategy, Designations & Policies  9. Economic Development	Dfl directs the Council to modify the four categories within Policy ED 5 page 124 and accompanying J&A. For clarity this should read as follows;  (a) development of a small rural community enterprise / centre, <b>that needs to be located</b> outside of a village or small settlement where the use will be associated with the settlement. Where practicable, an appropriate edge-of-settlement location will be favoured; or  (b) small-scale Class B2, B3 or B4 business use / building adjacent to the main dwelling of business owner, <b>provided they are of appropriate nature and design and meet other</b>	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to various text amendments of economic development policies, which will have no additional impact.

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			<p><b>normal Planning and Environmental requirements; or</b></p> <p>(c) re-development of an established economic development use or re-use of existing or redundant non- residential rural buildings, <b>provided they meet the requirements set out in Paragraph 9.37 below; or</b></p> <p>(d) homeworking, <b>provided they meet the requirements set out in Paragraph 9.38 below.</b></p> <p>On the 1st line of the final paragraph, replace the word Criteria with the word Category to read: 'Proposals for Category b development..'</p> <p>Amend the J&amp;A paragraphs paragraph 9.33-9.38 to read as follows;</p> <p>'9.33 In the interests of rural amenity and wider sustainability objectives, the extent of new buildings outside of settlement limits will be</p>		

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			<p>controlled <b>and the sympathetic extension or re-use of existing buildings will be preferred.</b> However, in some circumstances, it may be possible to justify a small-scale new build economic development use outside of a development limit, <b>particularly</b> where there is no suitable site within the settlement. Applicants will be required to demonstrate that they meet normal planning and other environmental considerations <b>as set out in other chapters of this LDP.</b></p> <p>Para 9.34 The guiding principle for policies and proposals for economic development in the countryside is to provide opportunities likely to benefit and sustain the rural community, while protecting or enhancing the character of the rural area. A number of economic development opportunities exist for small-scale economic development, home-working, appropriate re-development and re- use of rural buildings for a range of appropriate uses.</p>		

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			<p>Para 9.35 <b>Proposals to be assessed against Category a) should demonstrate that they would benefit the local economy or contribute to community regeneration, that there is no suitable site within the settlement and that the development is clearly associated with the settlement, but will not dominate it, adversely affect landscape setting or otherwise contribute to urban sprawl. In assessing the acceptability of sites, preference will be given to sites in the following order:</b></p> <p><b>1) land adjacent to the existing settlement limit, subject to amenity and environmental considerations;</b></p> <p><b>2) a site close to the settlement limit which currently contains buildings or where the site is already in a degraded or derelict state and there is an opportunity to improve the environment; and</b></p>		



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			<p><b>3) an undeveloped site in close proximity to the settlement where the development could be visually integrated into the landscape. Storage or distribution uses will only be permitted where these are clearly ancillary to a proposal for a community enterprise park/centre or an economic development use.</b></p> <p><b>9.36</b> Category b) is intended to... [paragraph unchanged] other than to insert the following 3 words mid- paragraph: ‘Proposals are expected to comply with the <b>design and location</b> requirements...’</p> <p><b>9.37</b> Opportunities may also exist for proposals under <b>Category c) relating to the redevelopment of an existing site or the conversion or re- use of existing buildings for certain industry and business uses. Applicants should demonstrate that the scale and nature of the proposal does not harm the rural</b></p>		

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			<p>character or appearance of the local area and there is only a limited increase in the site area. There should be environmental benefits as a result of the redevelopment and the redevelopment scheme should deal comprehensively with the full extent of the existing site The overall visual impact of replacement buildings should not be significantly greater than that of the buildings to be replaced. The redevelopment of an established storage or distribution site for continuing storage or distribution use will also be permitted subject to the above criteria. However, the redevelopment of an established industrial or business site for storage or distribution purposes will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances. Proposals involving the conversion or re- use of listed or unlisted vernacular buildings or other historic buildings of local importance must also meet the requirements of Policies HE 4 and HE 8.</p>		

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			<p>9.38 Homeworking does not necessarily require planning permission. Permission is not normally required where the use of part of a dwelling house for business purposes does not change the overall scale, nature and character of the property's use as a single dwelling. Assessment of whether a material of change of use has taken place is matter of fact and degree. Those considering working from home are advised to seek the advice of the Council at an early stage.</p> <p><b>Homeworking businesses that do require planning permission, under category d), will be assessed on an individual basis, they should be of an appropriate scale and nature for its location and meet the requirements for amenity, transport and other relevant policies in the LDP.</b></p>		
MOD 28 RA 36	PC 55 FC 27	Part C Economy Strategy, Designations & Policies	DfI directs the Council to modify Policy RP 1 in accordance with Schedule 2 Annex 1 of this direction.	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to minor text

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		10. City / Town Centres, Retailing, Offices, Leisure and Other Uses	The last sentence of the first paragraph of Policy RP 1 page 131 will read as follows: 'DCSDC will require proposals for other main town centre uses to be considered sequentially in the following order of appropriate preference as applicable to the specific nature of the proposal and the centre(s) in question.'		amendments which will not alter the impact.
MOD 30 RA 42		Part C Economy Strategy, Designations & Policies  10. City / Town Centres, Retailing, Offices, Leisure and Other Uses	Dfl directs the Council to modify Policy RP 6, criterion 2 to read as follows:  Amend to read: 'That the proposal makes a positive contribution to meeting the day-today needs and be of a design appropriate to the village or small settlement'.	No	The Council is Satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to minor amendments which will not alter the impact.
MOD 32 RA 44		Part C Economy Strategy, Designations & Policies  10. City / Town Centres, Retailing,	Dfl directs the Council to modify Policy RP 9 page 141 to read '...will need to be accompanied by a retail impact assessment and an assessment of need. This includes applications for an extension/s which would	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to minor amendments which will not alter the impact.

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		Offices, Leisure and Other Uses	result in the overall development exceeding 1,000sqm gross external area’.		
MOD 33 RA 45	FC 32	Part C Economy Strategy, Designations & Policies  10. City / Town Centres, Retailing, Offices, Leisure and Other Uses	Dfl directs the Council to modify Policy RP 9 page 142, by moving the last 5 lines of Para 10.48, starting with ‘Town centre*...’, and insert them at the bottom of the RP 9 policy box.  Within Para 10.48, amend the start of the second sentence to: ‘For applications outside a City / Town Centre that are above...’	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to minor text amendments which will not alter the impact.
MOD 40 RA 66		Part C Economy Strategy, Designations & Policies  12.Tourism Development	Dfl directs the Council to modify paragraph 12.12 of Policy TOU 1, page 186 of the dPS, to refer to ‘Appendix 2’ in the last sentence and modify Appendix 2, pages 477-478 to read:  Appendix 2: Indicative list of tourism assets contained within Document DS- 200. Glossary: Tourism Asset: any feature associated with the built or natural environment which is of intrinsic interest to tourists.	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to minor text amendments which will not alter the impact.

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			<p>Tourist amenity: an amenity, facility or service provided primarily for tourists but does not include tourist accommodation.</p> <p>Tourist accommodation: overnight sleeping accommodation for tourists provided by way of trade or business.</p> <p>See Schedule 2 Annex 2 of the Direction.</p>		
MOD 41 RA 69		<p>Part C Economy Strategy, Designations &amp; Policies</p> <p>12.Tourism Development</p>	<p>Dfl directs the Council to modify Policy TOU 2, page 187 of the Dps as follows;</p> <p>Amend the 3rd line to read: ‘...appropriate to the settlement and respects the site context, <b>character and setting in terms of scale, massing and design</b>’.</p>	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to minor text amendments which will not alter the impact.
MOD 42 RA 70		<p>Part C Economy Strategy, Designations &amp; Policies</p> <p>12.Tourism Development</p>	<p>Dfl directs the Council to modify paragraph 12.16, page 187 of the dPS by amending the 5th line to read: ‘....ensure that there are <b>sufficient environmental, social and economic</b> benefits derived from them...’</p>	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to minor text amendments which will not alter the impact.

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MOD 43 RA 71		Part C Economy Strategy, Designations & Policies  12.Tourism Development	Dfl directs the Council to modify paragraph 12.18 as follows:  12.18 There can be tourist accommodation which is marketed under short-term-let tourist accommodation such as B&Bs and serviced / self-catering apartments. Some B&B uses and some self-catering properties are not considered to be development requiring planning permission, in urban and rural situations; however, where there is a new-build or material change of use, planning applications are required and will be assessed under this policy, as well as policy HOU 4. Such accommodation is often found in residential areas and in addition to the relevant policy above, they will also be considered against other general planning criteria including the quality of proposal, the design, impact on residential amenity, parking, noise and traffic generated from the proposal (see Chapter 7:	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to Modification to paragraph and policy text..

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			<p>General Development Principles &amp; Policies). Applications for such proposals in the Countryside will be dealt with in policy TOU 4, TOU 6 and policy ODC 4.</p> <p>Dfl directs the Council to <b>include a monitoring indicator on this matter in the Monitoring Framework.</b></p> <p>See UPDATED Schedule 2 Annex 2.</p>		
MOD 44 RA 72	PC 99	<p>Part C Economy Strategy, Designations &amp; Policies</p> <p>12.Tourism Development</p>	<p>Dfl directs the Council to modify Policy TOU 4, page 190-191 and Appendix 2, pages 477- 478 of the dPS as set out in UPDATED Schedule 2 Annex 2 of this Direction.</p> <p>Please see UPDATED Annex 2 for full details of amendments, changes are underlined and in yellow.</p>	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to amendments to text which will not alter the impact.
MOD 47 RA 77	PC 105	Part C Economy Strategy, Designations & Policies	Dfl directs the Council to modify paragraph 13.10, page 200 of the dPS as follows:	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups



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		13. Minerals Development	<p><b>‘The Natural Environment</b> – An extension to an existing mineral working, which minimises <b>additional environmental impact</b> in the countryside will normally be preferred to new workings <u>on green- field sites</u>. Minerals development within (<b>or in</b> close proximity <b>to</b>, or with <u>potential to adversely affect</u>) <b>protected habitats or designated areas</b> which have been declared <u>or proposed for declaration</u> on the basis of their scientific value in regard to flora and fauna, will not normally be given permission where they would prejudice the <u>essential character</u> of such areas (<u>These habitats and areas are as defined in Policy NE 1 and NE 2 of Chapter 21 Natural Environment, particularly those that have European / International and National / Regional protection.</u>) Earth science features, which underpin AONB designations, will also be protected from minerals development. In applying this policy, it is acknowledged that</p>		due to text Modifications to mineral development policy which will not alter the impact.

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			there can also be biodiversity enhancement as a result of minerals development'		
MOD 51 RA 81	FC 39	Part C Economy Strategy, Designations & Policies  13. Minerals Development	<p>Dfl also directs the Council to modify Policy MIN 2 by moving the J&amp;A text paragraph 13.25 of page 203 of the dPS and adding it to the end of the Policy MIN 2, to form a third paragraph, for clarity this should read as follows:</p> <p>Within Areas of Constraint on Mineral Development, there will be a presumption against the granting of planning permission for the extraction and/or processing of minerals, including extensions to existing operations. These areas are protected from minerals development because of their intrinsic landscape, amenity, scientific or heritage value (including natural and historic environment). Application within Areas of Constraint on Minerals development (ACMD) must be accompanied by landscape and visual impact assessments. Exceptions*to this policy may be made where the Council is satisfied that the</p>	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to text Modifications to mineral development policy that will not alter the impact.

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			proposed operations are short-term and the environmental and amenity implications are not significant*. Applications for development within an ACMD will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and the short-term period will depend on the nature and scale of the proposal and its potential impacts on amenity and the environment. In such cases, the Council are unlikely to favour on-site processing. SCAs and AHLIs are also considered as ACMD and MIN 2 will apply.		
MOD 53 RA 84		Part C Economy Strategy, Designations & Policies  13. Minerals Development	DfI directs the Council to modify paragraph 13.35, page 206 of the dPS by adding to the end of Para 13.35: 'The Council will publish an SPG on the issue of restoration bonds or other financial provision, such as a Restoration Guarantee Fund'	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to additional text which is for clarification purposes only.
MOD 54 RA 86		Part C Economy Strategy, Designations & Policies	DfI directs the Council to modify the J&A text on page 208 of the dPS and re-number the remaining paragraph numbers accordingly. (This can be dealt with under MOD 113).	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to formatting and text

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		14. Signs & Outdoor Advertising	Add the following text after RA 85 : ‘the position of the advertisement on the host building and its scale and size in relation to that building; the cumulative effect of the proposal when read with other advertisements on the building or in the surrounding area and whether the proposal will result in clutter; the size, scale, dominance and siting of the advertisement in relation to the scale and characteristics of the surrounding area; the design and materials of the advertisement, or the structure containing the advertisement, and its impact on the appearance on which it is attached; in the case of a freestanding sign, the design and materials of the structure and its impact on the appearance and character of the area where it is located’.		additions which will not alter the impact.
MOD 55 RA 87	PC 115	Part C Economy Strategy, Designations & Policies	DfI directs the Council to modify paragraph 14.9, page 209 to insert new J&A text within the 2nd (LED) bullet point of the dPS as follows:	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to Modification of J&A

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		14. Signs & Outdoor Advertising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Illuminated signs, including LEDs, where the means of illumination is directly visible from any part of the road and could result in glare or dazzle, or otherwise distract road users especially in wet or misty weather. Permission will be granted when the level of illumination proposed is appropriate to the location. Where external lighting is proposed, 'trough' lighting is preferred; the trough should extend over the fascia advertisement and be painted to integrate into the built form. Illumination of external signage will be restricted to the sign lettering and logo.</li> </ul> <p>Digital advertising screens should only display static images and should not contain moving images. The rate of change between successive displays should not be instantaneous and should not include the sequencing of images over more than one advert or a message sequence, where a message is spread across more than one screen image. The minimum duration any image shall be displayed shall be</p>		paragraph which will not alter the impact.

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			<p>determined by the Council. The proposed advertising screen should generally comply with the Institute of Lighting Professionals' guidance PLG05, 'The Brightness of Illuminated Advertisements'. Telephone numbers and website addresses should not be displayed. These and other detailed technical specifications will be as approved by DfI Roads Service. Further guidance will be contained within a SPG document.</p> <p>Furthermore, DfI directs Council to insert the remaining technical detail within RA 87 into the proposed new SPG document on adverts/signage, alongside the replicated detail contained within PPS17, as proposed by MOD 111.</p>		
MOD 59 RA 92	PC121	Part C Economy Strategy, Designations & Policies	DfI directs the Council to modify policies ODC 2,3 &4 by inserting the following words near the end of the policies: ' <b>...cannot be located outside of the Green Belt or in a nearby settlement.</b> '	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to various text Modifications to ODC policy

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		15. Agriculture & Other Development in the Countryside	<p>DfI directs the Council to modify the J &amp; A for each of the policies ODC 2,3 &amp;4 by inserting a paragraph <b>similar to 16.140</b> page 262 to clarify GB avoidance where possible.</p> <p>For clarity in Policy ODC 2 J&amp;A add the following paragraph after 15.8 and amend numbering of paragraphs:</p> <p>‘Within the Green Belt, there is likely to be greater urban-generated development pressure than in the countryside generally so it will be particularly important to carefully manage the numbers and locations of farm or forestry diversification proposals. Therefore, within the Green Belt, planning permission will be granted for farm or forestry diversification proposals only where applicants demonstrate a site specific need to be located within the Green Belt and provide justification as to why the proposal cannot be located in a nearby settlement.’</p>		which will not alter the impact.

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			<p>For clarity in Policy ODC 3 J&amp;A add the following paragraph after 15.17 and amend numbering of paragraphs: 'Within the Green Belt, there is likely to be greater urban-generated development pressure than in the countryside generally so it will be particularly important to carefully manage the amount of development on an active and established agricultural or forestry holding. Therefore, within the Green Belt, planning permission will be granted for farm or forestry development, only where it is demonstrated that the development is needed to meet the essential requirements of the farm holding or forestry enterprise.'</p> <p>For clarity in Policy ODC 4 J&amp;A add the following paragraph after 15.18 and amend numbering of paragraphs: 'Within the Green Belt, there is likely to be greater urban-generated development pressure than in the countryside generally so it will be particularly important to</p>		



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			carefully manage the numbers and locations of conversions, change of uses and re-uses of existing buildings for agricultural and other suitable rural uses. Therefore, within the Green Belt, re-use will take priority over conversion / extension and planning permission will be granted only where it is demonstrated that a conversion or extension is required and the building cannot be re-used in its current form.'		
MOD 60 RA 93	FC 41	Part D Social Development Strategy, Designations & Policies  16. Housing in Settlements and in the Countryside	DfI directs the Council to remove the last sentence of Para. 16.7 and also replace the words in the penultimate sentence, to read as: 'As per the SPPS31, it would be <b>important to maintain</b> a five-year land supply.' Also amend the last two lines of Para.16.15, to read: '... by 2032 and <b>maintain</b> a 5-year <b>land</b> supply.'	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to minor text amendments which will not alter the impact.
MOD 61	FC 42	Part D Social Development Strategy, Designations & Policies	DfI directs the Council to modify Appendix 5 Table 1 page 501 - 503 of the dPS as shown in UPDATED Schedule 2 Annex 4 of the Direction.	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to additional text Modifications included within

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		16. Housing in Settlements and in the Countryside			Schedule 2 (Annex 4) which will not alter the impact.
MOD 62 RA 96	FC 43 PC 126 FC 44	Part D Social Development Strategy, Designations & Policies  16. Housing in Settlements and in the Countryside	DfI directs the Council to amend the wording within paragraph 16.17 on page 224 to read as follows:  Amend wording, as follows: 'The LDP will identify Housing Zonings and Land Use Policy Areas (LUPAs); it will carry forward most of the Housing Zonings / designations from the Derry Area Plan 2011 and the Strabane Area Plan 2001, namely the (substantially) unimplemented Housing Zonings, Flats Policy Area (formerly the DAP designated Flat Zone FL 1) and the associated Flats Prevention Areas (formerly the DAP Flat Exemption Areas). These zonings / designations, together with a series of Houses in Multiple Occupancy (HMO) Management Areas, are being designated in the LDP Plan Strategy and will be further considered in the Local Policies Plan and detailed	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to amended wording of housing policy which will have no additional impact.

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			<p>boundaries shown as appropriate. (A full list of the existing zonings / designations can be found in the existing area plans)'.   Furthermore, DfI directs the Council to modify Policy HOU 1 and J&amp;A on pages 225 – 228 (including footnote), these changes are detailed in full in Schedule 2 Annex 4 of the Direction.</p>		
MOD 63 RA 97	FC 46	<p>Part D Social Development Strategy, Designations &amp; Policies</p> <p>16. Housing in Settlements and in the Countryside</p>	<p>DfI directs the Council to modify Policy HOU 1 and J&amp;A on pages 225 – 228 (including footnote) as follows:  In HOU 1 part '(b) Villages and Small Settlements', insert the following words below onto the end of the second sentence, to read:   '... will be located and also their appropriate scale and form generally.'</p> <p>This change is detailed in Schedule 2 Annex 4 of the Direction.</p>	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to text Modifications which will not alter the impact.

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MOD 65 RA 99	FC 48	Part D Social Development Strategy, Designations & Policies  16. Housing in Settlements and in the Countryside	<p>DfI directs the Council to modify Policy HOU 2 and J&amp;A on pages 225 – 228 (including footnote) as follows:</p> <p>Amend the opening sentence of para 16.30 to read: ‘In addition to the lands identified under HOU 1, Housing will also be permitted on brownfield sites, small whiteland sites or open space (in accordance with OS 1). Housing will not normally be permitted elsewhere, as such developments would undermine the LDP Housing Strategy’.</p> <p>Amend para 16.32 to read: ‘This approach is in accordance with the sequential approach in the SPPS; however, the LDP will only identify brownfield sites as HOU 1 Phase 1 sites at LPP stage in local areas where there is an identified housing need. Otherwise, brownfield sites can come forward under this policy, with a presumption in favour of their permission, subject to meeting the other relevant LDP</p>	No	

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			<p>policies, including the ED 4 protection of Economic Development land’.</p> <p>In accordance with Schedule 2 Annex 4 of the Direction.</p>		
MOD 73 RA 117	FC 53	<p>Part D Social Development Strategy, Designations &amp; Policies</p> <p>16. Housing in Settlements and in the Countryside</p>	<p>Dfl directs the Council to modify paragraphs 16.106 &amp; 16.107, page 252 of the dPS as follows: Replace paras. 16.106 &amp; 16.107 with: <b>‘The percentages of HMOs within and outside a HMO Management Area will be assessed by counting total number of current / licenced and approved HMOs in the policy area divided by the total number of dwelling units in that area. Similarly, for assessments outside of the HMO Management Area, the percentage will be the total HMOs divided by the total relevant properties in that area. In either case, the numbers of HMOs in the immediately adjacent streets / terraces (that share the parking and other impacts) will be taken into account. A Supplementary Planning Guidance</b></p>	No	<p>The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to replacement text being added clarifying HMO policy which will have no additional impact.</p>

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			<p>(SPG) document will be prepared, to provide guidance on the operation of the HMO Management Areas and the local Planning / Licensing system generally.'</p> <p>Amend the 2nd line of para 16.108, as follows: ' ... for further planning <b>applications</b> for additional HMOs.'</p>		
MOD 76 RA 119	FC 56	Part D Social Development Strategy, Designations & Policies  16. Housing in Settlements and in the Countryside	Dfl directs the Council to modify paragraph 16.118, page 255 of the Dps as follows: Insert a new sentence, after the 1st sentence of para. 16.118: ' <b>A Section 76 Agreement will be required, in order to ensure the ongoing responsible management of the accommodation, which will remain with the management company and not with the Council.</b> '	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to additional text being added which will not alter the impact.
MOD 85	FC 61	Part D Social Development Strategy, Designations & Policies	Dfl directs the Council to modify paragraph 20.24, page 319 of the dPS as follows:	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to text amendments

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		20. Waste Planning	Add in the following wording at the end of the penultimate sentence of Para 20.24: '... outside the LDP, unless it is demonstrated that the proposal would not cause harm to, or undermine the reason for, that designation, also being consistent with the respective policy in Chapter 1: Natural Environment.' Delete the final sentence of Para 20.24.		which will not alter the impact.
MOD 97 RA 159	PC 202	Part E Environment Strategy, Designations & Policies  23. Historic Environment	Dfl directs the Council to modify Policy HE 8, page 359 of the dPS as set out in UPDATED Schedule 2 Annex 5 of this Direction. Additional alterations have been made at para's 23.50-23.53 and 23.57 as part of this MOD.	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to updated amendments to text which will not alter the impact.
MOD 101 RA 188		Part F - Place - Making and Design Vision 26. Place-Making & Design Vision For Development In The District	Dfl directs the Council to modify the first line of paragraph 26.5, page 400 of the dPS to read: 'PDOs and PDPs will be given weight alongside SDPs...' in accordance with this PAC Recommended Amendment. For clarity paragraph 26.5 should read: '26.5 PDOs and PDPs will be given weight alongside SDPs, as well as other policy in the LDP and in particular	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to text Modifications which will not alter the impact.

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			GDPOL 2: Design Policy in Settlements in Chapter 7; General Development Principles and Policies. Particular chapters within the LDP, such as Housing, City/ Town Centres and Retailing, Historic Environment and Transport may provide further detailed policy in relation to Place-making and Design.'		
MOD 105 RA192	FC77a	Part F - Place - Making and Design Vision  29. Place-Making & Design Vision / Policy For Local Towns	Dfl directs the Council to modify paragraph 29.2, page 431 of the dPS by reformatting the text as a policy box. The words 'they are' is replaced with 'their design' on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> line.	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to minor text amendments which will not alter the impact.
MOD 106 RA 193	FC 77b	Part F - Place - Making and Design Vision  30. Place-Making & Design Vision / Policy For Villages	Dfl directs the Council to modify paragraph 30.2, page 438 of the dPS by reformatting the text as a policy box. The words 'they are' is replaced with 'their design' on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> line.	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to minor text amendments which will not alter the impact.



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MOD 107 RA 194	FC 77c	Part F - Place - Making and Design Vision  31. Place-Making & Design Vision / Policy For Small Settlements	Dfl directs the Council to modify paragraph 31.2, page 440 of the dPS by reformatting the text as a policy box. The words 'they are' is replaced with 'their design' on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> line.	No	The Council is satisfied that the Modification will have no impact on Section 75 groups due to minor text amendments which will not alter the impact.