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**Independent Examination
Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
Local Development Plan: Plan Strategy**

BY EMAIL

Dear Mr Hughes

The Department for Infrastructure has appointed the Planning Appeals Commission to conduct an Independent Examination (IE) of the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council's Local Development Plan Strategy. I am writing to advise you that our Programme Officer, James Bickerstaff, has completed the process of reviewing the documents supplied by Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council up to and including the 6th August 2021. I am now in a position to assign a Commissioner to the IE.

I have taken the decision to assign Commissioner Julie de-Courcey to perform the IE. The Commissioner will initially be undertaking a series of checks to ensure that all essential regulatory steps have been taken by the Council and to identify any fundamental concerns about the soundness of the plan. Following these checks, the Commissioner may request further written evidence and an exploratory meeting may be held. If an exploratory meeting is not required we will proceed to arrange the hearing sessions. All contact in relation to the IE should be with the Programme Officer assigned to the plan and he will be in contact with you in due course.

Yours sincerely


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Chief Commissioner

cc Lois Jackson
