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Dear Lois

Consultation on Focussed Changes Addendum Including Minor Changes Schedule, January 2021

Thank you for the opportunity to review and respond to the schedule of focused and minor changes to Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council's Local Development Plan, draft Plan Strategy (dPS).

The Housing Executive supports the proposed changes, which provide further clarity to dPS Policies and thereby increase certainty for all users and stakeholders. We understand that the purpose of these changes is to remove any ambiguity and do not affect the main principles or elements of dPS Policies.

In particular, we welcome naming the Housing Executive as a body to identify affordable housing need within Policy COU 5, and as a provider of affordable housing, along with Housing Associations, in Policy HOU 10 "Affordable Housing in Settlements", in the exceptions policies COU 5 "Affordable Housing" and OS 1 "Protection of Open Space". This will provide additional flexibility to policy and the inclusion of the Housing Executive as a developer will increase the capacity of the aforementioned policies to deliver affordable housing to assist those in housing need.

We would like to confirm that our original representation, of January 2020, remains relevant and can be taken forward to Independent Examination.

We trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Clark Bailie

Chief Executive