



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD IN MOSSLEY MILL ON MONDAY 14 AUGUST 2017 AT 6.30 PM**

- In the Chair** : Councillor P Brett
- Committee Members Present** : Aldermen – F Agnew, T Campbell, J Smyth and R Swann
Councillors - J Bingham, H Cushinan, B Duffin, D Hollis, M Magill, S Ross and W Webb
- Non-Committee Members Present** : Councillors – L Clarke, N McClelland, V McWilliam, M Rea
- In Attendance** : Mr G Rolston - Public Speaker
Mr D Watt - Public Speaker
Mr S Horner - Public Speaker
Mr D Mountstephen - Public Speaker
Mr J Armstrong - Public Speaker
Mr A Heasley - Public Speaker
Mr T Clarke, MLA - Public Speaker
Mr J Clyde - Public Speaker
Mr C Cooke – Public Speaker
- Officers Present** : Chief Executive - Mrs J Dixon
Director of Community Planning & Regeneration - Ms M McAlister
Head of Planning - Mr J Linden
Principal Planning Officer - Mr B Diamond
Senior Planning Officer – Ms J McKendry
Planning Officer – Mr M O'Reilly
Legal Advisor - Mr P Casey
Media & Marketing Officer – Ms J McIntyre
ICT Officer – Mr A Cole
Member Services Officer - Mrs D Hynes

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

The Chairperson welcomed Committee Members to the monthly Planning Committee Meeting and reminded all present of the protocol for speaking and timeframes accorded. He also took this opportunity to welcome Councillor Ross to

the August Meeting for 1 month and confirmed that Councillor Hogg would return in September.

The Chief Executive reminded Members about a number of issues in relation to their role as Members of the Planning Committee and their obligations under the Code of Conduct.

1 APOLOGIES

None.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 3.5 – Councillor Magill

Item 3.7 – Councillor Webb

PART ONE DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

ITEM 3.1 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2016/1072/F

PROPOSAL: Proposed 13 no. 2 storey dwellings (variation of condition 2 of permission reference LA03/2016/0357/F to enable 140 dwellings in total to be occupied in advance of the Ballyclare Relief Road becoming operation rather than 125 previously conditioned)

SITE/LOCATION: Plots 68-71 98-101 106-107 & 110-112 Readers Park. Land to the rear of 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 and 15 Readers Way and adjacent to 16 and 18 Readers Drive, Ballyclare

APPLICANT: Readers Park Development Ltd

Barry Diamond, Principal Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to grant planning permission.

The undernoted public speaker addressed the Committee and responded to enquiries from Members as requested -

- Gavin Rolston

Proposed by Councillor Hollis

Seconded by Alderman Campbell and unanimously agreed

that planning permission be granted for the application subject to the conditions set out in the Planning Report.

ACTION BY: John Linden

ITEM 3.2 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2016/1044/F

PROPOSAL: Proposed 10 two-storey dwelling houses and garages (amendments to plot boundaries and house types previously approved under application U/2011/0151/F)

SITE/LOCATION: Lands at Readers Park Rashee Road Ballyclare (identified as plots 145-152 and 156-159 in planning approval U/2011/0151/F)

APPLICANT: Readers Park Developments Ltd

Barry Diamond, Principal Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to grant planning permission.

The undernoted public speaker addressed the Committee and responded to enquiries from Members as requested -

- Gavin Rolston

Proposed by Councillor Duffin
Seconded by Councillor Webb and unanimously agreed

that planning permission be granted for the application subject to the conditions set out in the Planning Report.

ACTION BY: John Linden

ITEM 3.3 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2016/0274/F

PROPOSAL: Removal of 3 no. detached dwellings and erection of 12 no. dwellings (6 no. detached and 6 no. semi-detached) including associated access, car parking and landscaping

SITE/LOCATION: 57-61 Rashee Road, Ballyclare

APPLICANT: Henderson Group Property Ltd

Michael O'Reilly, Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to grant planning permission.

The undernoted public speakers addressed the Committee and responded to enquiries from Members as requested -

- Darryl Watt
- Stephen Horner
- David Mountstephen
- Jim Armstrong

Proposed by Alderman Campbell
 Seconded by Councillor Duffin and

On the proposal being put to the meeting 7 Members voted in favour, 5 against and 0 abstentions it was agreed

that planning permission be granted for the application subject to the conditions set out in the Planning Report.

ACTION BY: John Linden

ITEM 3.4 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2016/0894/F

PROPOSAL: Change of use of land to provide car hire facility
 (retrospective)

SITE/LOCATION: Karl Business Park, 92 Old Ballyrobin Road, Muckamore,
 Co. Antrim

APPLICANT: Karl Property Investments

John Linden, Head of Planning, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to grant planning permission.

The undernoted public speakers addressed the Committee and responded to enquiries from Members as requested –

- Andrew Heasley

Proposed by Councillor Duffin
 Seconded by Councillor Magill and unanimously agreed

that planning permission be granted for the application subject to the conditions set out in the Planning Report.

ACTION BY: John Linden

Councillor Magill withdrew from the meeting having declared an interest in the next item. 3.5.

ITEM 3.5 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2017/0311/F

PROPOSAL: New Site Access

SITE/LOCATION: 17 Groggan Road, Randalstown, BT41 3HA

APPLICANT: Mr J Clyde

Michael O'Reilly, Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to grant planning permission.

The undernoted Elected Members and public speakers addressed the Committee and responded to enquiries from Members as requested –

- Councillor Magill
- Councillor Rea
- Trevor Clarke, MLA
- James Clyde

Proposed by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Alderman Smyth and

on the proposal being put to the meeting 10 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention, it was agreed

that the application be deferred for 2 months to allow a site visit to be undertaken during September.

ACTION BY: John Linden

ITEM 3.6 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2017/0338/F

PROPOSAL: Conversion of a dwelling and associated outbuildings to form two dwellings in a long established farmyard

SITE/LOCATION: 50 Ballynure Road, Newtownabbey

APPLICANT: Mr and Mrs Montgomery

The Chairperson advised Members that this application had been withdrawn by the applicant.

Councillor Magill returned to the meeting.

Councillor Webb withdrew from the meeting having declared an interest in the next item. 3.7.

ITEM 3.7 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2015/0591/F

PROPOSAL: Dwelling and Garage

SITE/LOCATION: 739 Shore Road, Jordanstown, Newtownabbey, BT37 0PY

APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs J McMichael

Johanne McKendry, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to refuse planning permission.

There were no public speakers to address this item.

Proposed by Alderman Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Ross and

on the proposal being put to the meeting 10 Members voted in favour, 1 against and 0 abstentions, it was agreed

that planning permission be refused for the following reason:

- 1. The proposal is contrary to Policy QD1 of Planning Policy Statement 7 'Quality Residential Environments' and associated guidance contained in DCAN 8 and 'Creating Places', as the design and layout of the proposed dwelling will have an unacceptable impact on adjacent properties by virtue of overlooking.**

ACTION BY: John Linden

Councillor Webb returned to the meeting.

ITEM 3.8 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2016/0551/F

PROPOSAL: Proposed agricultural building (Approx. 120sq m)

SITE/LOCATION: Approx. 170m South West of 131 Ballyhill Road, Ballyutoag, Belfast

APPLICANT: Mr C Fleming

Johanne McKendry, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to refuse planning permission.

The undernoted Elected Member addressed the Committee and responded to enquiries from Members as requested –

- Councillor Rea

Proposed by Councillor Duffin
Seconded by Alderman Swann and

On the proposal being put to the meeting 9 Members voted in favour, 3 against and 0 abstentions, it was agreed as follows-

In Favour: Aldermen Agnew, Swann
Councillors Bingham, Cushinan, Duffin, Hollis, Magill, Ross, Webb
Against: Aldermen Campbell, Smyth
Councillor Brett
Abstentions: None

that planning permission be granted subject to the imposition of relevant standard conditions, including a specific condition relating to the provision and implementation of a landscaping scheme, the details of which was delegated to Officers.

The reason for the decision contrary to Officer recommendation was that Members, in light of the Officer view that the principle of a new farm shed was acceptable in policy terms, considered that the site proposed which is located away from the main farm cluster was acceptable in planning terms, based on the evidence submitted, for the following reasons: (a) biosecurity reasons; (b) that there were demonstrable health and safety grounds particularly associated with the keeping of long horned cattle (c) there was a need for specialist treatment away from existing cattle; and (d) that the proposed location and local topography was suitable for the grazing of this rare breed of cattle. In addition, it was considered the proposed site which is located adjacent to a hedgerow would together with appropriate supplementary planting allow the proposal to integrate on the site.

ACTION BY: John Linden

Councillor Magill left the Chamber.

ITEM 3.9 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2017/0524/O

PROPOSAL: Proposed Dwelling and Garage

SITE/LOCATION: Lands approximately 48m South East of No. 101 Staffordstown Road, Creggan, Randalstown

APPLICANT: Michael Dougan

Johanne McKendry, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to refuse outline planning permission.

There were no speakers to address this item.

Proposed by Alderman Agnew
Seconded by Alderman Smyth and

on the proposal being put to the meeting 10 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 0 abstentions, it was agreed

that outline planning permission be refused for the following reasons:

1. **The proposal is contrary to the policy provisions of the Strategic Planning Policy Statement and Policy CTY 1 of Planning Policy Statement 21, Sustainable Development in the countryside in that there are no overriding reasons why this development is essential in this rural location.**
2. **The proposal is contrary to the policy provisions of the Strategic Planning Policy Statement and Policy CTY 8 of Planning Policy Statement 21, in that it;**
 - (a) fails to meet with the provisions for an infill dwelling as the application site does not comprise a small gap within a substantial and continuously built up frontage;**
 - and**
 - (b) would result in the loss of an important visual break in the developed appearance of the locality.**
3. **The proposal is contrary to the policy provisions of the Strategic Planning Policy Statement and Policy CTY 14 of Planning Policy Statement 21, Sustainable Development in the Countryside, in that the buildings would, if permitted, create a ribbon of development resulting in a suburban style of build-up, thereby resulting in a detrimental change to and further eroding the rural character of the area.**

ACTION BY: John Linden

Councillor Ross left the Chamber

ITEM 3.10 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2016/1056/O

PROPOSAL:	Proposed dwelling
SITE/LOCATION:	47m SW of 239 Seven Mile Straight, Ballymather Upper, Crumlin
APPLICANT:	Roy Beattie

Barry Diamond, Principal Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to refuse outline planning permission.

There were no speakers to address this item.

Proposed by Alderman Campbell
Seconded by Alderman Agnew and

on the proposal being put to the meeting 10 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 0 abstentions, it was agreed

that outline planning permission be refused for the following reasons:

- 1. The proposal is contrary to the policy provisions of the Strategic Planning Policy Statement and Policy CTY1 of Planning Policy Statement 21, Sustainable Development in the Countryside, in that there are no overriding reasons why this development is essential at this rural location and could not be located within a settlement.**
- 2. The proposal is contrary to the policy provisions of the Strategic Planning Policy Statement and Policy CTY1 of Planning Policy Statement 21, Sustainable Development in the Countryside, in that it fails to meet the provisions for a dwelling within a cluster in accordance with Policy CTY2a of PPS21.**

ACTION BY: John Linden

Councillor Magill had returned to the Chamber following the Planning Officer's report and was therefore unable to vote on items 3.9 and 3.10.

ITEM 3.11 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2016/0805/O

PROPOSAL: Proposed dwelling and garage on a farm
SITE/LOCATION: 60m south of 106 Steeple Road, Kells
APPLICANT: Mrs E McDowell

Barry Diamond, Principal Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to refuse outline planning permission.

There were no public speakers for this item.

Proposed by Alderman Campbell
Seconded by Councillor Magill and

on the proposal being put to the meeting 6 Members voted in favour, 5 against and 0 abstentions, it was agreed

that the application be deferred for 1 month.

ACTION BY: John Linden

ITEM 3.12 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2017/0195/F

PROPOSAL: Proposed 2-storey extension to side of existing dwelling and new driveway including dropped kerbs

SITE/LOCATION: 26 Hillview Avenue, Cloughfern, Newtownabbey, BT36 6AE

APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs Stephen Graham

Barry Diamond, Principal Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to refuse planning permission.

The undernoted public speaker addressed the Committee and responded to enquiries from Members as requested –

- Charlie Cooke

Proposed by Councillor Cushinan
Seconded by Councillor Hollis

that planning permission be granted.

on the proposal being put to the meeting 2 Members voted in favour, 9 against and 0 abstentions, the proposal was declared fallen

In Favour: Councillors Cushinan and Hollis
Against: Aldermen Agnew, Campbell, Smyth, Swann
Councillors Bingham, Brett, Duffin, Magill, Webb
Abstentions: None

Proposed by Alderman Smyth
Seconded by Councillor Brett

That planning permission be refused.

Prior to the vote, the Head of Planning with the consent of the Chairperson, advised Members that a single storey extension would in principle be acceptable to Officers, but that such an amendment would need to be confirmed with the applicant. On this basis, Councillor Smyth advised he was content to withdraw his recommendation.

Proposed by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Councillor Duffin and

On the proposal being put to the meeting 10 Members voted in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention and agreed that

The application be deferred for 1 month to provide the applicant with the opportunity to submit an amended scheme for a single storey extension.

Following further advice from the Head of Planning Members subsequently clarified that they were content to allow a delegated refusal decision to issue by Officers should the applicant not confirm within one week that he was agreeable to amending the scheme to a single storey extension. Any amended scheme submitted will be returned for Committee determination.

ACTION BY: John Linden

Councillor Ross had returned to the Chamber following the Planning Officer's report and was therefore unable to vote on items 3.11 and 3.12.

ITEM 3.13 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2017/0303/A

PROPOSAL: Retention of Free Standing Sign

SITE/LOCATION: Entrance to Abbey Enterprise Park, Mill Road, Newtownabbey

APPLICANT: Gliderobes, Abbey Enterprise Park, Mill Road, Newtownabbey

Barry Diamond, Principal Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to refuse advertisement consent.

There were no public speakers to address this item.

Proposed by Alderman Campbell
Seconded by Alderman Agnew and

on the proposal being put to the meeting 11 Members voted in favour, 1 against and 0 abstentions, it was agreed

that advertisement consent be refused for the following reason:

- 1. The proposal is contrary to the policy provisions of the Strategic Planning Policy Statement and Policy AD 1 of Planning Policy Statement 17: Control of Outdoor Advertisements, in that the proposed signage would result in an unacceptable detrimental impact on the visual amenity of the area, as the signage will result in a clutter of advertisements in the area.**

ACTION BY: John Linden

ITEM 3.14 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2017/0576/A

PROPOSAL: Fascia Signage (retrospective)
SITE/LOCATION: Units 1 and 2 Valley Retail Park, Newtownabbey
APPLICANT: Go Outdoors Ltd, Unit 1 & 2 Valley Retail Park, Newtownabbey

Barry Diamond, Principal Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to grant advertisement consent.

There were no public speakers to address this item.

Proposed by Alderman Smyth
Seconded by Councillor Duffin and

on the proposal being put to the meeting 11 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention, it was agreed

that advertisement consent be granted for the application subject to the conditions set out in the Planning Report.

ACTION BY: John Linden

ITEM 3.15 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2017/0468/TPO

PROPOSAL: Felling of 4 no. trees protected by TPO & 11 no. trees protected by condition 4 of LA03/2016/0433/F, including remedial works to existing trees as per the Tree Survey Schedule
SITE/LOCATION: 138-140 Belfast Road, Antrim
APPLICANT: Tully West Ltd

Barry Diamond, Principal Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to grant TPO Works.

There were no public speakers to address this item.

Proposed by Councillor Duffin
Seconded by Councillor Hollis and

on the proposal being put to the meeting 11 Members voted in favour, 1 against and 0 abstentions, it was agreed

that TPO works consent be granted for the application subject to the conditions set out in the Planning Report.

ACTION BY: John Linden

Councillor Hollis left the chamber at this point.

ITEM 3.16 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2017/0543/F

PROPOSAL: Provision of 3G Football training pitch and 5m high paladin ballstop fencing and some alterations to the existing fence.

SITE/LOCATION: Neillsbrook Community Centre

APPLICANT: Antrim and Newtownabbey Council

Barry Diamond, Principal Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to grant planning permission.

There were no public speakers to address this item.

Proposed by Councillor Ross
Seconded by Councillor Duffin and

on the proposal being put to the meeting 11 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 0 abstentions, it was agreed

that planning permission be granted for the application subject to the conditions set out in the Planning Report.

ACTION BY: John Linden

PART TWO OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

ITEM 3.17

P/PLAN/1 DELEGATED PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS

A list of planning decisions issued by Officers during July 2017 under delegated powers was circulated for Members attention together with information received this month on planning appeals.

Proposed by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Councillor Duffin and unanimously agreed that

the report be noted.

ACTION BY: John Linden

ITEM 3.18

P/PLAN/1 PROPOSAL OF APPLICATION NOTIFICATION FOR MAJOR DEVELOPMENT

Members were made aware that prospective applicants for all development proposals which fall into the Major development category under the 2011 Planning Act were required to give at least 12 weeks notice to the Council that an application for planning permission was to be submitted. This was referred to as a Proposal of Application Notice (PAN). One PAN was registered during April and the details are set out below.

PAN Reference: LA03/2017/0660/PAN
Proposal: Demolition of existing house and development of replacement dwelling; demolition and retention of existing outbuildings to create courtyard residential development; conversion of listed buildings and development of new dwellings around Islandreagh Mill; development of internal access road and landscaping
Location: Islandreagh House Estate, 30 Islandreagh Drive, Dunadry BT41 2HB
Applicant: Eibar Ltd
Date Received: 19 July 2017
12 week expiry: 11 October 2017

PAN Reference: LA03/2017/0697/PAN
Proposal: Major residential development scheme with community facilities
Location: Former Craighill Quarry site lands to the north of the Ballycorr Road and to the south of the Ballyeaston Road Ballyclare
Applicant: Salvare Properties Ltd
Date Received: 31 July 2017
12 week expiry: 23 October 2017

Members recalled that under Section 27 of the 2011 Planning Act obligations were placed on the prospective developer to consult the community in advance of submitting a Major development planning application. Where, following the 12 week period set down in statute, an application was submitted this must be accompanied by a Pre-Application Community consultation report outlining what consultation had

been undertaken regarding the application and detailing how this has influenced the proposal submitted.

Proposed by Councillor Webb

Seconded by Councillor Duffin and unanimously agreed that the

the report be noted.

ACTION BY: John Linden

ITEM 3.19

P/FP/LDP/109 - LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN LOUGH NEAGH AND LOUGH BEG CROSS BOUNDARY FORUM TO DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES

The next meeting of the Lough Neagh and Lough Beg Cross Boundary Forum was scheduled for 20 September 2017. This forum had been set up to discuss cross boundary issues in relation to local development plan preparation between the neighbouring Councils. Councillor Brian Duffin is Chairperson of the Forum.

The Council was entitled to two elected representatives to attend. A nomination was sought for the second attendee.

Proposed by Councillor Webb

Seconded by Councillor Duffin and unanimously agreed that

Any Member interested in taking up this second nomination should contact the Head of Planning.

ACTION BY: John Linden

ITEM 3.20

P/FP/LDP/54 - MID AND EAST ANTRIM - PREFERRED OPTIONS PAPER

Mid and East Antrim Borough Council (MEA) had consulted the Council on its Preferred Options Paper (POP) for its emerging new Local Development Plan. The Mid and East Antrim POP and all associated documents can be viewed at: <https://www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/pop>. This Preferred Option Paper was subject to a 12-week consultation period ending on 6th September 2017.

The Mid and East Antrim Preferred Options Paper set out a vision and Strategic objectives for the Council Area. The vision for the Local Development Plan was 'Mid and East Antrim would be shaped by high quality, sustainable and connected places for people to live, work, enjoys, invest and visit, so as to improve the quality of life for all'. This vision was based on the Council's Community Plan in that it aspired to enhance quality of life for everyone but was adapted to place a special emphasis on the particular place-making role of the LDP.

The Council's Strategic Objectives emphasised the three pillars of sustainable development that embrace the social, economic and environmental priorities. These strategic objectives aimed to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. The overarching social objective for the LDP was 'Building Sustainable Communities'. 'Sustaining Economic Growth' and 'Transportation, Infrastructure and Connectivity' were the Council's LDP topic areas for the Economy. The Council's Environmental objectives included the topic areas of 'Stewardship of our Built Environment and Creating Places' and 'Protecting and accessing our Natural Environment.'

The population projections for Mid and East Antrim predicted an increase of 3.6% by 2020, bringing the population total from 135,338 up to 142,164. The population is aging with the number of 65 year olds set to increase by 41% by the then end of the plan period. The plan would take account of these trends. At the Preferred Options Stage Mid and East Antrim had not given a defined figure in relation Housing Allocation and the POP noted that further studies would be carried out. The Housing Growth Indicator for Mid and East Antrim had been noted at 6230 and the Preferred Option indicated that it was the intention to allocate 58% of the projected HGI to Main Towns, 15% to Small Towns, 10% to Villages, 5% to Small Settlements and 12% to the Countryside.

Sustainable Economic Growth - This objective contained options regarding 4 main topic areas to include; Economic Development, Retailing and Town Centres, Tourism and Minerals Development. A range of options are provided on each.

Of particular interest to ANBC were the issues of the Regional Development Strategy Cluster of Antrim, Ballymena and Larne towns; retailing, employment and tourism. The Planning Section had noted and wished to discuss further through ANBC's emerging Economic Strategy the issue of employment requirements. Mid and East Antrim had proposed a focus for office accommodation as part of its proposals due to its close proximity to Belfast International Airport and was to develop an economic strategy for the area. MEA propose to sustain growth in main towns and small towns and increase growth to villages and small settlements at the expense of the open countryside. ANBC Planning Section also noted the proposal to sustain growth of Greenisland (small town), which lies adjacent to this Council's boundary.

Building Sustainable Communities - This strategic objective contained options in regards to 3 main topic areas. These included Housing, Open Space, Sport and Leisure and Health, Education, Community and Cultural Facilities. A range of options were provided on each.

No particular issues arose for ANBC but further discussion was welcome in relation to any interlinking greenways between the Council areas.

Transportation, Infrastructure and Connectivity - This objective comprised multiple topic areas to include Transportation, Renewable Energy, Flood Risk and Drainage, Cemeteries, Telecommunications, Power Lines and Overhead cables, Waste and Sewerage Infrastructure and Waste Management. A range of options were provided on each.

ANBC would welcome discussion on a joint approach to the issue of travel in the Council areas, particularly in terms of car travel into Belfast. The Planning Section had noted that MEA was proposing to retain only non-strategic road schemes, which have

been justified by DfI through a Local Transport Strategy. In terms of renewable energy the Planning Section had noted MEA's position on a cautious approach to wind farm development – the cumulative impact of such development was a consideration for both Councils. The Planning Section noted MEA's position, as part of the Arc 21 consortium to liaise further with neighbouring Councils on any waste management proposals.

Stewardship of our Built Environment and Creating Places - This strategic objective included a range of options on topic areas to include Archaeology and Built Heritage and Place-making and Good Design.

Protecting and Accessing our Natural Environment - This strategic objective included options regarding the Mid and East Antrim coast and other sensitive landscapes.

The Planning Section noted MED's position to retain the Belfast Metropolitan Coastal Designation and retain current policy; notes the proposal to designate a Special Countryside Area or an Area of Constraint around Lough Beg and Lower River Bann Corridor and had asked for this to be tabled for further discussion at the Lough Neagh and Lough Beg Cross Boundary Forum Group. The proposals to retain existing Areas of High Scenic Value and Rural Landscape Wedges were noted. All of these issues have potential cross boundary impacts on ANBC.

A draft letter had been prepared in response to Mid and East Antrim's POP for consideration (copy circulated).

Proposed by Alderman Smyth

Seconded by Alderman Campbell and unanimously agreed that

the draft letter be submitted by the Council in response to Mid and East Antrim's Preferred Options Paper.

ACTION BY: John Linden

There being no further Committee business under Part 2 of the agenda the Chairperson thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 8.55pm.

MAYOR

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