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Dear Suzanne

**Belfast City Local Development Plan 2035 – draft Plan Strategy**

I write in reference to the above public consultation.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate Belfast City Council on the publication of its new Local Development Plan - Draft Plan Strategy document, the first in Northern Ireland since the transfer of planning powers in 2015. Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council welcomes the opportunity to engage with you further on your new plan and welcomes the opportunity to comment on the document.

With specific reference to the content of your draft Plan Strategy, the Council would make the following comments:-

- In terms of your proposed Plan Strategy, the Council notes Belfast City Council's Plan Strategy Vision, Aims and Objectives and has no further comment to make on these at this stage. The Council recognises the complementary role that both Councils play in terms of promoting growth and the opportunities presented by the Belfast City Deal and other collaborative initiatives.
- In relation to your proposed Strategic Policies, again the Council has no further comment to make on these at this stage.
- As both Councils progress their Plans and in particular, the Local Policies Plan, further engagement will be welcomed on all cross boundary matters including proposed zonings and designations.
- In relation to housing, the Council notes at this stage that the draft Plan Strategy Housing Technical Supplement makes reference (see para 4.05) to further discussions taking place with the NIHE and neighbouring authorities regarding the wider housing market area. It further indicates that if there is insufficient land to meet Belfast's housing needs over the Plan period that other options may be considered including liaising with neighbouring authorities to ascertain if they may have land available to accommodate some of Belfast's anticipated population growth (see para 4.18).

- In relation to your proposed Spatial Strategy, again the Council considers this largely sound and welcomes further cross boundary engagement as our local development plans progress to the next stages.
- Other cross boundary matters that will also involve further discussion as your Plan progresses towards the Local Policies Plan stage include, but are not limited, to job creation in the Greater Belfast area, transport connections, overlapping strategic landscape and coastal designations and flood risk areas.
- In relation to your proposed detailed planning policies and monitoring, the Council has no specific comment to make on these matters.

I look forward to working co-operatively with you to bring forward our respective Local Development Plans to meet the needs of our respective council areas.

Yours sincerely

