

Local Development Plan 2032 Counter Representation Form

Section A: Data Protection

Q1. DATA PROTECTION AND CONSENT

I confirm that I have read and understand the Privacy Notice above and I give consent for Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council to hold my personal data for the purposes outlined.

SECTION B: YOUR DETAILS

Q2. Please tick one of the following:

Individual

Q3. Your Details

First Name [REDACTED]

Last Name [REDACTED]

Details of Organisation/ Body Individual

Address [REDACTED]

Postcode [REDACTED]

Email Address [REDACTED]

Phone Number [REDACTED]

Q4. Consent to Publish Response Under planning legislation we are required to publish counter representations received in response to the Plan Strategy, however you may opt to have your response published anonymously should you wish. Even if you opt for your counter representation to be published anonymously, we still have a legal duty to share your contact details with the Department for Infrastructure and the Independent Examiner appointed to oversee the examination in public into the soundness of the Plan Strategy. This will be done in accordance with the privacy notice detailed in Section A.

Please publish without my identifying information

Section C:

Q5. Have you submitted a representation to the council regarding this development plan document

No

Section D: Your Counter Representation

Q6. Please provide the reference number of the site-specific representation to which your counter representation relates. If you wish to make a counter representation to more than one representation, please complete a separate online response for each counter representation you wish to make.

DPS 035 subsection MPS-035C (Ballyskeagh)

Q7. Your counter representation must relate to a site-specific representation made to the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council draft Plan Strategy. Please give reasons for your counter representation having particular regard to the soundness test(s) identified in the Department for Infrastructure's Development Plan Practice Note 06 Soundness. Please note your counter representation must not propose any new changes to the draft Plan Strategy. It should be submitted in full and cover succinctly all the information, evidence, and any supporting information necessary to support/justify your submission.

As a resident of Nevins Row, Ballyskeagh for 30 years I feel very strongly about any new development which would have a detrimental effect on the ecosystem and infrastructure of the surrounding area in which I live. Ballyskeagh has a number of listed buildings eg The lock Keepers House and Ballyskeagh bridge along with an archaeological site. Indeed the farmhouse on the land that is in the proposed development site dates back to the 1830's and is considered to be a locally significant building. The surrounding fields are rich in wildlife - I have seen otters, foxes, badgers plus a variety of birdlife including owls, resident buzzards and migrating geese. All of this is in keeping with what Lagan Valley Regional Park stands for - an area of outstanding natural beauty - a green belt area which should be protected from this 'in-filling' type of development.

Along with some neighbours I recently attended a meeting with LCCC Planning and we were assured that part of the strategy in the development plan was to 'protect and enhance the historic and natural environment' and to guard against 'in-filling'. Also I believe there is a Settlement Development Limit designated to Ballyskeagh which is supposed to prevent coalescence between the two nodes and to protect the landscape of the Lagan Valley Regional Park and the AONB. This local landscape policy area must be protected from undesirable or damaging development and the proposed development certainly fits with this description - it is both undesirable and damaging.

Section E:

Q8. Thank you for your comments

Signature 

Date 17th April 2020