

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

Last Name

Details of Organisation/ Body

Address

Postcode

Email Address

Phone Number

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.

DPS035 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.

Ballyskeagh is a small settlement at the base of the proposed settlement hierarchy. the present housing in Nevin's Row and Sandymount is sufficient for a small rural area and joining the two nodes (as proposed) would be to the detriment of the local area and environment.

Ballyskeagh is an area of historical, environmental and conservational importance. Listed buildings include the Lock Keeper's House and Ballyskeagh Bridge. The Lagan Canal and towpath add to the importance, beauty and recreational facility of the area within the Lagan Valley regional Park.

The area that has been requested to be rezoned for housing is farmland and is in keeping with the surrounding countryside. Parts of the area are prone to flooding on a frequent basis. The surrounding infrastructure (narrow roads, historical bridge, sewage system etc) would not be capable of supporting any new development.

The area is rich in wildlife. Buzzards reside in the surrounding trees and otters have been seen in the canal. Any new development would have a detrimental effect on the local ecosystem.

As a resident in Nevin's Row for nearly 30 years I feel it is our duty as a society to preserve the beauty and richness of our natural environment. and deter housing developers from taking over our fields and spoiling our landscape. for their own monetary gains.

Section E:

Q8. Thank you for your comments

Signature [REDACTED]

Date 17th April 2020