

Appendix 1

Draft consultation response to the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs.

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Dear Ms. Holmes

Re: Designation of Lagan Meadows as a Quiet Area pursuant to the Environmental Noise Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006.

Further to your letter of 21st September 2016 in respect of the 'Designation of three Quiet Areas and Consultation on the Designation of Lagan Meadows as a Quiet Area', I would advise that the People and Communities Committee has considered the 'Designation of Lagan Meadows as a Quiet Area pursuant to the Environmental Noise Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006' consultation documentation and would provide the following comments by way of response.

I would advise that the People and Communities Committee has considered the Department's proposed designation of the Lagan Meadows as a Quiet Area and I can confirm that the Committee welcomes and is supportive of such a designation. The Committee is mindful of the public health and wider environmental benefits of protecting appropriate Quiet Areas across the city.

In addition, the Committee notes the Department's decision to put forward the Lagan Meadows as a Candidate Quiet Area instead of Ligoniel and Tullycarnet Parks. I would advise that the council will reconsider both these areas following the next round of noise mapping which is scheduled to commence from June 2017. To that end, and in order to help identify other potential Quiet Areas across the city, including for example, Greenville and Orangefield Parks, I would advise that council officers will continue to engage with the Department to help refine the screening criteria to be applied in subsequent rounds of Quiet Area identification and designation.

I trust that this response addresses the issues raised within the Department's consultation document however should you have any further queries, please direct them in the first instance to Mr. Stephen Leonard, Environmental Health Manager, Public Health & Housing and Environmental Protection Unit.

Yours sincerely

Chair, People and Communities Committee