



Fermanagh & Omagh  
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Date 22 February 2019

Being dealt with by Alison McCullagh

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Mr Anthony Tohill  
Chief Executive  
Mid Ulster District Council  
15 Circular Road  
Dungannon  
BT71 6DT

Dear Anthony

### **Sperrin Rambler Bus Service**

At a recent meeting of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, Members asked that I write to you to request that Mid Ulster District Council promotes the Sperrin Rambler Bus Service (formerly Ulsterbus 403) through its social media outlets. Members believe that this is an important bus service which as well as connecting communities across the Sperrins, contributes to much needed tourism infrastructure in the area.

Our Members trust that Mid Ulster District Council will look on this request favourably.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alison McCullagh".

Alison McCullagh  
**Director of Regeneration and Planning**



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Mr Anthony Tohill  
Mid Ulster District Council  
(via email: [chief.executive@midulstercouncil.org](mailto:chief.executive@midulstercouncil.org))

27 February 2019

Dear Anthony,

**INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO THE NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD**

Under the terms of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation and Exercise of Functions) Act 2018, I have interim responsibility for certain appointment functions normally exercised by Northern Ireland Ministers including the Northern Ireland Policing Board (NIPB).

Following the recent resignation of one of the independent members, there is a current vacancy on the NIPB. Furthermore five independent members' terms of appointment are due to expire in June 2019, so there will be a need to make further appointments.

As you may be aware there has been significant change at senior level within the PSNI over the last 12 months at both Deputy Chief Constable and Assistant Chief Constable level. In addition the Chief Constable will also stand down in June. These along with the implications of Brexit have resulted in developing and ever-changing challenges for the NIPB to address in comparison to this time last year.

It is imperative that appropriate appointments are made to the NIPB to ensure it possesses the necessary skills and experiences to navigate through these challenging times. Given the significant change over the last 12 months, I am minded to launch a new competition to fill the current vacancy and others that will become vacant at the end of June. It is envisaged that the criteria for the competition are likely to include a need for candidates to demonstrate ability in Change Management; Building Effective Relationships; Communication and Negotiation Skills; Performance Oversight; Strategic Thinking; and Leadership.

In light of the importance of forthcoming senior appointments to the PSNI, there may be a need to reflect further on the appropriate timing of the appointment of new independent members to the Board.

Paragraph 8(2) of Schedule 1 of the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000 requires consultation with the First Minister and deputy First Minister, district councils, and such other bodies as are considered appropriate before making any appointment of independent members to the Board.

In seeking to appoint independent members to the Board, I am committed to the principles of public appointments based on merit, with independent assessment, openness and transparency of process. I would welcome your views on this matter before I consider next steps.

I should be grateful if you could provide your response by email to [sos.bradley@nio.gov.uk](mailto:sos.bradley@nio.gov.uk) by Friday 8 March 2019.

Yours sincerely,



**KAREN BRADLEY MP**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND**

Liam Hannaway  
Chief Executive



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Dear Mr Tohill

*Anthony*

**Re: Geographical Disposal Facility by Radioactive Waste Management**

Please find attached letter dated 27 February 2019 regarding a Notice of Motion adopted by Newry Mourne and Down District Council at it's Meeting held on Monday 4 February 2019.

The Council strongly opposes the granting of consent for a Geological Disposal Facility to be located within the District, or indeed within any part of Northern Ireland or the island of Ireland.

Our Members would urge that your Council support our position on this issue and also make written representation to the Minister.

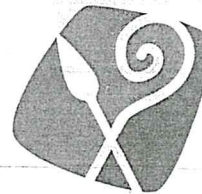
I would be grateful if you would bring this correspondence to the attention of your Council Members.

Yours sincerely

**Mr Liam Hannaway**  
**Chief Executive**

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27 February 2019

Rt Hon Greg Clark MP  
Secretary of State  
Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy  
1 Victoria Street  
London  
SW1H 0ET

Dear Minister

**Re: Geographical Disposal Facility by Radioactive Waste Management**

At a meeting of Newry Mourne and Down District Council held on Monday 4 February 2019, the following Notice of Motion was agreed:

**“This Council notes with great concern the conclusions made from the National Geological screening for a Geological disposal Facility by Radioactive Waste Management which suggests that Parts of Newry, Mourne and Down District and other areas in Northern Ireland might be suitable for a GDF.**

**This Council will write to the Minister for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy stating Councils position as: Newry, Mourne and Down District Council does not consent, and never will consent to hosting a Geological Disposal Facility in our Council area or any part of Northern Ireland.**

**This Council asks the other 10 councils in the North to take a similar position and equally write to the Minister.”**

Members were unanimous in their opposition for consent being granted for the location of a Geological Disposal Facility within the Council District and referred to the fact that over the last 50 years, the South Down Coast had been one of the most exposed coasts to potential nuclear incidents.

The Council would request that the Department take on board the sentiments expressed in the above Notice of Motion.

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The Council has written to the other 10 Local Authorities in the North and a copy of this letter is attached for your information.

Yours sincerely

  
**Mr Liam Hannaway**  
**Chief Executive**

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Appendix D

**Issued via Email**

20 March 2019

Councillor Sean McPeake  
Chair  
Mid Ulster District Council

Dear Councillor McPeake

Thank you for your letter of 12 March 2019 received in this office on 19 March 2019 regarding a request for a meeting with EA officials.

Your correspondence has been passed to the Senior Team in Education Directorate to respond to as the matter you raise falls under the remit of that Directorate.

We aim to respond to all written correspondence within 10 working days of receipt. If that is not possible, a holding response will issue.

Should you wish to follow up on your correspondence, please contact the PA/Office Manager for the Education Directorate as follows:

Sarah Owens-Hartley – [Sarah.OwensHartley@eani.org.uk](mailto:Sarah.OwensHartley@eani.org.uk)

Tel: 028 90 413182

Yours sincerely



**GAVIN BOYD**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**