Report on  Date of Meeting	Mid Ulster District Council's response to a consultation request from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council for planning application LA10/2021/0806/F for Extension to existing factory to provide additional manufacturing, storage and office space at 185 Omagh Road Ballygawley for Mr Donal Hackett (Classic Marble Ltd).  7th September 2021
Date of Meeting	7 September 2021
Reporting Officer	Phelim Marrion
Contact Officer	Dr Chris Boomer

Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes		
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	Х	

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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To seek members agreement to respond to a consultation on a planning application that Fermanagh & Omagh District Council) are considering.
2.0	Background
2.1	Fermanagh & Omagh District Council have consulted Mid Ulster District Council on planning application LA10/2021/0806/F for Extension to existing factory to provide additional manufacturing, storage and office space at 185 Omagh Road Ballygawley for Mr Donal Hackett (Classic Marble Ltd. The planning application site has a boundary with Mid Ulster District Councils jurisdiction and the development is proposed to be accessed off a laneway off the A5, Protected Route. FODC have asked MUDC to comment on the access to the development.  The proposal involves a 1818sqm extension to the existing 1850sqm factory building. The extension is to house 605sqm of production area, 84sqm offices, 845swqm of storage and 284 sqm of ancillary accommodation. The extension is perpendicular to the rear of the existing building and is finished in similar colour and types of materials to the existing factory.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Members are advised the site is an existing industrial development which is accessed off a private laneway that opens onto the A5 Protected Route. The existing lane serves an existing electrical substation as well as Classic Marble.
3.2	FODC have asked for MUDC view on the access which runs through MUDC area. The access is onto the A5, a Protected Route where Policy AMP3 applies. This

policy allows an existing access to be used where access cannot reasonably be taken from an adjacent minor road. There is the possibility of an access onto Garvaghy Bridge Road, however that road is a single vehicle width, it is undulating and has a poor surface and horizontal alignment. Traffic generation will be at a peak during the construction phase of the development with heavy machinery and equipment being brought to the site.

- 3.3 The application has been accompanied by a Traffic Impact Assessment which indicates the existing factory has 56 cars, 8 passengers and 6 HGV vehicles to the site each day and the peak periods for traffic accessing the site will be weekday am peak hour 08:00-09:00 and weekday pm peak hour 17:00-18:00. It is stated that once built and operational the proposed development will have an additional 4 employees and attract an additional 2 cars, 4 passengers and 1 HGV per day. This does not seem to be a reasonable assumption given the amount of traffic generated by the existing factory. While primarily a matter for DFI Roads and FODC, given the Protected Status of the road, it may be prudent for FODC to seek improvements to the junction of the private lane and A5 by providing a right hand turning lane into the site.
- 3.4 The site is well integrated in the local landscape with views from the main road limited to close to the access position due to the landform. It will be seen with the existing factory, the power lines and substation which gives the area quite an industrial appearance. I consider a landscaping scheme should be requested and implemented around the compound to help reduce the visual impact on what can be an open exposed landscape.

## 4.0 Other Considerations

## 4.1 | Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications

Financial:

Not relevant

Human:

Construction may cause issues of noise and dust during the construction period. Noise may be an issue during operation, from the equipment, however this is a matter for FODC to consider in consultation with their Environmental Health Officers. The nearest residential development, in Mid Ulster District Council Area is approx. 450 metres south of the develop on the opposite side of the main road, twice the distance from the nearest property in FODC.

Risk Management:

Unlikely to be any risk to Mid Ulster District Council

## 4.2 | Screening & Impact Assessments

Equality & Good Relations Implications: No implications anticipated

	Rural Needs Implications: No likely to be applicable	
5.0	Recommendation(s)	
5.1	That members agree to the following response to be issued to OFDC Planning Department:	
	<ol> <li>FODC in consultation with DFI Roads may wish to consider upgrading the access into this site.</li> <li>Mid Ulster District Council have no concerns in relation to long term visual impacts of this development provided a robust and properly detailed landscaping scheme and maintenance proposals are agreed prior to commencement of development and properly condition for implementation.</li> </ol>	
6.0	Documents Attached & References	
6.1	Location map/Proposed site plan/elevations	









