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TDPNI Consultation 2023

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Ref: Consultation on Draft Transmission Development Plan Northern Ireland and SEA 2023-2032

To whom it may concern:

Mid Ulster District Council welcomes the opportunity to provide comment upon the Draft Transmission Development Plan Northern Ireland and SEA 2023-2032.

While Mid Ulster District Council agrees with the overall aim for the transmission grid and its infrastructure to be made stronger and more flexible to transport the increases in clean energy generation, the Council feel strongly that transmission lines should be undergrounded where possible.

The Council realise that underground connection will not be possible in every case. As such the Council would not wish to detriment the possibility of achieving such connections, especially in relation to the North South Interconnector. However, in cases where it is possible, the Council would recommend that cabling should be underground.

The Council look forward to receiving the outworking's of this consultation and to engaging in any relevant partnership working in order to ensure that these proposals directly benefit our District.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Adrian,

INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO THE NORTHERN IRELAND POLICING BOARD

Under the terms of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation etc) Act 2022, during the current period in which there is no Executive, I can exercise certain appointment functions of Northern Ireland Ministers, including those related to the Northern Ireland Policing Board (NIPB or the Board).

As the current terms of appointment of three Board members expire at the end of March 2024, the Department of Justice will shortly commence a recruitment process in order to fill these vacancies.

As you will be aware, there has been significant change at senior level within the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) over the last number of months, during what has been an unprecedented time for policing. Not only does the Board have a critically important statutory role to secure an efficient and effective police service but it also has the challenge of bringing stability and securing confidence in the PSNI.

It is, therefore, imperative that appropriate appointments are made to the NIPB to ensure it has the required skills and experience to navigate through these challenging times. It is envisaged that the criteria for the competition are likely to include a need for candidates to demonstrate ability in Organisational Leadership; Strategic Focus; Relationship Management and Influence; and Financial Performance.

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 on merit, with independent assessment, openness and transparency of process.

If you wish to provide any comments in relation to this process, I should be grateful if you could provide your response by email to correspondence@nio.gov.uk by 4 December 2023

Yours sincerely,



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