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Dear Sir/Madam

PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS FOR MICROGENERATION DEVELOPMENT

Armagh City and District Council welcomes the opportunity to respond to the above consultation document.

In principle, the Council endorses the proposed permitted development rights for micro generation across all technologies and acknowledges that issues such as eco-homes, low and zero carbon homes are aspirations of Government. However, further consideration should be given to the following areas;

- Visual impact - v - energy generated benefit, e.g. wall mounted wind turbines;
- **Q31** - consideration should be given to fixing free standing units, in some exposed rural areas wind may make these units unstable;
- **Q41, 43, 115** - noise and vibration issues from wind turbines in built-up housing areas (neighbour nuisance);
- **Q38** - reference should be made to the effect that building mounted wind turbines require Building Control approval;
- Safety to the members of the public by wind turbines falling over is not sufficiently addressed **Q60** - independent certification and inspection should be a pre-condition especially if the wind turbine is in close proximity to the owner's building;



- **Q63, Q64** - consideration should again be given to the benefit of wind turbines. Wind turbines located in areas where wind flow is restricted either by hills; trees etc may reduce the effectiveness of some units.
- **Q86-88** - flue locations and discharge points must meet the requirements of the Building Regulations (Technical Booklet L).

The Council wishes to be kept informed of developments. It would be helpful if your response could be e-mailed to [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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Clerk And Chief Executive