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12th April 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Material Amendments to Draft Eastern and Midland Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy

I refer to the above and welcome the opportunity to make comment on the proposed material amendments.

In respect of the material amendment to Chapter 11 – All Island Cohesion, Monaghan County Council would respectfully request that given the inter-relationship between the Northern and Western Regional Assembly and the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly areas with Northern Ireland specific inter regional co-operation should be referenced in Regional Policy objective 11.1 as follows:-

"In co-operation with relevant departments in Northern Ireland, the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly, in collaboration with the Northern and Western Regional Assembly, will support mutually benefit policy development and activity in the areas of spatial and infrastructure planning, economic growth and related spheres."

I trust that due consideration will be given to the incorporation of the above request in the final version of the Regional Spatial & Economic Strategy.

Yours faithfully,

**Toirleach Gourley** 

Senior Executive Planner