

SECTION 1

Defining the activity subject to Section 1(1) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016

1A. Name of Public Authority

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council

1B. Please provide a short title which describes the activity being undertaken by the Public Authority that is subject to Section 1(1) of the Rural Needs Act (NI) 2016

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1C. Please indicate which category the activity specified in Section 1B above relates to

Developing a	Policy	x	Strategy		Plan	
Adopting a	Policy		Strategy		Plan	
Implementing a	Policy		Strategy		Plan	
Revising a	Policy		Strategy		Plan	
Designing a Public Service						
Delivering a Public Service						

1D. Please provide the official title (if any) of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service document or initiative relating to the category indicated in Section 1C above

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1E. Please provide details of the aims and/or objectives of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service

Council officers received a request from the Royal Black Institutions to hold an event in Loughgall Country Park on Saturday 2nd April from 10am – 6pm, the event included a parade to Loughgall Country Park and religious service to celebrate the opening of their new headquarters on Main Street, Loughgall. The event consisted of approx. 3,000 members and 15 accompanying bands and included the following:

- Members gathered at the junction of Red Lion Road and Ballymagerny Road from 10am
- Parade commenced at 11.30am along Main Street to Loughgall Country Park and set down on the football pitch at approx. 12pm / 12.30pm.
- Members paraded to the new headquarters at 12.45pm led by 1 main band
- The new headquarters and exhibition were officially opened on Main Street at 1pm by the Sovereign Grand Master
- A bust of Sir Norman Stronge was commissioned and unveiled at the back of the building
- Members paraded back to Loughgall Country Park at 2pm where a religious service then took place
- Following the religious service members and bands paraded from Loughgall Country Park along Main Street returning to the starting point
- Food traders were positioned within Loughgall Country Park for the duration of the event

Loughgall Golf Club has sole use of the golf course every Saturday with over 150 members participating from 8am – 2pm. Discussions took place with event organisers to ensure Loughgall Golf Club could utilise the facility during the event and adequate car parking made available. A communications plan was put in place to inform all users that an event would take place and to expect some service disruption during particular periods of the day

The event was subject to approval from the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) as landowners.

The aim of the event was to celebrate the opening of the Royal Black Institution's Headquarters

1F. What definition of 'rural' is the Public Authority using in respect of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service?

Population Settlements of less than 5,000 (Default definition).	
Other Definition (Provide details and the rationale below).	
A definition of 'rural' is not applicable.	x

Details of alternative definition of 'rural' used.

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Rationale for using alternative definition of 'rural'.

Reasons why a definition of 'rural' is not applicable.

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SECTION 2

Understanding the impact of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service

2A. Is the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service likely to impact on people in rural areas?

Yes		No	x	If the response is NO GO TO Section 2E .
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2B. Please explain how the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is likely to impact on people in rural areas.

2C. If the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is likely to impact on people in rural areas differently from people in urban areas, please explain how it is likely to impact on people in rural areas differently.

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2D. Please indicate which of the following rural policy areas the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is likely to primarily impact on.

Rural Businesses	
Rural Tourism	
Rural Housing	
Jobs or Employment in Rural Areas	
Education or Training in Rural Areas	
Broadband or Mobile Communications in Rural Areas	
Transport Services or Infrastructure in Rural Areas	
Health or Social Care Services in Rural Areas	
Poverty in Rural Areas	
Deprivation in Rural Areas	
Rural Crime or Community Safety	
Rural Development	
Agri-Environment	
Other (Please state)	

If the response to Section 2A was YES GO TO Section 3A.

2E. Please explain why the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service is NOT likely to impact on people in rural areas.

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SECTION 3

Identifying the Social and Economic Needs of Persons in Rural Areas

3A. Has the Public Authority taken steps to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas that are relevant to the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service?

Yes		No	X	If the Response is NO GO TO Section 3E .
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3B. Please indicate which of the following methods or information sources were used by the Public Authority to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas.

Consultation with Rural Stakeholders		Published Statistics	
Consultation with Other Organisations		Research Papers	
Surveys or Questionnaires		Other Publications	
Other Methods or Information Sources (include details in Question 3C below).			

3C. Please provide details of the methods and information sources used to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas including relevant dates, names of organisations, titles of publications, website references, details of surveys or consultations undertaken etc.

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3D. Please provide details of the social and economic needs of people in rural areas which have been identified by the Public Authority?

If the response to Section 3A was YES GO TO Section 4A.

3E. Please explain why no steps were taken by the Public Authority to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas?

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SECTION 4

Considering the Social and Economic Needs of Persons in Rural Areas

4A. Please provide details of the issues considered in relation to the social and economic needs of people in rural areas.

N/A

SECTION 5

Influencing the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service

5A. Has the development, adoption, implementation or revising of the Policy, Strategy or Plan, or the design or delivery of the Public Service, been influenced by the rural needs identified?

Yes		No	x	If the response is NO GO TO Section 5C .
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5B. Please explain how the development, adoption, implementation or revising of the Policy, Strategy or Plan, or the design or delivery of the Public Service, has been influenced by the rural needs identified.

If the response to Section 5A was YES GO TO Section 6A.

5C. Please explain why the development, adoption, implementation or revising of the Policy, Strategy or Plan, or the design or the delivery of the Public Service, has NOT been influenced by the rural needs identified.

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SECTION 6

Documenting and Recording

6A. Please tick below to confirm that the RNIA Template will be retained by the Public Authority and relevant information on the Section 1 activity compiled in accordance with paragraph 6.7 of the guidance

I confirm that the RNIA Template will be retained and relevant information compiled.

X

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