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

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| 1A. Name of Public Authority |
| Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council |

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| 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 |
| Waringstown Public Realm Scheme |

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| 1C. Please indicate which category the activity specified in Section 1B above relates to | | | | | | |
| Developing a | Policy |  | Strategy |  | Plan |  |
| Adopting a | Policy |  | Strategy |  | Plan |  |
| Implementing a | Policy | √ | Strategy |  | Plan |  |
| Revising a | Policy |  | Strategy |  | Plan |  |
| Designing a Public Service |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 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 |
| Waringstown Public Realm Scheme |

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| 1E. Please provide details of the aims and/or objectives of the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service |
| The policy aims to deliver upon some of the relevant themes for Waringstown from the Craigavon Village Plans for Waringstown, Bleary and Gibsons Hill, with particular emphasis on improving townscape quality  The policy will:   * Construct high quality pavement finishes; * Provide bespoke lighting, street furniture and decorative features; * Create an attractive public space * Celebrate the heritage of Waringstown through subtle interventions within the Public Realm; * Improve pedestrian flow and * Create a pleasant experience for users and visitors. |

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| 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. |  |

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| *Details of alternative definition of ‘rural’ used.* |
| Urban Town surrounded by rural hinterland |

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| *Rationale for using alternative definition of ‘rural’.* |
| The Town has aspects and characteristics of both an urban and rural form. The settlement is built up of a population of 3683 (Census 2011) and is surrounded by a rural setting. The effects of this policy will have a positive effect on the surrounding rural hinterland. |

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| *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** |

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| 2A. Is the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service likely to impact on people in rural areas? | | | | |
| Yes | √ | No |  | 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. |
| This policy will benefit people both within the town and the rural area surrounding it through the enhancement of Waringstown’s physical environment. The policy will provide improved access and movement to and within public and pedestrian spaces and will enhance the physical appearance of the town centre for the benefit of all users. |

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| 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. |
| N/A |

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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) | |

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

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| 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** |

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| 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 | √ | 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). | | |  |

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| 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? |
| N/A |

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

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| 3E. Please explain why no steps were taken by the Public Authority to identify the social and economic needs of people in rural areas? |
| This is a Public Realm improvement scheme that is focused on Waringstown, but it has positive effects on the surrounding rural hinterland. |

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| **SECTION 4**  **Considering the Social and Economic Needs of Persons in Rural Areas** |

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| 4A. Please provide details of the issues considered in relation to the social and economic needs of people in rural areas. |
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| **SECTION 5**  **Influencing the Policy, Strategy, Plan or Public Service** |

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

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| 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** |

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| 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. | √ |

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