



Subject:	Correspondence with Invest Northern Ireland
Date:	23 February 2024
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to advise Members of a response from Invest NI following the Committee decision on 23 November 2023, to write to Invest NI seeking clarification on its future plans for the former Mackie's site.

2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Members of the Committee are asked to: I. Note the correspondence from Invest NI as attached at Appendix 1.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	At the Strategic Policy & Resources Committee meeting on 23 November the Committee requested officers write to Invest NI seeking clarification on its future plans for the former Mackie's site within the context of housing led regeneration.
3.2	Invest NI have advised: <i>"The lands that comprise Invest NI's Forthriver Business Park were acquired and developed with the intent they would be used for industrial purposes. The land has been developed as a business park and is held in support of economic growth. Invest NI continues to actively promote it to investors for this purpose. The consideration, development and/or promotion of housing sits outside our remit, and we would oppose the release of current industrial zoned land given the shortage of the same in the immediate vicinity. Invest NI has consistently reiterated this position and will continue to do so."</i>
3.3	Members are asked to note the correspondence as attached at Appendix 1.
	Financial and Resource Implications
3.4	None associated with this report.
	Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment
3.5	None associated with this report.
4.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 – Correspondence with Invest NI