



Subject:	Notifications from statutory bodies (Abandonment & Extinguishment)
Date:	15 th August 2023
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Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To bring to the attention of the Planning Committee two notifications that have been received from the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) and the Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE) (see Appendices 1-3).
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to note the notification correspondence received and the comments already submitted by officers and consider whether it wishes to endorse the concerns expressed on the proposed abandonment at Great Patrick Street.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Council has received two notifications from statutory bodies, one each from DfI and NIHE:
3.2	Proposed abandonment at Great Patrick Street, Belfast, BT1 2NX Received on 19 th June 2023 this notification from DfI concerns a request for the proposed abandonment under The Roads (NI) Order 1993 of land at Great Patrick Street (Appendix 1). The abandonment has been requested as Beggs and Partners who are seeking to acquire the land and incorporate it within the boundary of their property. There are no current planning applications or any relevant, related planning history on the land proposed for abandonment.
3.3	The Council's City Regeneration & Development team have raised concerns with the proposed abandonment with DfI's Lands Section. The concerns relate to the proximity of Council-owned lands and the loss of space which may potentially impact on future initiatives that may be developed for: place shaping initiatives, active and sustainable travel, greenspace provision and/or connectivity improvements. However, the Council owns adjacent land in the area, identified as part of Council's Strategic Site Assessment programme, and it should be noted that there are emerging Council proposals for its land that may impact on this subject land. No additional concerns have been raised by other services within the Council. Whilst the Council has no current proposals to purchase the

<p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p> <p>3.6</p> <p>3.7</p>	<p>area proposed for abandonment, as it remains in public ownership, the Committee is asked to note the proposal and the comments submitted to DfI and consider whether they wish to endorse the concerns already expressed.</p> <p>As part of the abandonment determination process DfI will consider the concerns raised by the City Regeneration & Development Team, or any other respondents, as part of their decision in relation to the request from Beggs & Partners. The Divisional Road Manager (DRM) in any final decision will take account of the basis for any comments received and if it is deemed appropriate in the public interest can recommend that a public inquiry is held. After assessing any objections which are not withdrawn or where a public inquiry is held the Department may, following conclusion of the consideration, continue to make a decision and Order, with or without modifications, as it sees fit.</p> <p>Extinguishment of Public Right of Way – The Bullring Pathway Extinguishment Order Received on 29th June 2023 this notification from NIHE confirms that this extinguishment was agreed by the Department for Communities (DfC) and took effect from 13th June 2023 (Appendix 4).</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> There are no resource implications associated with this report.</p> <p><u>Equality implications or Good Relations implications / Rural needs assessment</u> None.</p>
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Appendices – Documents Attached</p>
	<p>Appendix 1: Proposed abandonment at Great Patrick Street, Belfast, BT1 2NX</p> <p>Appendix 2: Location of land proposed for abandonment.</p> <p>Appendix 3: Confirmation of extinguishment of Public Right of Way – The Bullring Pathway Extinguishment Order</p>