

15th October 2024

Ref Application to rename a section of Durham Street

Belfast City Council
Building Control
4-10 Linenhall Street
Belfast
BT2 8BP

Dear Sir / Madam

We are writing in support of the proposal received to Belfast City Council on to re-name a section of Durham Street "Boyne Bridge Place". This would be the section of the road running from Glengall Street to Hope Street and where the current Boyne Bridge is situated.

As you are aware planning approval has been given for the current Boyne Bridge to be demolished, this decision was made in 2019 and was a very upsetting for the local Sandy Row community who fought hard to try and save the bridge. To put into context this section of the Durham Street where the bridge is currently situated, was always known as Sandy Row to the local community, residents were aghast when they were advised by Translink that it is in fact on Belfast maps as Durham Street.

The street name "Boyne Bridge Place" would ensure that the historical significance of the Boyne Bridge would be acknowledged and in some way ensure that culture and history of this landmark would be recognised. The renaming of this section of Durham Street would never replace the Boyne Bridge, but it would go a long way in recognition to those who have fought so hard to try and save it from being demolished.

Kind Regards

Cllr Tracy Kelly
Cllr Ron McDowell
Edwin Poots MLA
Mr William Dickson