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Dear Mr McNaney

**BI-LINGUAL TRAFFIC SIGNS - COMBINED DRAFT POLICY AND DRAFT EQIA CONSULTATION**

You responded to the recent public consultation exercise on the Department's draft Policy and draft Equality Impact Assessment for Bilingual Traffic Signs.

I am writing to inform you that the Minister has decided not to pursue the provision of bi-lingual traffic signs.

The Minister considers that his aim is to deliver on the agreed priorities set out in the Northern Ireland Executive's Programme for Government where key targets have been set on investment in the strategic road network, road maintenance, public transport and water and sewerage services. He also considers that given the challenging economic times that we are living in, it is imperative that the Department's limited resources are prioritised and focussed on issues that will directly improve the safe and efficient use of the road network.

As a consequence of the decision, no further work will be done on this policy and the Department will not be issuing a formal response to the consultation.

The Minister has however asked me to thank you for taking the time to respond.

Yours sincerely

*Steph Hyl*

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