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Dear Mrs Wylie

### TAXI RANKS - DONEGALL SQUARE, BELFAST

We recently met with the three organisations that represent public hire taxi drivers in Belfast.

At this meeting they put forward a proposal to amend the taxi operations in and around Donegall Square.

The proposal comprises the following elements:

- Retain Donegall Square North rank as existing
- Provide a new feeder rank in Donegall Square West – this is in “line of sight” of the Donegall Square North rank and when a taxi exits this “main” rank it would be replaced by one from Donegall Square West.
- Use existing taxi rank in Donegall Square East as a feeder rank to the proposed Donegall Square West rank. As this rank is also in “line of sight” of the Donegall Square North rank once a taxi leaves Donegall Square North, the driver in Donegall Square East will move to Donegall Square West.

This proposal would replace the previous request to construct a double rank in Donegall Square North which had implications for public transport and cyclists although it would require the access arrangement in Donegall Square West to be relaxed to permit public hire taxis. It would also result in a reduced coach bay in Donegall Square West.

I have attached a drawing showing the proposal.

I would appreciate any comments Belfast City Council would have on these proposals.

# PROPOSAL BY TAXI ASSOCIATION

