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Dear Ms steele,

## **GRITTING OF GREENWAYS AND MINOR ROADS THROUGHOUT THE CITY**

Thank you for your letter of 10<sup>th</sup> February to the Minister for Infrastructure regarding gritting of greenways and minor roads throughout the city. The Minister has asked me to reply on her behalf.

To assist the safe movement of traffic in wintry conditions, the Department sets aside sufficient funding to salt the main through routes across Northern Ireland. It is not possible to salt all of the roads given the competing demands on DfI's finite resources, many of which are safety related. Footways are not included in the gritting schedule.

In periods of extreme conditions following heavy snowfall or prolonged freezing conditions, the Department works in partnership with local Councils to remove snow and ice from footways and pedestrian areas.

In respect of greenways specifically, the majority of greenway type paths throughout Northern Ireland are owned by local Councils and responsibility for maintenance of those paths falls to Councils. The small number of greenways owned by the Department do not currently meet the criteria for inclusion in the salted network. Although the Minister would like to be able to expand the gritting service to these greenways and many other routes, unfortunately it is simply not practicable to do so at present, due to the severe budget constraints and many other pressures faced by the Department.

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