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Date 27th May, 2021

Minister Mallon
Minister for Infrastructure
Department for Infrastructure
Corporate Policy Unit
Clarence Court
10-18 Adelaide Street
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Dear Minister Mallon,

Re: Special City Growth and Regeneration Committee, 23rd June - Presentation of DfI half-yearly report.

At its meeting in May, Belfast City Council's City Growth and Regeneration Committee agreed that the Council would write to you to outline a number of requests in advance of the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) half-yearly presentation to the Special Committee meeting on 23rd June. Our intention is to ensure that the Department is aware of specific areas of interest that Members would welcome further information or clarification on and the opportunity to collate this in advance. Members may wish to explore some issues in more detail, hence the request for certain officers to be in attendance.

Accordingly, I would be grateful if you would arrange for the following requests to be addressed in advance of, or during, your Department's attendance and presentation:

- **York Street Interchange Independent Assurance Review.** At its meeting on 14th April, the Committee agreed that the Council would write to you to request a copy of the York Street Interchange Independent Assurance Review Report. Members also welcomed the completion of the Independent Assurance Review. Accordingly, we would appreciate if you could please forward a copy of the Independent Assurance Review Report for dissemination to Members.
- **Update on the Safe Cycle Network.** At the meeting of the 12th May, Members were provided with correspondence from the DfI Eastern Division Manager providing details of the total meterage of cycle lane provision installed by the Department since 2016. In response to this, Members agreed to write to the Minister to;
 - Convey that Belfast is missing a key opportunity given the total meterage of pop-up cycle lanes delivered during the pandemic at a time when other cities were making significant strides in capturing and seizing the uptake and shift in travel patterns. The Committee called for an enhanced programme of safe cycling infrastructure, including pop-up provision to be brought forward at pace, while

simultaneously ensuring that local issues and requirements are captured and incorporated within the design process;

- Request that DfI provide their presentation and details of discussion in advance of the Special Committee;
- Request that DfI have to hand for the Committee the relevant data, including the total meterage of safe cycle network delivered since 2016, and information on the planned roll out of future schemes;
- Request the attendance of Liz Loughran and Andrew Grieve at the Special Committee in anticipation of questions from Members on Walking and Cycling infrastructure provision; and
- Request an update on the current status of e-scooter legislation.

Thank you for your co-operation and assistance on these issues raised by the City Growth and Regeneration Committee.

Yours sincerely



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