

## Appendix 1 – Draft Letter of Support QUB

Dear

RE: Letter of support for sustainable packaging research project

Belfast City Council are pleased to confirm our support for your research project: *Biodegradable Foams and Additive Manufacture for Sustainable Protective Packaging*. We will assign one of our Resource Education and Promotion Officers from the Recycling Outreach Team to support you on this project.

As previously discussed, the development of sustainable protective foam packaging solutions that your project envisions is very interesting to us, especially as current packaging materials like expanded polystyrene are not currently recycled.

One of our ongoing problems is confusion from the public regarding if a material is recyclable or not and what is the correct bin to put it in– recycling, composting or general waste. Therefore, much work carried out by the Recycling Outreach Team is on public engagement, promoting recycling and trying to improve the accuracy of residents recycling efforts.

Should your grant application be successful, we will be involved by:

- Providing input on requirements to bring new sustainable protective packaging solutions into use from the perspective of municipal waste management systems and the associated public policies and education
- Providing feedback on project activities and progress updates
- Participating in planned stakeholder engagement activities, including surveys and workshops
- Helping QUB to engage with other relevant stakeholders, such as waste management providers and processing companies
- Helping plan and promote public outreach and education activities

We understand that the project will run for 3 years and our Resource Education and Promotion Officer involvement in the project will be approx. 2 hours per month, based on estimated time committed to the items above.

We would hope to continue engaging with you in the future to help guide and support any further developments and implementation to achieve your aim of sustainable and circular protective packaging solutions.

Yours sincerely