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Dear Mr Mullan

**YORK STREET INTERCHANGE SCHEME – PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT**

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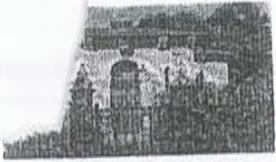
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Yours sincerely

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## Subject DRD Roads Service Public Consultation - York Street Interchange

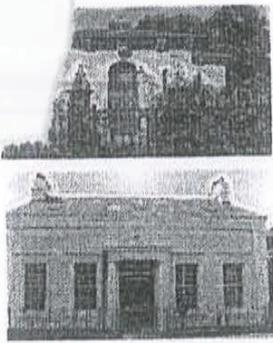
Dear Sir

In response to the DRD Roads Service Public Consultation on the York Street Interchange and documents issued to consider the scheme options. We wish to register this response to the Consultation on the York Street Interchange.

1. We would recommend that Roads Service, would need to engage further and their options with communities adjacent to the Interchange for comment and to test support from community groups and residents before settling on any preferred option.
2. The surrounding communities to be most effected by this plan requires a more proactive community engagement by Roads Service to ensure participation and genuine engage of North Belfast residents. Any proposal for development of the Interchange needs to take an objective account of the impact each option might have on the economic infrastructure of the North Belfast economy, local business interests and access to employment opportunities locally, in other parts of the city and the region.
3. Roads Service need to ensure alternative form of traffic is implement as an option which ensures that the Interchange offers pedestrians and cyclists the safest and most straight forward means of access via York Street and which ensures citywide connections with Belfast, its economy and shopping precincts , especially given the high percentage of non-car owners living in areas of deprivation across North Belfast.
4. There is a need to ensure that developments at the Interchange do not encourage motorist to use North Belfast as escape route at Clifton Street and slips roads and park as unregulated "parking zone" for commuters working or shopping in the city. Parking is an issue in north belfast adjacent to main links to the city from North Belfast that will need addressed as part of a wider consultation on the impact of the Interchange proposals and needs to engage Belfast City Council in the process.
5. There are concerns that the Interchange development will significantly increase traffic flow and volume in the North of the city. It is proposed and suggested that York Street is reinstated as a 2-way traffic system to easy congestion and seems very logical to have this re opened.

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6. Roads Service would need to engage with other key stakeholders and bodies who have strategic developments planned in the surrounding locality which will impact on the proposal for development and usage of the Interchange i.e. University of Ulster Campus, York Street/Fredrick Street – Belfast Harbour, City Quays – Translink Train Halt relocation – Belfast Rapid Transit plans – North Foreshore - and to give consideration to Gateway Projects, Library Square and Carrick Hill (DSD) for North Belfast, to maximise connections with the local infrastructure and take account of Area Master Plans.
7. We would ask Roads Service to survey/demonstrate how their options will mitigate the causes of further fracture and severance by the Interchange to North Belfast, the sustainability of the areas economy and the viability of surround communities. The current westlink did create a division in North and West of the city and communities as well as barren land sites which are still undeveloped.
8. Could Roads Service be asked to highlight areas of “planning gain” and “social benefit” for North Belfast communities that will result from the Interchange development, as it seems mainly for by-passing traffic and of no local benefit other than less traffic jams , delays in crossing over from York st and motorway to link to royal avenue and Clifton street and west of city.
9. Only an Improved version of Option C offers opportunity to address the fractured structure of this part of Belfast and is the preferred option for the Interchange recommended by North Belfast Partnership.

In addition to the above comments and suggestions we would also strongly supports the Forum for Alternative Belfast, 7 point response on the Interchange Consultation and their recommendations for action (attached)

Yours faithfully

Brian Mullan  
Chair  
Antrim road Regeneration Committee

## Recommendations

1

The planning of the new infrastructure to be considered as a strategic urban design project, not as a 'roads only' project. The repair of the urban structure of inner North Belfast should be at the heart of this. There is also a wider principle for the city, of increasing pedestrian movement and creating a more human environment.

### *Action*

The government ministers in charge of the DRD, DSD, DOE and DCAL, along with Belfast City Council, should jointly appoint a multi-disciplinary team to take a strategic view of the scheme within the local area, securing agreement from all relevant statutory bodies and specifically engaging with the Roads Service consultants to create a wider 'brief' centred on urban design. The team should be formed as a horizontal interdisciplinary structure to ensure coordination of actions and the implementation of a mutually supportive policy approach.

2

The final scheme should ensure that the 'Six Links', as defined by the Forum for Alternative Belfast (map published on the 31st May 2011), are a key part of the urban design solution.

### *Action*

The infrastructure design should allow, not hinder, the future development of these critical links, permitting the surroundings to return to pedestrian and cycle friendly streets inhabited by people both living and working in the area. An authoritative independent pedestrian access consultant should be appointed to ensure best practice and to make certain that all user needs are addressed. Proposals should include a strategy for biodiversity to protect green land.

3

The infrastructure scheme should include two bridges linking the North Belfast communities to the emerging education and employment opportunities in the adjacent Titanic Quarter. Links 'within' the city are every bit as important as links 'through' the city.

### *Action*

These proposals should be included as an integral part of an overall scheme, and the bridge structures should be designed as visually obvious river crossings.

4

The streets and slip roads should be designed to the latest national public realm and transportation standards and not merely to "road and bridge" standards.

### *Action*

*Manual for Streets 2* to be adopted as the design standard

5

Options B and D should be discarded.

### *Reason*

The impact of an 18 m high motorway flyover with heavy vehicles driving through the city at the height of a 6 storey building would permanently sever North Belfast's communities from the emerging education and employment opportunities in the city centre and the Titanic Quarter.

6

Only an improved version of Option C offers opportunity to address the fractured urban structure of this part of Belfast

### *Action*

An amended version of Option C should be developed with the proposed multi-disciplinary group. The amended scheme should include a buried Bangor/Westlink connection, allowing the release of more development land and allowing Great George's Street to be restored as a calmed street shaped by buildings and footpaths.

7

The overall scheme should be subject to a MAG Design Review and to its recommendations

### *Reason*

This project is a Built Environment project within the Architecture and Built Environment Policy to which all government departments must adhere. DRD is not an exception. This significant development is an integral part of the city which should be required to benefit the whole city as a functioning system, rather than facilitating 'roads' whilst severing and debilitating local places. This proposal is particularly important given the location within the inner city and directly adjacent to a number of city neighbourhoods, and should be an exemplar of a fully integrated urban design.

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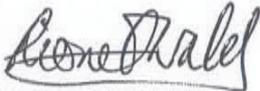
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Yours sincerely

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30 June 2011

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Dear Roy,

The Cathedral Quarter Steering Group (CQSG) is a stakeholder-led initiative established in 2008, which brings together key local stakeholders to take stock of the Cathedral Quarter's development, analyse successes and failures, and propose solutions to achieve the best outcomes.

CQSG includes representation from a mix of sectors and interests, including the arts, business, leisure, community, and DSD Belfast City Council and Belfast City Centre Management. The group was charged with developing a **5-Year Strategic Vision and Development Plan** for the Cathedral Quarter. The Plan, launched as a draft for consultation in March 2011, builds on the physical regeneration work carried out by Laganside and DSD, and the on-going efforts of the Cathedral Quarter community.

Having reviewed the options under consideration and on behalf of Cathedral Quarter stakeholders, CQSG broadly agrees with DRD – Roads Service objectives for the scheme. However the group feels that the proposals lack the crucial strategic urban design approach which offers remediation and repair of the long-term segregation of inner North Belfast communities and interruption of access to the city centre and the river created by the design of the original roadway.

- CQSG calls for the formation of an interdisciplinary and cross-departmental team to guide the project as a strategic urban design initiative and not as a 'roads only' project.

The Cathedral Quarter Plan calls for traffic calming and improved access to the area for pedestrians and cyclists. The 'Six Links' through North Belfast as defined by the Forum for Alternative Belfast (map published on the 31st May 2011) are vital to regeneration of the Cathedral Quarter, the University of Ulster Belfast Campus, and other areas of the city centre.

Access to employment and education opportunities is also a key objective of the Cathedral Quarter Plan. Currently the highway acts as a physical barrier for many North Belfast communities, cutting them off from opportunities in the Cathedral Quarter and similarly cutting off the Cathedral Quarter from Corporation Square and the river.

- The 'Six Links' to and through North Belfast must be central to the York Street Interchange urban design solution.
- Independent consultants should be appointed to ensure best practice in relation to pedestrian and cycle access in the area of the interchange to make certain that the needs of visitors and people living and working in the area are addressed.
- The opportunity to create new links from inner North Belfast and Cathedral Quarter to the Titanic Quarter should be capitalised on through the addition of two bridges to the scheme.

CQSG supports the Forum for Alternative Belfast's recommendation that an amended version of option C should be developed to include a buried Bangor/Westlink connection. This option, delivered to the latest national roads standard and in collaboration with DSD, DOE, DCAL, and Belfast City Council and reviewed by the Ministerial Advisory Group would deliver the best value for money and the greatest benefit to the city.

Sincerely,



Paul McErlean, Chair  
Cathedral Quarter Steering Group

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Cathedral Quarter Development Manager

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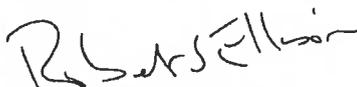
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I look forward to meeting you at the public exhibition.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Roy

**Re. Council response to Yorkgate Interchange**

Thank you for the presentation on the options for the York Street Interchange to the Council's Development Committee on the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2011. The Council have a number of initial comments following the presentation but would request additional time to carry out further analysis of the proposed options for the York Street interchange including consideration of the likely economic, social and environmental impacts of each option.

The Council would like to raise the following preliminary comments:

- Clarification was requested on the time period for planning and implementation of the proposed York Street Interchange scheme. Concern was also expressed by the Committee that the process for designing and building road schemes in the past had been too lengthy.
- Clarification is sought on whether consideration has been given to making York Street two-way as part of the proposed scheme. The Committee would be keen for proposed improvements in the strategic road network to take account of the potential to deliver improvements in the connectivity for the local road network and communities.
- There are concerns relating to the potential impact of the proposed road scheme on local inner cities communities in particular the potential to cause further severance from the city centre. Opportunities to improve connectivity and regenerate deprived communities should be highlighted and delivered in conjunction with other government agencies.
- Further information and analysis is required on the potential impacts the proposed options will have, in terms of noise pollution and air quality, on existing residential areas and any proposed residential development sites in the vicinity.

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- Additional information was requested on the efficiency of the proposed junction options and value for money in relation social and environmental impact.
- The Council would request consideration is given to the identification within the option proposals of opportunities for the reallocation of existing potentially surplus road space in the surrounding network.

If you require any clarification on the response, please contact Anne Doherty, Development Department Tel: 90270387.

Yours faithfully



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Dear Mr McGrillen

**YORK STREET INTERCHANGE**

Thank you for your letter of 27 July 2011 regarding Roads Service's proposals for the York Street Interchange.

Firstly, I note the Council's intension to carry out further analysis of the four Preliminary Options for York Street Interchange, including the economic, social and environmental impacts. You should be aware that Roads Service, as Client for the project, will address these issues as part of the Stage 2 Scheme Assessment of the Preliminary Options in accordance with the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB). The results of this assessment will be reported in the Stage 2 Preferred Options Report which is scheduled for publication next year.

I note the Council's preliminary comments on the Preliminary Options and would offer the following clarification in response to the bullet points raised in your letter.

Time to plan and implement York Street Interchange

- The development and planning of major road improvement schemes, such as the York Street Interchange, is a lengthy process, which normally takes 6-8 years to complete. It is a three stage process that involves the development of a range of scheme options, followed by a detailed environment, economic and technical assessment of these options. All major works road schemes also have to successfully complete a statutory process, which involves the publication of an Environmental Statement, Designation Order and Vesting Order, and this can result in Roads Service holding a Public Inquiry. Decisions to make a significant investment to improve the public road network are important and the planning and assessment involved with this decision, while lengthy, correctly allows for a thorough examination and consultation of the scheme options at each step in the process. At this stage it is expected that it will take at least a further 3 years for this scheme to complete this process before

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construction could start and therefore funding has not been made available in the 2011/12 – 2014/15 budget period.

### Community severance and two way running on York Street

- Improving connectivity between local communities and Belfast City Centre is a theme that was raised by a number of people during the recent public consultation event and Roads Service is currently assessing the feasibility of introducing two-way running on York Street. It should be noted that while the improvements planned for York Street Interchange are primarily designed to improve strategic journey times, by separating strategic traffic from local traffic movements this will also improve access arrangements for pedestrians, cyclists and other local traffic, particularly along York Street.

### Noise and Air Quality Impact

- Prior to publication of the Preferred Options Report, Roads Service will undertake a Stage 2 Environmental Assessment of the four Preliminary Options for York Street Interchange in accordance with accepted best practice eg Volume 11 of DMRB. This will involve separate assessments of the benefits and dis-benefits of the scheme in relation to both air quality and noise. I would also point out that through a consultation meeting with Belfast City Council in November 2008, it was agreed that a "simple" air quality assessment (as defined in DMRB Advice Note HA 207/07) would be appropriate for this scheme at Stage 2. This will be used to establish the requirement to undertake a "detailed" air quality assessment following selection of the Preferred Option. In a similar manner, Roads Service will undertake a "simple" noise assessment at this time (as defined in DMRB Standard HD 213/11) to establish the requirement to undertake a "detailed" noise assessment following selection of the Preferred Option. This work is not expected to be completed until next year.

### Efficiency of proposed junction and social and environmental impact

- A detailed traffic and economic assessment of the four Preliminary Options for York Street Interchange is currently being undertaken as part of the Stage 2 Assessment process. This involves the development of a COBA model to compare the scheme costs against road users benefits for each option. However, this work will not be completed until early next year and will be reported in the Stage 2 Preferred Options Report.

### Opportunities to reallocate existing potentially surplus land

- It is normal practice for Roads Service to dispose of all surplus land once it is no longer required for the public road network. Opportunities for surplus land within the scheme will be identified for each of the Preliminary Options for the York Street Interchange. I would also point out that Roads Service has been working closely with DSD to examine how the road options for the York Street Interchange could best complement the emerging Masterplan to regenerate the Greater Clarendon - Sailortown area of Belfast.

I trust you will find this clarification helpful.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Mr. Walsh

### Re: York Street Interchange.

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of the council's proposal to undertake an economic, social and environmental impact assessment of the four preliminary engineering options for the York Street Interchange.

With regard to the noise and air quality aspects of the environmental assessment process, I acknowledge the Department's intention to undertake a Stage 2 environmental impact assessment of the four preliminary options for York Street Interchange in accordance with the provisions of Volume 11 the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB).

You will be aware that Part III of the Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 places a statutory obligation upon district councils to undertake periodically a review of ambient air quality within their districts in order to determine the likelihood of achieving a series of health-based air quality objectives as prescribed via the Air Quality Standards Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010.

Where the outcome of a review and assessment process or ambient monitoring indicates that an air quality standard or objective is not being achieved, or is unlikely to be achieved by the relevant compliance date, then the district council is required to designate by order, as a minimum, the spatial extent of its district where the air quality objective is not, or is unlikely to be achieved within the relevant period, as an Air Quality Management Area.

Belfast City Council completed an initial assessment of air quality across the city in 2004 and declared subsequently the M1 motorway / A12 Westlink corridor from the Belfast City boundary at Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park to the end of the Westlink at the junction with Great George's Street as an Air Quality Management Area. This Air Quality Management Area remains in force.

Unfortunately, despite development and implementation of an Air Quality Action Plan for the city, pollution levels along the M1 motorway / Westlink corridor continue to exceed both European and national air quality standards. For example, nitrogen dioxide concentrations at residential premises in the vicinity of Great George's Street, North Hill Street and Southwell Street are of concern. In addition, the Belfast Metropolitan Urban Area is presently the subject of an application to the European Commission for a time extension to the deadline for achieving nitrogen dioxide limit values. Failure to achieve nitrogen dioxide limit values by the revised deadline of 2015 will likely result in infraction proceedings by the Commission.

In order to facilitate completion of air quality screening assessments for road transport, the Highways Agency has published a DMRB spreadsheet and additional guidance for its use has been issued by the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs. Inputs to the model include background pollutant concentrations, road type, annual average daily traffic flows, vehicle speed, fleet composition and distance to receptors. It is assumed that the majority these engineering inputs have already been quantified during formulation of the interchange preliminary options.

It is considered imperative, therefore, that air quality, and indeed noise impacts, of the preliminary options are considered as soon as practicable in order to help the council to provide an informed response to the Department and in order to enable mitigation measures to be proposed prior to formal consultation and option selection. Consequently, I would encourage the Department to undertake the noise and air quality impact assessment aspects of the wider sustainability assessment ahead of the indicated timeline of next year. The council's Environmental Protection Unit has agreed to provide assistance to the Department if required.

In advance of this it would be useful if the Department could provide the DMRB spreadsheet data already compiled to inform the preliminary proposals embodied in the options presented to the Committee.

Yours sincerely,



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Date: 8 November 2011

Dear Mr McGrillen

**YORK STREET INTERCHANGE – NOISE AND AIR QUALITY**

Thank you for your letter of 21 October 2011 and Belfast City Council's offer to provide assistance in assessing noise and air quality impacts for the York Street Interchange.

Following the recent consultation with Belfast City Council, Roads Service has reviewed the level of noise and air quality assessments that it will undertake as part of the Stage 2 Environmental Assessment of York Street Interchange. I can now confirm that Roads Service will undertake "Detailed" noise and air quality assessments (as defined by DMRB) of all four Preliminary Options, prior to the publication of the Preferred Options Report.

Roads Service is currently carrying out detailed traffic and economic assessments of the four Preliminary Options, which involves building, validating and running complex models of the existing and proposed urban road network. However, given the work that remains at this stage it will not be possible to complete this traffic assessment until early next year. Traffic output from this modelling work is required to enable both the noise and air quality assessments to be undertaken and therefore this work can not start until next year.

While the traffic information used to inform the Stage 1 Environmental Assessment of the Preliminary Options in 2009 is available, it has been superseded by a more expansive traffic survey undertaken of the existing road network and significant changes to the layouts of some of the Preliminary Options, which in turn will affect how traffic re-assigns on the proposed road network.

In essence, traffic data used to inform the Stage 1 Assessment is now out of date and we are awaiting receipt of more up to date traffic information.



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Please advise me if I can be of any further assistance at this stage.

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Dear Mr. Walsh

**Re: York Street Interchange – noise and air quality**

Further to your letter of 8 November 2011 regarding the environmental implications of the proposed revisions to the York Street Interchange, you will be aware that at a special meeting of the Development Committee on 27 June 2011, our Elected Members considered, in detail, the four preliminary engineering options (A, B, C and D), designed to improve traffic flows between the Westlink, M2 and M3 motorways and on the wider strategic road network in the vicinity of that location.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Development Committee agreed that officers would submit an interim response to the Department for Regional Development based upon Members' comments and that a further more comprehensive report would be presented at a subsequent Committee meeting in respect of the council's final response to the four preliminary options outlined within the upgrade proposals for the York Street Interchange.

In order to understand fully the implications of the four options, and to enable a comprehensive analysis of each to be provided to our Elected Members, we wrote to you on 21 October 2011 suggesting that the council would be prepared to undertake a detailed sustainability assessment for each option that would evaluate likely social, environmental and economic impacts. Air quality and noise issues would have been addressed specifically as part of the assessment. This approach would have enabled a comprehensive analysis to be provided to our Elected Members and, in turn, for the council to make a formal comprehensive response to the Public Consultation into the York Street Interchange proposals. By way of amplification, our Elected Members have requested that the wider implications of the road development proposals be evaluated due to York Street's

geographic position as a northern gateway to the city and the potential for adjoining lands to be used for office and residential developments.

Following further discussions in your response of 8 November 2011, you indicate that the traffic data used to inform the Stage 1 Assessment is ostensibly out of date and consequently, detailed traffic modelling is currently being undertaken that will culminate in a sustainability assessment of the four proposals. It is understood, however, that this work will not be complete until later in 2012 and consequently may overlap with a Stage 2 Environmental Assessment for York Street. Accordingly, we would express concern that the council continues to be unable to provide a detailed formal response to the Public Consultation into the York Street Interchange preliminary option proposals due to an absence of relevant activity data. We are concerned also that the reported next stage of the consultation process will be held following the publication of a preferred route. At this point, it is understood that three of the options will have already been discounted.

For these reasons, my officers would welcome an opportunity to discuss our concerns directly with Roads Service in order that an appropriate impact assessment can be provided to Committee for consideration and response.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Mr McGrillen

**YORK STREET INTERCHANGE – NOISE AND AIR QUALITY**

Thank you for your letter of 19 January 2012 regarding Noise and Air Quality issues relating to the proposed York Street Interchange.

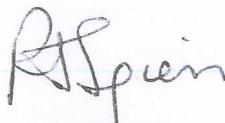
I can confirm that, following your request in October and as outlined in Roads Service's response of 8 November 2011, Roads Service is carrying out additional Noise and Air Quality Assessments on all four options under consideration for this scheme. This information will contribute to the selection of the preferred option in line with the process laid out in the DMRB.

The Noise and Air Quality Assessments should be complete by early April 2012 and we would be content to share this information with you. However you should note that this information will contribute to only one of the five criteria which Roads Service will use in selecting the preferred option and we would be keen to receive your views on all aspects of the proposals.

I would be pleased to meet with yourself to discuss both the impact on the process of the additional assessments and also the importance of your response to the entire range of issues relating to this scheme.

In order to facilitate such a meeting, please contact Mrs J Campbell on 028 9025 3281 with suitable times.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Mr Millar

**YORK STREET INTERCHANGE SCHEME – PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT**

Roads Service is holding a public consultation event on the proposed improvements to the York Street Junction. In advance of opening this to the public, key stakeholders are invited to view the exhibition and to hear details of the proposed options. I have pleasure in inviting you to attend this advance viewing of the public exhibition for the proposed York Street Interchange Scheme.

Roads Service has developed four preliminary options to be considered for this scheme. These will provide direct links between Westlink and the M2 and M3 motorways by constructing either flyovers over or underpasses below the existing Lagan Road and Dargan Rail Bridges. As part of the ongoing scheme development process, Roads Service is keen to consult on these preliminary options with key stakeholders, other interested parties and the general public.

The advance viewing of the public exhibition will commence at **11:00 am on Wednesday 1 June 2011 at the Ramada Encore Hotel, St Anne's Square, 20 Talbot Street, Belfast BT1 2LD**. Refreshments will be provided at the hotel from 10.30 am onwards.

I would be grateful if you could inform Jacqui Campbell Tel: 028 9025 3281 or email: [jacqui.campbell@drdni.gov.uk](mailto:jacqui.campbell@drdni.gov.uk) if you will be attending. If you have any special requirements please let Jacqui know in advance of the event and we will try and accommodate you.

I look forward to meeting you at the public exhibition.

Yours sincerely

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We note from our files that we did not receive a response in relation to our previous letters. If you have any comments to make on ecological or biodiversity issues, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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We thank you for responding to our Stage 1 consultation and note at that stage, the GSNI had no comment to make on the proposal. We would like to confirm this is still the opinion of the GSNI. If you have any comments, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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Date: 14 March 2011

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**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

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Dear Ms Kirk

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

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We thank you for responding to our Stage 1 consultation and note at that stage, The National Trust had no comment to make on the proposal. We would like to confirm this is still the opinion of The National Trust. If you have any comments, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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Dear Mr O'Neill

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

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Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Mr McKervey

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

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We note from our files that we did not receive a formal response in relation to our previous consultation, though we did receive a telephone call from you on 08 September 2008, in which it was agreed that there would not be any direct impact on historic buildings. We would like to confirm this is still the opinion of NIEA - Built Heritage (Historic Buildings). If you have any comments, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Ms McGarry

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

Further to our initial consultation letter of 28 May 2008 and the subsequent response of 16 June 2008 from Ms Grainne Jones regarding the above scheme, we have now developed the design to a point where we have four alternative interchange layout options (see enclosed drawings). The environmental assessment is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB), and we are currently in Stage 2 of the procedure.

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We acknowledge the meeting which took place on 09 October 2008 with Cathy Barker (GDP), and wish to confirm that NIEA – Natural Heritage has no general comment to make on the layout options (other than those made in relation to the ToS). Should you have any updated/new information or specific comment to make on any of the interchange layout options, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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Dear Dr McAuley

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Dear Mr Carswell

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Dear Mr Henderson

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We thank you for providing us with a comprehensive list and map of potential contaminated sites, as well as the list of other bodies within NIEA for consultation. Essentially we would appreciate any updated information you may hold on those sites or highlight any known sites of contamination which may be affected by the interchange layout options. If you have any comments, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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Our Ref: S105296/GC

Your Ref:

Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Mr McCrory

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

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We note from our files that we did not receive a response in relation to our previous letters. We would appreciate your view on the impact the interchange layout options may have on bat species, distribution, and any known recorded sites within the study area. If you have any comments, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Mr Adair

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Your Ref:FOI/8877

Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Mrs Nelson

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We acknowledge the meeting which took place on 27 November 2008 with Jim King and yourself, and wish to establish whether Planning Service – Belfast Division has any new comments to make in relation to the Stage 2 Environmental Assessment, and if so, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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Our Ref: S105296/GC

Your Ref:

Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Sir/Madam

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
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We note from our files that we did not receive a response in relation to our previous letters. Essentially we would appreciate any information you may hold on Tree Preservation Orders within the study area, which may be affected by the interchange layout options. If you have any comments, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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Our Ref: S105296/GC

Your Ref:

Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Mr Miller

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Our Ref: S105296/GC

Your Ref:FOI/6257

Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Ms O'Neill

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We acknowledge that at Stage 1, Planning Service (Minerals Unit) had no comment to make on the proposal. We would like to confirm this is still the opinion of the Minerals Unit. If you have any comments, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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Our Ref: S105296/GC

Your Ref:

Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Ms Ferry

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Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

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We acknowledge your comments regarding no significant impact of the Preliminary Options on the two Natura 2000 sites in Belfast Lough. Should you have any updated/new information or specific comment to make on any of the interchange layout options, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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Dear Sir/Madam

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We note from our files that we did not receive a response in relation to our previous letters. Essentially we would appreciate your opinion on the impact the interchange layout options may have on walking or cycling routes/proposals within the study area. If you have any comments, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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Our Ref: S105296/GC

Your Ref:UAF/09/06 (June08)

Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Mrs Archibald

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
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Yours faithfully  
for **URS Scott Wilson Ltd**

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Our Ref: S105296/GC

Your Ref:

Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Ms Bain

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

Further to our initial consultation letters of 28 May 2008 and 30 July 2008 regarding the above scheme, we have now developed the design to a point where we have four alternative interchange layout options (see enclosed drawings). The environmental assessment is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB), and we are currently in Stage 2 of the procedure.

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We note from our files that we did not receive a response in relation to our previous letters. Essentially we would appreciate any comments you wish to make in relation to the interchange layout options. If you have any comments, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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Our Ref: S105296/GC

Your Ref:RB/rb

Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Mr Cregg

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

Further to our initial consultation letter of 28 May 2008 and the subsequent response of 31 May 2008 from Rosanna Ballentine regarding the above scheme, we have now developed the design to a point where we have four alternative interchange layout options (see enclosed drawings). The environmental assessment is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB), and we are currently in Stage 2 of the procedure.

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We acknowledge that at Stage 1, The Woodland Trust had no comment to make on the proposal. We would like to confirm this is still the opinion The Woodland Trust. If you have any comments, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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Our Ref: S105296/GC

Your Ref: SW/HB/115522  
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Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Ms Wylie

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

Further to our initial consultation letter of 28 May 2008 and the subsequent responses of 01 July 2008 (from Ms Roisin Kerr) and of 19 December 2008 (from Mr Richard Black) regarding the above scheme, we have now developed the design to a point where we have four alternative interchange layout options (see enclosed drawings). The environmental assessment is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB), and we are currently in Stage 2 of the procedure.

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We acknowledge the meeting which took place on 04 November 2008 with Ms Arlene Jamieson of your department, and essentially we wish to confirm that BCC - Health & Environmental Services Department has no further comment to make at this stage, other than those made in relation to undertaking a Detailed air quality assessment on the final preferred scheme option. Should you have any updated/new information or specific comments to make on any of the interchange layout options (apart from those noted in the previous consultation), please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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# Health and Environmental Services Department

Environmental Health



Our ref:

Being dealt with by:

Your ref: ST/JC/

Ext: A. Jamieson

Date: 3315

27<sup>th</sup> April 2011

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Dear Mr Coughlin,

## M2/M3/A12 York Street Interchange, Belfast Stage 2 Environmental Assessment

Further to your letter of 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011 and the Interchange proposal presentation held in BCC Cecil Ward Building 13<sup>th</sup> April 2011 BCC – Health & Environmental Services Department would make the following comments:

We thank you for the very informative presentation where the four alternative interchange layout options were discussed. We believe each option has a unique combination of potential air quality impacts on existing residents in the area. We would therefore request that the impact on all relevant receptors are considered in the decision making process to identify the preferred final option.

Through the planning process we are aware of proposed mixed-used development in the area and we would also ask that consideration be given to all proposed future development in the surrounding area in relation to exposing receptors to poor air quality. We are happy provide you with a list of relevant planning applications if required.

Finally, we confirm that a detailed air quality assessment should be undertaken on the final preferred scheme option.

Should you wish to discuss any of the comments above please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

*A. Jamieson*

Arlene Jamieson  
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Our Ref: S105296/GC

Your Ref:

Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Sir/Madam

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

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We note from our files that we did not receive a response in relation to our previous letters. If you have any comments to make on ecological or biodiversity issues, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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Your Ref:

Date: 12 May 2011

Dear Ms Maguire

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

Further to our consultee letter regarding the above study, dated 14 March 2011, we note from our files that we have not as yet received a formal response. We have now extended the consultation period to 27 May 2011.

Should you wish to make comment on the Environmental Assessment, these should be forwarded before this date to Mr. Gareth Coughlin at the below office. Should you wish to respond promptly, please do so via the email address provided below. If no response has been received by this date, we will assume you have no formal comment to make at this stage in the assessment process.

Yours faithfully  
for **URS Scott Wilson Ltd**

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Our Ref: S105296/GC

Your Ref:

Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Mr Williams

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

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Should you have any information or specific comment to make with regards to the interchange layout on contaminated land, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. If you would prefer to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [garth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:garth.coughlin@scottwilson.com). Please note that we are also consulting directly with Mr Robert Henderson (NIEA – Environmental Protection & Recourse Management Unit) regarding contaminated land.

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# Health and Environmental Services Department

Environmental Health



Our ref: ST/HB/180276/FOI Being dealt with by: Richard Black

Your ref: Ext: 3317

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011

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Mr Gareth Coughlin  
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Dear Mr Coughlin,

## RE: ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION SEARCH FOR LANDS AT M2/M3/A12/YORK STREET INTERCHANGE, BELFAST.

Thank you for your Environmental Information Search request that Belfast City Council received on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011. This Unit does not have a Contaminated Land Register for the Belfast area. This Department does have a limited database of past industrial land uses that have the potential to give rise to contaminated land. This database is an extract from the Northern Ireland Environment Agency's Land Use Database which was a desk based study developed for the whole of Northern Ireland in 1997. Limited additional information held by Belfast City Council has been added to this database in the intervening period. However, no validation of the data has been conducted and the information provided must not be considered as being complete. The information supplied is for indicative purposes only and is on a 'without prejudice' basis. The council cannot accept any responsibility regarding the use of this information and is supplied under heavy caveat. This Department would recommend that in order to accurately determine the past land use history of a site a thorough Preliminary Risk Assessment (often referred to as a Phase I) is conducted in line with Model Procedures for the Management of Land Contamination (CLR11).

**Our records indicate that land adjoining Shipbuoy Street, to the north of Great Georges Street and in close proximity to the proposed works may be contaminated due to its previous use in mechanical engineering. It should also be noted that lands between Nelson Street and Corporation Street may be contaminated due to previous uses in food preparation and for the storage of fuel. Furthermore land adjoining the north side of Henry Street may be contaminated due to a previous use as a tobacco works and also a petrol filling station.**

**Our records also indicate that there is currently one Local Authority Industrial Pollution Control regulated premises located adjacent to the south of Brougham Street where the process of the unloading of petrol into storage is undertaken.**

Siobhan Toland M.Sc., F.C.I.E.H  
Head of Environmental Health

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Black', written over a horizontal line.

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Environmental Health Officer  
(Environmental Protection)

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Our Ref: S105296/GC

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Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Ms Toland

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

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The Environmental Assessment procedure is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB). We are currently in Stage 2 of the procedure, where four scheme layout options have been developed within the general study area (see enclosed drawings).

Should you have any information or specific comment to make with regards to the interchange layout on air quality, local air quality management, health of local communities, or noise issues, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. If you would prefer to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com). Please note that we are also consulting directly with Ms Suzanne Wylie of your Department.

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Date: 12 May 2011

Dear Ms Toland

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

Further to our consultee letter regarding the above study, dated 14 March 2011, we note from our files that we have not as yet received a formal response in relation to noise issues. We have now extended the consultation period to 27 May 2011. For your information we received formal responses from Ms Arlene Jamieson and Mr Richard Black of your department regarding air quality and potential contaminated land. Essentially we would appreciate any information or specific comment to make with regards to the interchange layout options on noise issues.

Should you wish to make any comment on the Environmental Assessment, these should be forwarded before this date to Mr Gareth Coughlin at the below office. Should you wish to respond promptly, please do so via the email address provided below. If no response has been received by this date, we will assume you have no formal comment to make at this stage in the assessment process.

Yours faithfully  
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Message			
<p>RB called regarding the Stage 2 environmental assessment consultation and the potential for noise impacts. RB stated that BCC do not currently hold any noise information for the York Street area. However he did detail what he would expect to see included as part of the noise assessment. GMK requested that RB provide a formal consultation. RB agreed to this.</p>			
Actions		Responsibility	Time frame
Belfast City Council – Health & Env Services Department to provide formal response to the Stage 2 Environmental Assessment Consultation.			Before 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2011

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**Gareth Coughlin**

**From:** Richard Black [BlackR@BelfastCity.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 17 May 2011 09:20  
**To:** Gareth Coughlin  
**Cc:** Cormac Quinn  
**Subject:** M2/M3/A12/YORK STREET INTERCHANGE, BELFAST(Our Ref:185288)

Dear Mr Coughlin

Our Unit is in receipt of your letter regarding the Stage 2 Environmental Assessment for the M2/M3/A12 York Interchange, Belfast dated 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011. Our Unit was previously consulted on air quality and contaminated land but this is the first time our Unit has been consulted in regards to noise issues.

I can advise that this Unit does not hold any information regarding noise levels in the vicinity of the proposal but would advise that given the size and nature of the project our Unit would like to see that a noise impact assessment is included in the Environmental Assessment. The noise impact assessment should be carried out in accordance with the DMRB(Design Model for Roads and Bridges) guidance to determine if the revised road layout will result in an increase in noise levels at nearby residential properties.

Yours sincerely

Richard Black

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Our Ref: 38\4\13

Date: 16 May 2011

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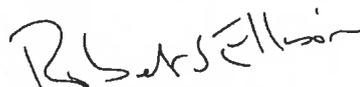
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Our Ref: S105296/GC

Your Ref:

Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Sir/Madam

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Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

URS Scott Wilson Ltd has been appointed by DRD Roads Service to provide consultancy services for a study to review and assess the feasibility of future upgrading of York Street Interchange in Belfast, to a point where a preferred layout option is identified.

The Preliminary Options Report for the scheme was published in March 2009, and is available to download on the Roads Service website at:

[http://www.roadsni.gov.uk/roadimprovements/index/schemes/york\\_street\\_interchange-7.htm](http://www.roadsni.gov.uk/roadimprovements/index/schemes/york_street_interchange-7.htm)

The Environmental Assessment procedure is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB). We are currently in Stage 2 of the procedure, where four scheme layout options have been developed within the general study area (see enclosed drawings).

Should you have any information or specific comment to make with regards to the interchange layout on the delivery or future planning proposals of the Council's Leisure, Parks and Cemeteries functions, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. If you would prefer to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

Should you wish to discuss the proposals further, or seek clarification about the information requested, please do not hesitate to contact us at the office below.

You may want to be aware that Roads Service will host a public consultation event for the scheme, on 1 and 2 June 2011 at the Ramada Encore Hotel in Belfast. Further details on this event will be advertised in the local press in due course.

Information you provide in your response could be published or disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA). Under the FoIA, there is a statutory Code of Practice with which public authorities must comply and which deals with obligations of confidence. If you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential, it would be helpful if you could explain why.

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Yours faithfully  
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Call Information			
To	Gareth Coughlin	Date	16/05/11
From (Receiver)	Glenn McKay	Time	14.45 pm
Caller	Tracy Mawhinney	Company	Belfast City Council Park & Leisure Department
Actions			
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Message			
<p>TM called regarding the Stage 2 environmental assessment consultation. She was unclear as to what is the purpose of this consultation exercise and was unsure of who should make comment within BCC. GMK informed TM of the purpose of this consultation exercise particularly with regards to the potential for impact upon any BCC Park &amp; Leisure assets within the study area. TM informed GMK that she did not believe they had any interest / assets within the study area. GMK request that BCC formally respond regarding this issue. TM agreed to respond to GC via email.</p>			
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Our Ref: S105296/GC

Your Ref:

Date: 12 May 2011

Dear Sir/Madam

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

Further to our consultee letter regarding the above study, dated 14 March 2011, we note from our files that we have not as yet received a formal response. We have now extended the consultation period to 27 May 2011.

Should you wish to make comment on the Environmental Assessment, these should be forwarded before this date to Mr. Gareth Coughlin at the below office. Should you wish to respond promptly, please do so via the email address provided below. If no response has been received by this date, we will assume you have no formal comment to make at this stage in the assessment process.

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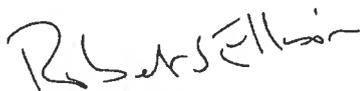
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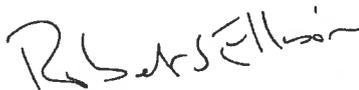
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Call Information			
To	British Telecom – Brian Herron (BH)	Date	8/02/11
From (Receiver)		Time	15:00
Caller	Pete Gray (PG)	Company	Scott Wilson
Actions			
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Message			
<p>PG phoned BH to enquire as to the best way to compile a cost estimate for diverting BT apparatus which would be affected by the YSI scheme. PG made it clear to BH that this was not a request for a C3 budget estimate of cost.</p> <p>BH confirmed that it would not be possible to give a cost per metre run and a cost per chamber as no 2 sites were ever the same due to the various cable types and configurations which were in existence.</p> <p>As an example BH/PG reviewed the proposed service diversions for scheme option A as illustrated in drawing No S105296/S/SK/A/001.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 4-Way BT duct route in Corporation Street serves businesses and industry in the Dargan Road area and was previously affected by the Victoria Square scheme. The diversionary costs were in the region of £400k. PG stated that it was envisaged that this 4-way would only need protected possibly by a concrete cover slab however BH stated that any chambers in the proposed on-slip would need to be moved to the adjoining footway.</li> <li>BH claimed that the 12-way in York Street would likely to be a major BT service route and the cost would be significant to divert this apparatus. BH stated that diversionary works for this element alone could be between £250k-£1m.</li> <li>In Nelson Street PG stated that an existing BT 2-way appeared to be affected and BH stated that it could cost somewhere in the realm of £25-£30k to divert this apparatus.</li> <li>BH stated that lead in times for any main manholes would be 6 weeks and these large chambers can take 2 months to construct. For this reason it would be worthwhile trying to avoid any temporary services diversions. Temporary diversions could cost around 30% of the permanent diversions cost.</li> <li>BH felt that a ballpark estimate at this stage would be somewhere between £600k and £800 and this could be increased if temporary diversions were considered.</li> <li>PG to approach BT for a C3 estimate in the future when the design has been further developed.</li> </ul>			
Actions		Responsibility	Time frame
PG to complete Stage 2 services cost estimate		PG	By May 2011

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To	British Telecom (Brian Herron)	Date	29/06/10
From (Receiver)		Time	10:00
Caller	Pete Gray (PG)	Company	Scott Wilson
Actions			
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Message			
<p>PG spoke to BH about the marked up drawing which had been received from British Telecom on 24/06/10. An enquiry was made about proposed service diversion corridor widths. BH gave an indication of the following duct arrangements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4-way = assume 2 on 2 duct arrangement</li> <li>• 5-way = assume 3 across, 2 down</li> <li>• 8-way = assume 4 across, 2 down</li> <li>• 9-way and over should be encased in concrete</li> <li>• Always assume an even duct arrangement</li> <li>• The largest duct arrangement in NI is 24-way (assume 4 across, 6 down)</li> </ul> <p>Chambers can be large structures with limited cover eg could be 5mx3mx2m deep internal dimensions. These chambers are expensive and time consuming to construct and rewire. Permanent access should be provided from a pedestrian area.</p>			
Actions		Responsibility	Time frame
Use this information to feed into the estimation of approximate Stage 2 service diversion corridor widths		PG	By August 2010

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Call Information			
To	Samantha Wilkinson (SW)	Date	10/06/11
From (Receiver)		Time	16:00
Caller	Pete Gray (PG) URS Scott Wilson	Company	Cable and Wireless Worldwide
Actions			
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Message			
<p>PG explained that the scheme was at an early stage and that URS Scott Wilson were currently engaged in carrying out cost estimates for each of the 4 different scheme option which are currently under consideration. PG asked if Cable and Wireless could provide some guidance on how best to establish the costs in relation to any necessary diversions of their apparatus as a result of the scheme. PG stated that URS would be in touch in the future once a preferred scheme option has been identified and a C3 budget estimate of cost would be requested then.</p> <p>SW stated that she could provide some preliminary approximate costs over the telephone.</p>			
Area	C & W apparatus present	Comment	C & W estimated cost of diversions (£)
York Street	4-Way duct arrangement 4 cables – biggest is a '48 trunk cable'	Any diversions in bridge may pose a depth issue and may need steel plating or concrete protection.	Diversion of 300m = refer to Nelson Street below
Nelson Street	4-Way duct arrangement 1 cable – 24 fibres		Diversion of 600m = £290k including both York St and Nelson St.
Corporation Street	West footpath – 1-Way duct, cable not significant East footpath – major apparatus i.e. 144 fibre cable – avoid if at all possible. Major cable crosses into Little Patrick St and Pilot St.		Cable lowering and protection measures over 60 metres = £20k
			<b>TOTAL = £310k</b>
<p>Note: Lengths of cable to be diverted need to be diverted for the entire distance between existing nearest cable joints.</p> <p>Allowance of 100m of steel plate protection included in both York Street and Nelson Street diversion cost estimate by C &amp; W.</p> <p>Temporary diversions not included in cost estimate. SW stated that any temporary diversions would involve a similar cost to the permanent diversions.</p> <p>SW finished by saying that she would send a current layout plan of C &amp; W apparatus within the scheme vicinity to PG.</p>			

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Actions	Responsibility	Time frame
PG to include this cost estimate within the overall services cost estimate to feed into the Stage 2 Report.	PG	By July 2011

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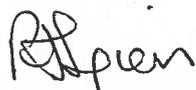
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**Magdalena Kraska**

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**To:** 'cedar.info@nmni.com'  
**Cc:** Paul Lynas  
**Subject:** Terrestrial & Freshwater Info Request for York Street Interchange  
**Attachments:** @

ON BEHALF OF PAUL LYNAS

Dear Lynne,

Please find attached Information Request Form for York Street Interchange Site, Belfast.

Regards,

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**INFORMATION REQUEST FORM (NON-MARINE)**

Name:	Dr Paul Lynas	
Organisation:	URS Scott Wilson	
Address:	Beechill House, 40 Beechill Road, Belfast, BT8 7RP	
Telephone no.:	02890706502	Fax: _____
Email:	Paul.lynas@scottwilson.com	

<b>QUERY DETAILS</b>	
Site name:	York Street Interchange
Grid reference (s):	J3276, J3275, J3274, J3376, J3375, J3374, J3476, J3475, J3474, J3576, J3575, J3574
<b>PLEASE ATTACH MAP SHOWING THE SITE BOUNDARY</b>	
If a <b>buffer</b> is required around the site, please specify distance eg 1km, 2km etc	Not required
Data requirements:	Full species list: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OR Species of known conservation status <input type="checkbox"/> OR Named species (please list below): <input type="checkbox"/>
Named species:	_____ _____
Other details required:	This information is required for Stage 2 Environmental Assessment. If your search reveals numerous species we would be happy then to only receive species of known conservation status, protected species and invasive species.

<b>USE FOR ENQUIRY DATA</b>			
Education:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Land Management:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Research:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Impact Assessment:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Conservation:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Planning application:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	-		

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DATA REPORT

Information supplied would normally include:

Species names (both scientific and common), Grid ref, Site, Date, Recorder(s), Recorder's comment, NI BAP status

Other requirements:

Please note that data are normally supplied in EXCEL format

If permission is granted to release data, I/we understand the following:

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Signed: Paul Lyros Date: 5/10/11

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MEMBER OF STAFF DATE RECEIVED DATE ANSWERED REQUEST NUMBER CHARGE No Yes Amount RECEIPT ISSUED BY CEDaR FINANCE

**Magdalena Kraska**

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**From:** Paul Lynas  
**Sent:** 23 November 2011 15:33  
**To:** Magdalena Kraska  
**Subject:** FW: Information request  
**Attachments:** @

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**From:** cedar info [<mailto:cedar.info@nmni.com>]  
**Sent:** 23 November 2011 15:17  
**To:** Paul Lynas  
**Subject:** RE: Information request

Hi Paul

Colin advised me of your payment, so many thanks for that. Finance should be issuing you with a receipt. The file of data for the York Street area is attached – nice bit of tea-time reading. There are some RSPB and NI Bat Group records that CEDaR is not permitted to release. Should you wish to access these records you will need to contact these organisations and their email addresses are [rspb.nireland@rspb.org.uk](mailto:rspb.nireland@rspb.org.uk) and [batgroupni@googlemail.com](mailto:batgroupni@googlemail.com).  
Best wishes – Lynne

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**From:** Paul Lynas [<mailto:Paul.Lynas@scottwilson.com>]  
**Sent:** 23 November 2011 09:59  
**To:** Lynne Rendle  
**Cc:** Magdalena Kraska  
**Subject:** RE: Information request

Hi Lynne,

Sorry for not getting back sooner. We are happy with the charge and would ask you to proceed with the request. We will make our payment (hopefully today) which will allow you to progress the query.

Thanks  
Paul

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**From:** Lynne Rendle [<mailto:Lynne.Rendle@nmni.com>]  
**Sent:** 20 October 2011 15:18  
**To:** Paul Lynas  
**Subject:** Information request

Hi Paul

There are quite a few records for the York Street area of Belfast in which you are interested. There will be a charge of £50 + VAT (£60 in total) for the time taken to process this request. **Let me know if you are happy with this charge** and I will proceed with the collation and analysis of the data.

Subject to receiving you remittance either by cheque (made payable to **NMNI**) or by card (contact **Colin McCarroll, 9039 5029** to organize, or, in his absence, **Michelle, 9039 5109**) and my getting the relevant permissions from the recorders, the data will be released to you in Excel form.

Best wishes – Lynne

**Lynne Rendle**  
Vertebrates Officer, CEDaR

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Our Ref: S105296/C/02/02

Your Ref:

Date: 21 April 2011

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York Street Interchange**

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Our Ref: 38\4\13

Date: 17 May 2011

Dear Mr Smyth

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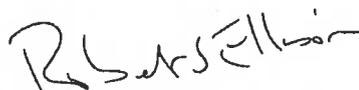
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I look forward to meeting you at the public exhibition.

Yours sincerely



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Our Ref: S105296/GC

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Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Chairman

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Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

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We note from our files that we did not receive a response in relation to our previous letters. If you have any comments to make on landscape or ecology issues, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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**Gareth Coughlin**

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**From:** Anketell, Peter [Peter.Anketell@doeni.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 13 April 2011 16:12  
**To:** Gareth Coughlin  
**Subject:** M2/M3/A12 York Street Interchange  
**Attachments:** M2 M3 A12 York Street Interchange.doc

Please see attached response on behalf of CNCC.

Thanks,

Peter

**Peter Anketell**

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Via Email

Dear Mr Coughlin

**Stage 2 Environmental Assessment – M2/M3/A12 York Street Interchange, Belfast**

Thank you for your letter dated 14 March 2011.

The Council for Nature Conservation & the Countryside has no information on the above potential development but would like to view the completed EIA.

Yours sincerely



**Patrick Casement**  
Chairman

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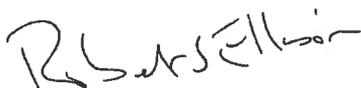
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Our Ref: S105296/GC

Your Ref: EIA 755/08

Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Ms O'Neill

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

Further to our initial consultation letter of 28 May 2008 and your subsequent responses of 25 June, 22 July, 29 August, and 28 October 2008 regarding the above scheme, we have now developed the design to a point where we have four alternative interchange layout options (see enclosed drawings). The environmental assessment is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB), and we are currently in Stage 2 of the procedure.

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Date: 12 May 2011

Dear Ms O'Neill

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

Further to our consultee letter regarding the above study, dated 14 March 2011, we note from our files that we have not as yet received a formal response. We have now extended the consultation period to 27 May 2011.

Should you wish to make comment on the Environmental Assessment, these should be forwarded before this date to Mr. Gareth Coughlin at the below office. Should you wish to respond promptly, please do so via the email address provided below. If no response has been received by this date, we will assume you have no formal comment to make at this stage in the assessment process.

Yours faithfully  
for **URS Scott Wilson Ltd**

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**Gareth Coughlin**

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**Sent:** 13 May 2011 12:24  
**To:** Gareth Coughlin  
**Subject:** York Street Interchange

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In relation to - York Street Interchange  
Your reference -  
Our reference- EIA 755 08

**QUALITY ASSURANCE BRANCH**

An examination of the Department's records show that none of the lands as outlined in the map, which accompanied your request, are subject to the terms of a notice served relating to Potato Cyst Nematode (PCN) or Potato Wart Disease (PWD). Therefore there are no restrictions in so far as the Plant Order (Northern Ireland) 2006 is concerned on the movement of soil or other material from these lands.

**Fisheries Division**

We have no further comments to make in relation to this proposal

**Vet Service**

No animal health and welfare implications

**Rivers Agency**

Nil comment

If any further comments are received, they will be forwarded to yourself.

Thank You

Angela Arbuthnot  
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**Sent:** 11 July 2011 09:29  
**To:** 'gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com'  
**Subject:** FW: York Street Interchange

Gareth

In relation to - York Street Interchange  
Your reference -  
Our reference- EIA 755 08

In addition to the comments already forwarded as below, please see the comments since received from the Advisor in Countryside Management Branch –

“We have no comment to make regarding this application as it does not impact on agricultural land”

If further comments are received, they will be forwarded to you.

Thank You

**Denise Mackle**  
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Our Ref: S105296/GC

Your Ref: «M\_3»

Date: 14/03/2011

Dear «M\_2»

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

«M\_4», we have now developed the design to a point where we have four alternative interchange layout options (see enclosed drawings). The environmental assessment is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB), and we are currently in Stage 2 of the procedure.

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Re: M2/M3/A12 York Street Interchange Belfast.

The nature and location of the development is noted. DCAL is satisfied that there should be no direct impact to salmonid and inland fisheries from this project. The applicant should be made aware that it is an offence under section 47 of the Fisheries Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 to cause pollution which is subsequently shown to have a deleterious effect on fish stocks.

Faithfully,

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Our Ref: 38/4/13

Date: 24 May 2011

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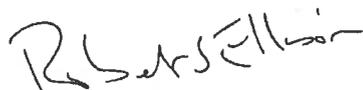
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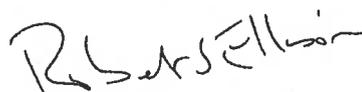
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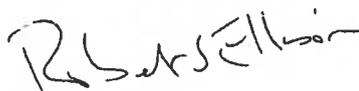
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**Cc:** Campbell, Jacqui; McBurney, Colin  
**Subject:** RE: York Street Interchange

Lionel

Thank you very much for a quick and full response.

I understand there is a limit to what you can put over in a consultation document but I thought it important that the interchange be seen in a broader transport setting, and given the resources and timescales involved we end up with what we want rather than a constrained poor case.

I suppose I felt too that the reworking a decade ago of the Sydenham approach and M3 missed a significant opportunity: keeping the rail to its historic line meant the creation of a new rail underpass / bridge and left the Belfast end with two lanes carrying both city and M3 bound traffic. Moving the rail to the other side would have given (with some difficulty presumably) a rail station for the airport and for Titanic Quarter, and allowed the old track line to take city bound traffic. This would of course have some negatives, such as closing Sydenham and Bridge end stations.

Turning to York Street I am not convinced that similar revolutionary rather than evolutionary options are fully on the table. My 'move the line' thoughts would not have had the line cross back by Yorkgate, (the new train cleaning facility might end up on a spur) but stay seaward and open up the port to train traffic along with the North Foreshore etc.

Anyway I hope you find something of interest in the above.

Regards

Gordon

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**Subject:** FW: York Street Interchange

Gordon

Thank you for your email on 2 June 2011, regarding the recent York Street Interchange public consultation event. Your comments will be considered by Roads Service as part of the process to identify its Preferred Option for the York Street Interchange.

Regarding your particular comments, you are correct to say that this site is constrained by both the Dargan Rail and the Lagan Road Bridges. It is actually the Lagan Road Bridge that influences the alignment of the M2 to Westlink link most, as it passes in an underpass between the narrow sub-structure of this bridge. The flyover options are obviously less constrained as they pass over both these two bridges.

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Date: 16 May 2011

Dear Ms Duff

**YORK STREET INTERCHANGE SCHEME – PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT**

You may be interested to know that Roads Service is holding a public consultation event on the proposed improvements to the York Street Junction.

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1 June 2pm – 9pm  
2 June 10am – 9pm

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Yours sincerely



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1

TSN - Targeting Social Need policy - roads have often been seen as exempt from TSN, however we believe our ongoing research is a strong evidence base to suggest that this and other inner city roads projects should adhere to social need and social equity issues.

2

Environment issues. We believe the various banks and wedges of land should form a water management, sound and air quality system that is designed professionally (before contractor design) with ring-fenced budgets. These banks and zones can be heavily planted, and existing planting should be retained, not cleared for contractor convenience as was the case in the Westlink - tree retention is vital to short term screening. These also have a vital visual/urban design component and should not be a mere after-thought. These areas can pay for themselves in economic and value engineering benefit.

3

The overall project should provide planning gain to the local neighbourhoods, should have incentivised local job creation and should be procured with a correct understanding of the OGG Design Guide. (Office of Government Commerce)

4

A critical review process is vital to 'de-risk' the proposals at all stages. The detailed design requires an independent expert 'opposing view' - this would achieve true value engineering and value for public money based on wider urban principles, the wider economy and business case.

Best regards  
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## Recommendations

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### **Action**

The government ministers in charge of the DRD, DSD, DOE and DCAL, along with Belfast City Council, should jointly appoint a multi-disciplinary team to take a strategic view of the scheme within the local area, securing agreement from all relevant statutory bodies and specifically engaging with the Roads Service consultants to create a wider 'brief' centred on urban design. The team should be formed as a horizontal interdisciplinary structure to ensure coordination of actions and the implementation of a mutually supportive policy approach.

2

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### **Action**

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3

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4

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### **Action**

*Manual for Streets 2* to be adopted as the design standard

5

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### **Reason**

The impact of an 18 m high motorway flyover with heavy vehicles driving through the city at the height of a 6 storey building would permanently sever North Belfast's communities from the emerging education and employment opportunities in the city centre and the Titanic Quarter.

6

Only an improved version of Option C offers opportunity to address the fractured urban structure of this part of Belfast

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7

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### **Reason**

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**YORK STREET INTERCHANGE - THE SIX LINKS**

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Firstly, I am disappointed that Roads Service was not given the opportunity to review the leaflet and in particular the comments attributed to it before the leaflet was published. I feel that this may have helped to clarify Roads Service's position.

I would make the following comments in relation to the 'The Six Links' leaflet.

**Introduction**

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**Real Fears**

The leaflet states that the new roads proposals will have a further devastating impact on North Belfast communities, severing them permanently from education and economic opportunities. It should be noted that while the road improvements planned for York Street Interchange are primarily designed to improve strategic journey times between Westlink and the M2 and M3 motorways, by separating strategic traffic from local traffic movements this will also improve access for pedestrians, cyclists and other local traffic, particularly along York Street. A good example of this can be found at the Broadway and Grosvenor Road junctions with Westlink where the recent M1/Westlink Scheme has greatly improved pedestrian and cycle access across Westlink.

## Opportunity

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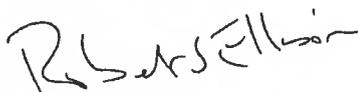
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Our Ref: S105296/GC

Your Ref: E1/08/330

Date: 14 March 2011

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We thank you for responding to our Stage 1 consultation and note at that stage, the GSNI had no comment to make on the proposal. We would like to confirm this is still the opinion of the GSNI. If you have any comments, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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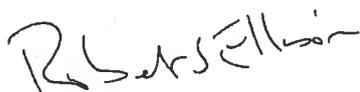
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Project Data			
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Call Information			
To	Pete Gray (URS Scott Wilson)	Date	8/12/11
From (Receiver)		Time	11:00
Caller	Alastair Butler	Company	Highway Management Maintenance (HMM)
Actions			
Please return call <input type="checkbox"/>		Will call again <input type="checkbox"/>	
Message			
<p>PG had telephoned HMM about the York Street Interchange drainage design and in particular design of the proposed pumping station which would be needed to drain at least the suppressed scheme links. Alastair Butler (AB) of HMM phoned PG back. PG stated that it was anticipated that any pump station design would need to be consistent with the pumping stations which were constructed as part of the M1/Westlink scheme at Broadway and Grosvenor Road Junctions. PG stated that he had done some research and that these pumping stations did not appear to have an overflow facility which would automatically operate during a complete pumping system failure.</p> <p>AB stated that this was correct and also gave the following useful comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 pump arrangements were in use at Grosvenor and Broadway (duty-assist-standby)</li> <li>• At design stage it was a requirement that 2 individual power sources would feed the pumping station. However at Broadway AB indicated that both power supplies come from a single power source (AB would have preferred 2 power sources to have been used).</li> <li>• In the unlikely event that there was a total power outage HMM hold 2 generators (on wheels) at HMM offices at Airport Road in Belfast and a response team would be deployed to provide an alternative power source using these mobile generators.</li> <li>• There had been talk of provision of a permanent full back-up generator onsite at Grosvenor and Broadway and again AB would have preferred this option and he believed that the cost benefit would have been advantageous rather than making a response team available with mobile generators on a continual basis. However AB did concede that security in relation to a permanent generator may have been an issue which was considered at design stage.</li> <li>• There is telemetry in use at Grosvenor and Broadway – an auto report system linked to several mobile phones on a 3G network is used to alert of a system failure.</li> <li>• AB noted that by the time that an electrician would visit the site and a response team would be deployed, during the interim, if this were to coincide with a rainfall event the underpasses could already be subject to flooding.</li> <li>• AB advised that it would be worthwhile to take all of this into consideration in the YSI drainage design.</li> </ul> <p>PG thanked AB for this useful information.</p> <p>PG also spoke to Adrian Black of URS Scott Wilson about this matter. Adrian confirmed that the most likely cause of a pumping system failure was a power supply outage. To this end Adrian had been involved in the design review of Broadway and Grosvenor pumping stations and he had recommended provision of 2 unique power supplies to the pumping stations since there was no automatic overflow to be provided. Adrian confirmed what Alastair Butler had said that a full back-up generator had been considered but the option to provide 2 unique power sources had been the preferred option.</p>			
Actions		Responsibility	Time frame
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**To:** Gareth Coughlin  
**Subject:** M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange , Belfast Stage 2 Environmental Assessment  
**Attachments:** stage 2 EIA m2 m3 a12 york street response.pdf

EC

Gareth,

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Thanks

Peter

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**Via Email**

Dear Mr Coughlin

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange , Belfast Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

I refer to your letter of 18 May 2011 in relation to the M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange , Belfast Stage 2 Environmental Assessment.

Historic Buildings Council has no comments or input on the above named matter.

Yours sincerely



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**Magdalena Kraska**

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**From:** Gareth Coughlin  
**Sent:** 18 May 2011 10:34  
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**To:** Gareth Coughlin  
**Subject:** RE: M2/M3/A12 York Street Interchange

Gareth,

We don't seem to have record of a letter coming in for HBC. We have had a few problems with post - we have moved to the below address. HMC should have something for you soon as I forwarded a copy of your reminder letter dated 12 May.

Peter Anketell

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Peter,

I note you recalled this letter from CNCC. We received a response from CNCC dated 13 April 2011. However, we have yet to receive any response from Historic Monuments Council or Historic Buildings Council.

Regards,

Gareth

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Anketell, Peter would like to recall the message, "M2/M3/A12 York Street Interchange".

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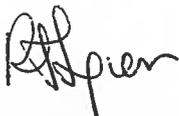
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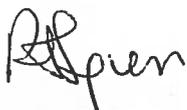
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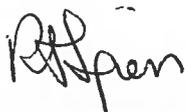
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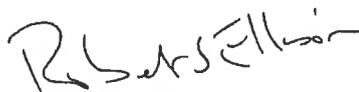
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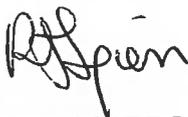
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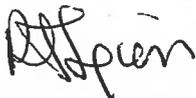
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FAO - Strategic Roads Improvement Team

Please find attached the North Belfast Partnership's response to the Public Consultation for the York Street Interchange.

Also attached is a consultation response from the Forum For Alternative Belfast, who's recommendations are endorsed by the Partnership.

This information has been sent to you by post, but I felt it might be helpful to send you an e-version of the documents.

The Partnership looks forward to further engagement with Roads Service on the Interchange proposals at an appropriate stage in the future planning process.

Regards

John McCorry

Development Programmes Manager

North Belfast Partnership

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**28<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

**North Belfast Partnership response to the DRD Roads Service Public Consultation - York Street Interchange**

In response to the DRD Roads Service Public Consultation on the York Street Interchange North Belfast Partnership facilitated a consultative workshop on June 21<sup>st</sup> to consider the scheme options. Following these discussions North Belfast Partnership wish to register this response to the Public Consultation on the York Street Interchange.

1. Roads Service, need to further test their options with communities adjacent to the Interchange for comment and to test support from community groups and residents before settling on any preferred option.
2. A 2 day public consultation hosted in a hotel outside of the surrounding communities to be most effected by this plan requires a more proactive community engagement by Roads Service to ensure participation and genuine engage of North Belfast residents.
3. Any proposal for development of the Interchange needs to take an objective account of the impact each option might have on the economic infrastructure of the North Belfast economy, local business interests and access to employment opportunities locally, in other parts of the city and the region.
4. Roads Service need to implement an option which ensures that the Interchange offers pedestrians and cyclists the safest and most straight forward means of access via York Street and which ensures citywide connections with Belfast, its economy and shopping precincts , especially given the high percentage of non-car owners living in areas of deprivation across North Belfast.
5. There is a need to ensure that developments at the Interchange do not encourage motorist to use North Belfast as a "jump off" point and unregulated "parking zone" for commuters working or shopping in the city. Parking is an issue that will need addressed as part of a wider consultation on the impact of the Interchange proposals and needs to engage Belfast City Council in the process.
6. There are concerns that the Interchange development will significantly increase traffic flow and volume in the North of the city. It is proposed that York Street is reinstated as a 2-way traffic system to easy congestion.

## Recommendations

1

The planning of the new infrastructure to be considered as a strategic urban design project, not as a 'roads only' project. The repair of the urban structure of inner North Belfast should be at the heart of this. There is also a wider principle for the city, of increasing pedestrian movement and creating a more human environment.

### *Action*

The government ministers in charge of the DRD, DSD, DOE and DCAL, along with Belfast City Council, should jointly appoint a multi-disciplinary team to take a strategic view of the scheme within the local area, securing agreement from all relevant statutory bodies and specifically engaging with the Roads Service consultants to create a wider 'brief' centred on urban design. The team should be formed as a horizontal interdisciplinary structure to ensure coordination of actions and the implementation of a mutually supportive policy approach.

2

The final scheme should ensure that the 'Six Links', as defined by the Forum for Alternative Belfast (map published on the 31st May 2011), are a key part of the urban design solution.

### *Action*

The infrastructure design should allow, not hinder, the future development of these critical links, permitting the surroundings to return to pedestrian and cycle friendly streets inhabited by people both living and working in the area. An authoritative independent pedestrian access consultant should be appointed to ensure best practice and to make certain that all user needs are addressed. Proposals should include a strategy for biodiversity to protect green land.

3

The infrastructure scheme should include two bridges linking the North Belfast communities to the emerging education and employment opportunities in the adjacent Titanic Quarter. Links 'within' the city are every bit as important as links 'through' the city.

### *Action*

These proposals should be included as an integral part of an overall scheme, and the bridge structures should be designed as visually obvious river crossings.

4

The streets and slip roads should be designed to the latest national public realm and transportation standards and not merely to "road and bridge" standards.

### *Action*

*Manual for Streets 2* to be adopted as the design standard

5

Options B and D should be discarded.

### *Reason*

The impact of an 18 m high motorway flyover with heavy vehicles driving through the city at the height of a 6 storey building would permanently sever North Belfast's communities from the emerging education and employment opportunities in the city centre and the Titanic Quarter.

6

Only an improved version of Option C offers opportunity to address the fractured urban structure of this part of Belfast

### *Action*

An amended version of Option C should be developed with the proposed multi-disciplinary group. The amended scheme should include a buried Bangor/Westlink connection, allowing the release of more development land and allowing Great George's Street to be restored as a calmed street shaped by buildings and footpaths.

7

The overall scheme should be subject to a MAG Design Review and to its recommendations

### *Reason*

This project is a Built Environment project within the Architecture and Built Environment Policy to which all government departments must adhere. DRD is not an exception. This significant development is an integral part of the city which should be required to benefit the whole city as a functioning system, rather than facilitating 'roads' whilst severing and debilitating local places. This proposal is particularly important given the location within the inner city and directly adjacent to a number of city neighbourhoods, and should be an exemplar of a fully integrated urban design.

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Dear Mr Murray

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Thank you for your letter dated 28 June 2011 regarding the recent public consultation event for York Street Interchange. I would advise you that the contents of your letter will receive careful consideration together with all other representations received by Roads Service in relation to this proposal.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Mr Cochrane

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Roads Service is holding a public consultation event on the proposed improvements to the York Street Junction. In advance of opening this to the public, key stakeholders are invited to view the exhibition and to hear details of the proposed options. I have pleasure in inviting you to attend this advance viewing of the public exhibition for the proposed York Street Interchange Scheme.

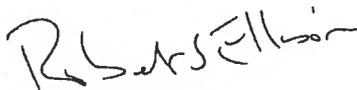
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I would be grateful if you could inform Jacqui Campbell Tel: 028 9025 3281 or email: [jacqui.campbell@drdni.gov.uk](mailto:jacqui.campbell@drdni.gov.uk) if you will be attending. If you have any special requirements please let Jacqui know in advance of the event and we will try and accommodate you.

I look forward to meeting you at the public exhibition.

Yours sincerely



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Mr Mike Rendle  
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Our Ref: S105296/GC

Your Ref:

Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Mr Rendle

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

URS Scott Wilson Ltd has been appointed by DRD Roads Service to provide consultancy services for a study to review and assess the feasibility of future upgrading of York Street Interchange in Belfast, to a point where a preferred layout option is identified.

The Preliminary Options Report for the scheme was published in March 2009, and is available to download on the Roads Service website at:  
[http://www.roadsni.gov.uk/roadimprovements/index/schemes/york\\_street\\_interchange-7.htm](http://www.roadsni.gov.uk/roadimprovements/index/schemes/york_street_interchange-7.htm)

The Environmental Assessment procedure is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB). We are currently in Stage 2 of the procedure, where four scheme layout options have been developed within the general study area (see enclosed drawings).

Should you have any information or specific comment to make with regards to the interchange layout options, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. If you would prefer to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

Should you wish to discuss the proposals further, or seek clarification about the information requested, please do not hesitate to contact us at the office below.

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Dear Mr Rendle

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
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Further to our consultee letter regarding the above study, dated 14 March 2011, we note from our files that we have not as yet received a formal response. We have now extended the consultation period to 27 May 2011.

Should you wish to make comment on the Environmental Assessment, these should be forwarded before this date to Mr. Gareth Coughlin at the below office. Should you wish to respond promptly, please do so via the email address provided below. If no response has been received by this date, we will assume you have no formal comment to make at this stage in the assessment process.

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Our Ref: S105296/GC

Your Ref:

Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Mr McCrory

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
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Further to our initial consultation letters of 28 May 2008 and 30 July 2008 regarding the above scheme, we have now developed the design to a point where we have four alternative interchange layout options (see enclosed drawings). The environmental assessment is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB), and we are currently in Stage 2 of the procedure.

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We note from our files that we did not receive a response in relation to our previous letters. We would appreciate your view on the impact the interchange layout options may have on bat species, distribution, and any known recorded sites within the study area. If you have any comments, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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**Subject:** M2/M3/A12 York Street Interchange Scheme

EC

**Your Ref: S105296/GC**

Gareth,

Thank you for your recent letter. I note that you are currently preparing a Preferred Options Report for the M2/M3/A12 York Street Interchange Scheme.

I should advise you firstly that I am Records Secretary for NIBG, and not Secretary. In this regard, I can confirm that NIBG does not know of any bat roosts within your study area.

The presence of bats cannot be ruled out at any potential development site without a site-based inspection and survey by a suitably qualified bat ecologist. Indeed, UK DMRB recommends a walkover survey targeted at bats as part of a Stage 2 Assessment.

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/ha/standards/dmrb/vol11/section3/11s3p04.pdf>

As some of your options require the demolition of existing structures, I recommend that an assessment of the effects of this scheme on bats is undertaken as part of the Stage 2 report, to include on-the-ground surveys in 2011 in accordance with current NIEA specifications for bat surveys.

[http://www.doeni.gov.uk/niea/niea\\_bat\\_survey .pdf](http://www.doeni.gov.uk/niea/niea_bat_survey.pdf)

By undertaking a European Protected Species (EPS) survey at Stage 2, you can include the assessment of EPS along with the assessment of European Protected Sites in advance of Statutory Procedures.

I trust this information is of assistance to you in progressing the environmental assessment of options at Stage 2.

With best wishes,

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Dear Sir

*(EC)*

**RE. M2/M3/A12 York Street Interchange Belfast Stage 2 Environmental Statement**

*Did we?*

I note that you have notified Planning Service that you will be preparing an environmental impact statement under the The Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999. You will appreciate that while NIEA – HBU does not have the staff to undertake specialist searches for individual projects, information which may be relevant to your researches may be available on consultation through our Monuments and Buildings Record here at Hill Street or on our website at [www.ni-environment.gov.uk](http://www.ni-environment.gov.uk)

The Monuments and Buildings Record provides a starting point for archaeological or built heritage research or impact assessment which, in the case of development, would also need to take account of potential for 'new' (previously unknown) remains being uncovered during any earth-moving. It may be appropriate to provide for the identification and recording of such discoveries in any proposed programme of works

Yours Sincerely

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15/3/2011

Dear Mr. Coughlin,

RE: M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
Stage 2 Environmental Assessment

Thank you for your letter of 14/3/2011 to Mrs. McGarry which was received in this office on 15/3/2011.

The content of your correspondence has been noted and any follow up action which may be required will be carried out as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

*E. McAuley*

**Eric McAuley**  
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**Gareth Coughlin**

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**Sent:** 18 March 2011 12:14  
**To:** Gareth Coughlin  
**Subject:** M2/M3/A12 York Street Interchange, belfast - Stage 2 Environmental Assessment

EC

Dear Gareth

My thanks for your correspondence of 14 May 2011 with reference to Stage 2 of the above scheme.

We appreciate your consulting us on both Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the proposals. Since the scheme will have no foreseeable effect on our interests, we have no comment to make on Stage 2.

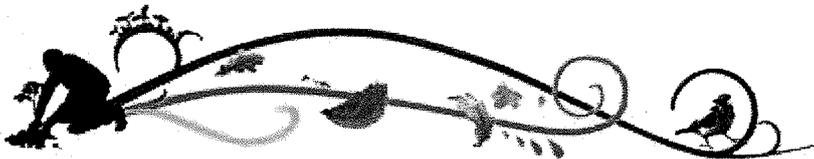
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**Subject:** M2/M3/a12/York Street Interchange, Belfast

EC

Mr Coughlin,

In response to your letter dated the 14th March 2011 in relation to Tree Preservation Orders (TPO's) within the study area, I can confirm from our records there are no TPO's which would be affected by the interchange layout options.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Clare Barker

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Dear Mr McAleavey

**YORK STREET INTERCHANGE SCHEME – PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT**

You may be interested to know that Roads Service is holding a public consultation event on the proposed improvements to the York Street Junction.

Roads Service has developed four preliminary options to be considered for this scheme. These will provide direct links between Westlink and the M2 and M3 motorways by constructing either flyovers over or underpasses below the existing Lagan Road and Dargan Rail Bridges. As part of the ongoing scheme development process, Roads Service is keen to consult on these preliminary options with key stakeholders, other interested parties and the general public.

The public exhibition will commence at the **Ramada Encore Hotel, St Anne's Square, 20 Talbot Street, Belfast BT1 2LD** at the opening times shown below:

1 June 2pm – 9pm  
2 June 10am – 9pm

A notice advertising this event will be published in the Belfast Telegraph, Irish News, Newsletter and North Belfast News on 18 and 25 May. In addition, 17,500 copies of the attached flyer advertising the event will be distributed to households in the surrounding area in week beginning 16 May.

Yours sincerely



**ROY SPIERS**  
Strategic Road Improvement Manager

Mr Brian McKervey  
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Our Ref: S105296/GC

Your Ref:

Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Mr McKervey

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

Further to our initial consultation letter of 28 May 2008 and your subsequent response of 08 September 2008 regarding the above scheme, we have now developed the design to a point where we have four alternative interchange layout options (see enclosed drawings). The environmental assessment is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB), and we are currently in Stage 2 of the procedure.

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We note from our files that we did not receive a formal response in relation to our previous consultation, though we did receive a telephone call from you on 08 September 2008, in which it was agreed that there would not be any direct impact on historic buildings. We would like to confirm this is still the opinion of NIEA - Built Heritage (Historic Buildings). If you have any comments, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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16<sup>th</sup> March 2011

Dear Sir

*(EC)*

**RE. M2/M3/A12 York Street Interchange Belfast Stage 2 Environmental Statement**

*did we?*

I note that you have notified Planning Service that you will be preparing an environmental impact statement under the The Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999. You will appreciate that while NIEA – HBU does not have the staff to undertake specialist searches for individual projects, information which may be relevant to your researches may be available on consultation through our Monuments and Buildings Record here at Hill Street or on our website at [www.ni-environment.gov.uk](http://www.ni-environment.gov.uk)

The Monuments and Buildings Record provides a starting point for archaeological or built heritage research or impact assessment which, in the case of development, would also need to take account of potential for 'new' (previously unknown) remains being uncovered during any earth-moving. It may be appropriate to provide for the identification and recording of such discoveries in any proposed programme of works

Yours Sincerely

*Donal Boyle*

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«M\_1»

Our Ref: S105296/GC

Your Ref: «M\_3»

Date: 14/03/2011

Dear «M\_2»

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

«M\_4», we have now developed the design to a point where we have four alternative interchange layout options (see enclosed drawings). The environmental assessment is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB), and we are currently in Stage 2 of the procedure.

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«M\_5», please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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Date: 12 May 2011

Dear Mr O'Neill

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

Further to our consultee letter regarding the above study, dated 14 March 2011, we note from our files that we have not as yet received a formal response. We have now extended the consultation period to 27 May 2011.

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**Gareth Coughlin**

**From:** Gault, Andrew [Andrew.Gault@doeni.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 06 June 2011 14:05  
**To:** Gareth Coughlin  
**Subject:** M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast

**Importance:** High

EC

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I am writing briefly in response to your letter of 12 May 2011, addressed to a former colleague Jim O'Neill, seeking our comments on the Stage 2 Environmental Assessment.

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Apologies for the delay in getting back to you and thanks in advance for your assistance and understanding!

Regards,  
Andrew.

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**Gareth Coughlin**

**From:** Gareth Coughlin  
**Sent:** 07 June 2011 09:23  
**To:** 'Gault, Andrew'  
**Subject:** RE: M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast

Hi Andrew,  
no worries; completely understandable.

We are currently preparing the Stage 2 Assessment and it hasn't been finalised/reported on yet. This was just a consultee letter issued in March inviting comment in general on the scheme or whether there was anything you wanted to draw our attention specifically to in the area.  
If necessary, I can send you a draft of the Stage 2 Cultural Heritage chapter?

Regards,

Gareth

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Our Ref: S105296/GC

Your Ref:

Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Mr Carswell

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

Further to our initial consultation letters of 28 May 2008 and 30 July 2008 regarding the above scheme, we have now developed the design to a point where we have four alternative interchange layout options (see enclosed drawings). The environmental assessment is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB), and we are currently in Stage 2 of the procedure.

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We note from our files that we did not receive a response in relation to our previous letters. Essentially we would appreciate your opinion on the impact the interchange layout options may have on the water environment. If you have any comments, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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Our Ref: S105296/GC

Your Ref:

Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Sir/Madam

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

URS Scott Wilson Ltd has been appointed by DRD Roads Service to provide consultancy services for a study to review and assess the feasibility of future upgrading of York Street Interchange in Belfast, to a point where a preferred layout option is identified.

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The Environmental Assessment procedure is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB). We are currently in Stage 2 of the procedure, where four scheme layout options have been developed within the general study area (see enclosed drawings).

Should you have any information or specific comment to make with regards to the interchange layout options, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. If you would prefer to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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Your Ref:

Date: 12 May 2011

Dear Ms Peake

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Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

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**Gareth Coughlin**

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**From:** Peake, Linda [Linda.Peake@doeni.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 16 May 2011 12:13  
**To:** Gareth Coughlin  
**Subject:** M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange

Gareth

The interchange layout options detailed in your correspondence dated 14 March 2011 will have no impact on any installations regulated by the Industrial Pollution and Radiochemical Inspectorate therefore the Inspectorate has no comments to make.

Regards

Linda

Linda Peake  
Industrial Pollution Inspector  
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Your Ref: LQ/67-11

Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Mr Henderson

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We thank you for providing us with a comprehensive list and map of potential contaminated sites, as well as the list of other bodies within NIEA for consultation. Essentially we would appreciate any updated information you may hold on those sites or highlight any known sites of contamination which may be affected by the interchange layout options. If you have any comments, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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Dear Mr Henderson

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Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

Further to our consultee letter regarding the above study, dated 14 March 2011, we note from our files that we have not as yet received a formal response. We have now extended the consultation period to 27 May 2011. For your information we received a formal response from Mr Richard Black of Belfast City Council, Health and Environmental Service Department regarding potential contaminated land.

Should you wish to make comment on the Environmental Assessment, these should be forwarded before this date to Mr Gareth Coughlin at the below office. Should you wish to respond promptly, please do so via the email address provided below. If no response has been received by this date, we will assume you have no formal comment to make at this stage in the assessment process.

Yours faithfully  
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Ms Jo Campbell  
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County Antrim  
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Our Ref: S105296/GC

Your Ref:WQU04564

Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Ms Campbell

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**Gareth Coughlin**

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**Sent:** 15 March 2011 13:31  
**To:** Gareth Coughlin  
**Subject:** NIEA - WMU - WQU06845 - Confirmation

EC

Dear Gareth,

Our Ref: WQU06845

Your Ref: S105296/GC

Re: M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast, Stage 2 Environmental Assessment

Thank you for your letter relating to the above received by Water Management Unit on 15 March 2011.

Your request has been logged on our Correspondence Tracking System and a response should issue within 15 working days of receipt.

Thanks

**Information Management**  
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**Sent:** 16 March 2011 14:37  
**To:** Gareth Coughlin  
**Subject:** M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange - Information Request

EC

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Best Regards

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Project Data			
Title	M2/M3/A12 York Street Interchange	Reference Number	S105296
Call Information			
To	Gareth Coughlin	Date	28/03/11
From (Receiver)	Gareth Coughlin	Time	
Caller	Michael McAliskey	Company	NIEA – WMU (Marine Team)
Actions			
Please return call <input type="checkbox"/>		Will call again <input type="checkbox"/>	
Message			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GC received telephone call from MMcA re. the above scheme.</li> <li>GC acknowledged the initial email (16/03/11) from James McConville, requesting some clarification.</li> <li>MMcA sought reassurance that the permanent and temporary discharge from the site would be downstream of the Lagan weir/Lagan impoundment (i.e. to the harbour side), as they already had issues with fluctuations in Dissolved Oxygen (DO) levels and subsequent migratory fish concerns upstream. GC advised that it was the intention to discharge to the downstream side of the weir.</li> <li>MMcA advised that a FEPA licence would be required for the scheme.</li> <li>MMcA advised his direct line for any issues was (028) 9262 3162 (Antrim Road, Lisburn).</li> <li>It was agreed that NIEA – WMU would make written comment on the scheme in response to our consultation letter.</li> </ul>			
Actions		Responsibility	Time frame
NIEA WMU (Marine Team) to provide formal response to the Stage 2 Environmental Assessment Consultation.			Before 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2011

**Gareth Coughlin**

**From:** McAliskey, Michael [Michael.McAliskey@doeni.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 29 March 2011 12:00  
**To:** Gareth Coughlin  
**Cc:** McConville, James  
**Subject:** FW: M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange - Information Request  
**Attachments:** 5076821\_31\_DG\_12 April 2010 - Sept 2010 Biannual Report AM Sept 2010.pdf

EC

Gareth,

Just to follow up on our telephone conversation... I made the point that it is important that any outfall from the scheme discharges outside out of the impounded River Lagan i.e. to the harbour side of the managed weir.

The impoundment suffers from some pressures that can affect its normal biological functioning. These include periodic dissolved oxygen fluctuations at the bed level which are detrimental to the passage of migratory fish.

I have attached the latest bi-annual Lagan water quality report which describes the effect of the remaining outfalls on current water quality. This report is produced by Atkins, NIEA and AFBI.

Notably under the heading 'Organic Pollution'

'The upper reaches of the lagan Impoundment are subject to heavy organic pollution caused by the cumulative effects of discharges from several storm sewage overflows. Water quality problems include stratification, bottom water anoxia, high BOD and the biogeochemical generation of gas (hydrogen sulphide) and the consequential lifting of unsightly sediments. Degradation of the organic materials results in a very high demand for oxygen.'

The Impounded River Lagan has been designated as a heavily modified water body under the Water Framework Directive (WFD) because of the Weir and its transitional water environment.

Transitional environments are naturally stressed systems with high spatial and temporal variability.

The WFD requires that NIEA is tasked to ensure there is no further deterioration from current status, and that deviation from the best that could be achieved is avoided using mitigation measures which best protect the environment.

The volume of water and the normal tidal regime in the Harbour water body would help to dilute and spread the effect of any outfall... this would not be possible inside the impoundment.

Regards,

Mike Mc A.

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**From:** McConville, James  
**Sent:** 28 March 2011 11:04

**To:** McAliskey, Michael  
**Subject:** FW: M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange - Information Request

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**From:** Gareth Coughlin [mailto:Gareth.Coughlin@scottwilson.com]  
**Sent:** 21 March 2011 14:42  
**To:** McConville, James  
**Subject:** RE: M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange - Information Request

James,  
sorry I missed your call. To give you a bit more information on the scheme, I would comment as follows :

**Permanent Drainage**

One option we are considering is to construct a permanent storm-water drainage outfall pipeline from the scheme which would discharge to the Lagan Estuary, downstream of the Lagan Weir. We are aware this may require a FEPA licence. NIEA has previously stated approval of a discharge consent should be a formality, as this is storm-water drainage. Would NIEA have any further requirements?

**Temporary Drainage during Construction Phase**

It is more likely that the contractor would be able to discharge to existing NI Water sewers in the area in the short term (subject to the permission of NI Water), during construction of the Interchange. However it is a possibility that the contractor could construct the permanent drainage outfall for the scheme to the Lagan and then use this pipeline to drain the site temporarily during the construction phase. Again, would NIEA have any specific requirements in this case?

Happy to discuss further or meet if required. Essentially we want to establish any issue/concerns/constraints that the Marine Team may have (or conditions that you may impose) in relation to the construction or operation of the four layout options tabled at this stage.

Regards,

Gareth

**Gareth Coughlin**

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# Impounded River Lagan

## Water Quality Summary

### Bi-annual Report:

April 2010 to September 2010

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**Gareth Coughlin**

**From:** NIEA Water Info [WaterInfo@doeni.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 01 April 2011 15:43  
**To:** Gareth Coughlin  
**Subject:** NIEA - WMU - WQU06845 - WMU Response  
**Attachments:** NIEA - WMU - WQU06845 - response letter.DOC

Dear Gareth,

Our Ref: WQU06845

Your Ref: S105296/GC

Re: M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast, EIA

Please see attached Water Management Unit's response to your information request regarding the site detailed above.

If you require any further water related environmental information about this or any other site please e-mail details of your information request to [WaterInfo@doeni.gov.uk](mailto:WaterInfo@doeni.gov.uk)

Many thanks

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Water Management Unit

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**Your Ref:** S105296/GC

**Our Ref:** WQU06845

**Date:** 1 April 2011

Dear Gareth,

**Re: M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast**

Thank you for your email sent on 15 March 2011 relating to an area within a 500m radius of the site detailed above.

WMU hold the following information relating to Water which may be of use when carrying out your assessment:-

**Pollution Prevention**

Pollution Prevention (PP) has no comment with regard to the route options proposed.

With regard to the design and construction phase of the project Pollution Prevention would like the consultants and contractors to liaise with PP in regard to any works near to or liable to impact any waterways.

The contractors should also be aware that any storage of Oil (as defined by the Regulations) on site during the construction phase must comply with the provisions of the Control of Pollution (Oil Storage) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2010. These became effective on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

**Marine**

I understand that the Marine Team have been in touch with you directly regarding this request.

### **FEPA (Marine Licence)**

You have indicated that a temporary/permanent outfall at the harbour may be constructed to take the stormwater from the project. If this is the case a Marine Licence will most probably be needed from this Office to construct the outfall headwall at the harbour.

From 6 April 2011 FEPA ceases to exist and it becomes a Marine Licence (under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009) for either construction or deposit. You should contact Chris Burns on [chris.burns@doeni.gov.uk](mailto:chris.burns@doeni.gov.uk) if you wish to discuss this issue further.

If you require any further water related environmental information about this or any other site please email details of your information request to [WaterInfo@doeni.gov.uk](mailto:WaterInfo@doeni.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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8 April 2011

Your Ref: S105296/GC  
Our Ref: DO1- 11 - 7

Dear Mr Coughlin,

**RE: M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

The response from the Water Management Unit (WMU) of Northern Ireland Environment Agency to the above proposals is as follows:

The planners/consultants need to be aware that there is a culvert which runs approximately down the length of Frederick Street and Great Patrick Street before discharging to the River Lagan. This culvert should be marked on the drainage/services mapping for Belfast. Relevant pollution prevention measures should be put in place to ensure no suspended solids or polluting matter enters this culvert. The precepts of Pollution prevention Guidelines 5 and 6 should be followed.

PPG's can be downloaded at <http://www.netregs.gov.uk/netregs/links/107968.aspx>.

WMU's Pollution Prevention Team is happy to meet with the contractors to offer on site specific advise should this be required.

Please note that your letter to WMU was incorrectly addressed which may explain why you received no response to your previous letters.

If you have any queries relating to any aspect of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me on the telephone number listed at the head of this letter.

Yours Sincerely

**Neil McAllister**  
Water Management Unit

*(EC)*

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Our Ref: S105296/GC

Your Ref: TP/017/4

Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Dr McAuley

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

Further to our initial consultation letter of 28 May 2008 and your subsequent response of 02 June 2008 regarding the above scheme, we have now developed the design to a point where we have four alternative interchange layout options (see enclosed drawings). The environmental assessment is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB), and we are currently in Stage 2 of the procedure.

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**To:** Gareth Coughlin  
**Subject:** M2/M3/A12/York St Interchange  
**Attachments:** M2M3A12 York St Interchange Stage 2 EIA.doc

(EC)

Dear Gareth,

**M2/M3/A12/York St Interchange**

Please find attached a reply to your letter of 14th March 2011 in relation to the above proposed road scheme.

Best regards,  
Barry

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Your reference: S105296/GC

Our reference: TP / 017 / 6

29<sup>th</sup> March 2011

Dear Gareth

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast – Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

Thank you for your letter of 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011, in which you outline your current work in identifying options for the above proposed road scheme, and in assessing its environmental impacts.

In relation to air quality and noise issues or potential impacts of the proposed scheme, I would advise that you should contact Belfast City Council.

Please note that in relation to the use of Volume 11 of DMRB for Environmental Assessment, guidance on air quality may be found at: <http://laqm.defra.gov.uk/review-and-assessment/tools/modelling.html>

The DMRB spreadsheet can be found at -

<http://www.standardsforhighways.co.uk/guidance/air-quality.htm> ;

and the DMRB Volumes can be found at - <http://www.standardsforhighways.co.uk/dmrb/>

Noise sensitive receptors and the current ambient noise levels must be identified from a noise survey using L<sub>max</sub>, LA<sub>10</sub>, LA<sub>eq</sub> and LA<sub>90</sub> measurements. Such assessment should be carried out for a normal working day and be repeated over a period of time. Traffic noise levels should be predicted using the procedure set out in Calculation of Road Traffic Noise (HMSO 1988). The increase in noise during the construction phase must be considered using BS5228:Part 1: 2009 and BS 4145:1997. District Councils also have power to control the hours and methods of work pursuant to the Pollution Control and Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 1978. Please note that PPG 24: Planning and Noise - although not strictly applicable to Northern Ireland - may be referred to for guidance, together with the World Health Organisation Guidelines for Community Noise.

Air quality information recorded on the Northern Ireland monitoring network is available on the Department's website: [www.airqualityni.co.uk](http://www.airqualityni.co.uk)

Noise maps for Northern Ireland together with information on the Environmental Noise Directive are available on the Department's website:

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If I can be of any further assistance do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

**DR BARRY MCAULEY**

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Our Ref: S105296/GC

Your Ref: R 612

Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Ms McGarry

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We acknowledge the meeting which took place on 09 October 2008 with Cathy Barker (GDP), and wish to confirm that NIEA – Natural Heritage has no general comment to make on the layout options (other than those made in relation to the ToS). Should you have any updated/new information or specific comment to make on any of the interchange layout options, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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15/3/2011

Dear Mr. Coughlin,

RE: M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
Stage 2 Environmental Assessment

Thank you for your letter of 14/3/2011 to Mrs. McGarry which was received in this office on 15/3/2011.

The content of your correspondence has been noted and any follow up action which may be required will be carried out as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

*E. McAuley*

**Eric McAuley**  
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18 March 2011

Your ref: S105296/GC

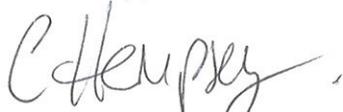
Dear Mr Coughlin

Thank you for your letter of 14 March 2011.

NIEA, Natural Heritage would have no preference in the options.

We advise however that as there is considerable scrub and tree removal associated with the proposal, impacts on any bats in the area should be investigated as part of the environmental assessment. This area may be a potential foraging area and bats have been found in the local area to the north of this site.

Yours truly,

  
 Dr. Claire Hempsey

<b>SCOTT WILSON BELFAST</b>		
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Date: 17 May 2011

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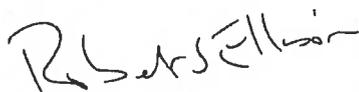
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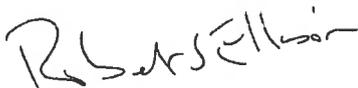
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Our Ref: S105296/GC

Your Ref:

Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Mr Clarke

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
Stage 2 Assessment**

Further to our initial consultation letter of 28 May 2008, with regards to identifying a preferred scheme option for a York Street Interchange, we are currently in Stage 2 of the procedure, where four scheme layout options have been developed (see enclosed drawings).

The Preliminary Options Report for the scheme was published in March 2009, and is available to download on the Roads Service website at:  
[http://www.roadsni.gov.uk/roadimprovements/index/schemes/york\\_street\\_interchange-7.htm](http://www.roadsni.gov.uk/roadimprovements/index/schemes/york_street_interchange-7.htm)

We acknowledge your response of 12 June 2008 in relation to the Stage 1 Environmental Assessment. Essentially, we wish to confirm that the Northern Ireland Tourist Board has no further comment to make on the scheme options. Should you have any updated/new information or specific comment to make on any of the scheme options, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

Should you wish to discuss the proposals further, or seek clarification about the information requested, please do not hesitate to contact us at the below office.

You may want to be aware that Roads Service will host a public consultation event for the scheme, on 1 and 2 June 2011 at the Ramada Encore Hotel in Belfast. Further details on this event will be advertised in the local press in due course.

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Yours faithfully  
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      Mr Michael Megarry                 URS Scott Wilson Ltd

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**From:** Ruth Morgan [R.Morgan@nitb.com]  
**Sent:** 14 April 2011 15:45  
**To:** Gareth Coughlin  
**Cc:** pcu@nitb.com; Karen Feeney  
**Subject:** York Street Interchange - Stage 2 Assessment

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Hi Gareth,

Further to your letter of 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011, I can confirm that NITB has no further comments on this proposal.

Kind regards

**Ruth Morgan MRTPI**

Policy & Environment Officer

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Our Ref: S105296/C/02/02

Your Ref:

Date: 21 April 2011

Dear Sirs,

**DRD Roads Service  
York Street Interchange**

URS Scott Wilson Ltd has been appointed by Roads Service, an Executive Agency within the Department for Regional Development, to provide consultancy services to develop proposals for improvements to the Strategic Road Network at York Street junction in Belfast.

The Preliminary Options Report for the scheme was published in March 2009 and is available to download on the Roads Service website at:

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Further to the recommendations of the Preliminary Options Report, we are currently undertaking a Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) Stage 2 Scheme Assessment. As part of this process the project team has had ongoing discussions with Mark Atkinson of Translink (NIR) and Bernard Clarke and a number of other officials of Translink (Metro/Ulsterbus) to present the four shortlisted scheme options as illustrated on the enclosed drawings and invite their comments.

Following these discussions with representatives of Translink, we would also invite the comments of the NITHC on the proposed scheme options. Should you have any specific comments to make on the proposals, we would be grateful if you could forward these to the address below as soon as possible but no later than 20 May 2011 in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. If you would prefer to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to the Project Manager at the email address below.

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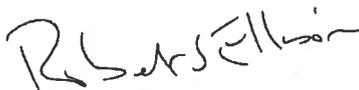
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# Record of Telephone Conversation



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Title	York Street Interchange	Reference Number	S105296
Call Information			
To	NI Water Keith Haslett (KH)	Date	3/02/11
From (Receiver)		Time	14:00
Caller	Pete Gray (PG)	Company	Scott Wilson
Actions			
Please return call <input type="checkbox"/>		Will call again <input type="checkbox"/>	
Message			
<p>PG spoke to KH to receive an update on the infrastructure survey which had been undertaken to be carried out by NI Water at the meeting in June 2010 (refer to meeting notes: Meeting Notes - YSI meeting with NI Water 4-06-10.doc).</p> <p>KH stated that there had been difficulty in raising some of the chamber covers and that NI Water were in the process of obtaining a contractor to release these lids. KH stated that the survey was largely complete with no major surprises and that NI Water would aim to issue the results of the infrastructure survey by Easter 2011.</p>			
Actions		Responsibility	Time frame
NI Water to complete the infrastructure survey and report the results to Roads Service		NI Water (KH)	By April 2011

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Date: 21 April 2011

Dear Mr Moore

**YORK STREET INTERCHANGE SCHEME – DISCHARGE OF STORM-WATER DRAINAGE**

I refer to our recent meeting on 15 April 2011 and previous discussions in relation to Roads Service's plans to grade separate the York Street Junction to provide continuous links between A12 Westlink and the M2 and M3 motorways. At previous meetings and through consultation NI Water has suggested that when developing this road scheme, it is NI Water's preference that Roads Service should seek to provide a separate drainage system to take storm-water run off which is generated from the upgraded section of road directly to Belfast Lough. I promised I would write to you and confirm Roads Service's position in relation to this.

You will be aware that storm-water runoff from the existing road network within the area of the proposed scheme is currently conveyed from road gullies through various storm and combined sewerage networks to an existing 1800 mm diameter gravity sewer in Corporation Street. I understand that storm-water which flows through this existing 1800 mm diameter sewerage pipe eventually flows to the Duncrue Street Waste Water Treatment Works before discharging into Belfast Lough.

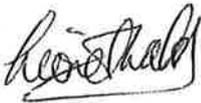
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The proposed road scheme is estimated to increase the proportion of hard standing area by approximately 8 to 10% over and above the current site area. Since the storm-water discharge rates from the proposed road scheme would be directly proportional to the hard surface area to be drained, the proposed scheme would therefore represent a minimal increase in storm-water discharge rates when compared with the current situation within the project area. Roads Service has examined the NI Water suggestion that development of the proposed road infrastructure within the area should include the provision of a completely new and separate

storm-water system to drain the majority of the area of the proposed road scheme, which would discharge directly into Belfast Lough via a pumped drainage system. The cost to construct, operate and maintain such a drainage system would add a significant cost to the overall cost of the road scheme. The additional construction costs are estimated to be in the range of £3.0-£3.9 million for the different scheme options which are currently under consideration. It is Roads Service's view that the additional cost of providing a separate drainage system to deal with storm-water from the road scheme is disproportionate to the minimal increase in the proposed storm-water discharge rates which would be created by the scheme and therefore this proposal does not represent value for money to the Department.

Can you please consider how we can best develop the design of the drainage system associated with the proposed York Street Interchange Scheme to ensure that it delivers value for money to the Department?

Yours sincerely



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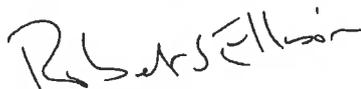
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# Memorandum

**ID: 142**

Our Ref: S105296 / Telephone memo 17/10/11 PG/AM

Date: 17 October 2011

To: Telephone call received by Peter Gray

From: Telephone Call from Alan Moore of NI Water at 3pm

cc: cc Philip Heyburn

Subject: **York Street Interchange - Drainage Outfall**

Peter Gray (PG) received a telephone call from Alan Moore (AM) of Northern Ireland Water (NI Water) on the topic of the storm-water drainage outfall which will be required as part of the scheme.

AM stated that NI Water were in the process of compiling a response to the letter which Northern Ireland Water (NI Water) had received from Roads Service dated 21 April 2011, Roads Service Reference: 38\5\44.

AM enquired as to whether URS Scott Wilson would be able to issue the existing and proposed design site storm-water discharge rates to NI Water to contribute to their assessment and response to Roads Service's letter.

PG told AM that he would review this request and reply to NI Water.

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Your Ref: 38/5/44

Our Ref: KR429

Date: 25 October 2011

Dear Lionel

**YORK STREET INTERCHANGE SCHEME – DISCHARGE OF STORM-WATER DRAINAGE**

I refer to your letter dated 21 April 2011 regarding the discharge of storm-water drainage from the proposed York Street Interchange Scheme.

This issue has been discussed by NI Water senior management who have requested a detailed analysis of the various options. In order to carry out this analysis we require the following flow data:

- Storm-water run off from existing road network.
- Proposed storm-water run off from the proposed road network.

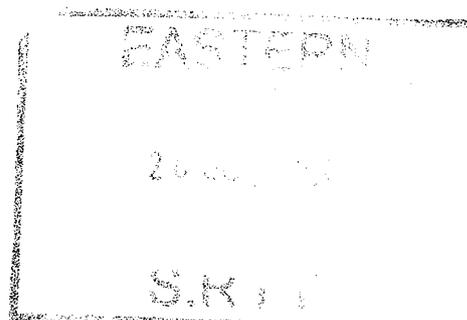
Can you arrange for this data to be forwarded by your design consultants URS-Scott Wilson at the earliest opportunity?

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Moore".

**Alan Moore**

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1 June 2pm – 9pm  
2 June 10am – 9pm

A notice advertising this event will be published in the Belfast Telegraph, Irish News, Newsletter and North Belfast News on 18 and 25 May. In addition, 17,500 copies of the attached flyer advertising the event will be distributed to households in the surrounding area in week beginning 16 May.

Yours faithfully



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Our Ref: S105296/GC

Your Ref: BMAP/COR/430

Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Mr Adair

**M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast  
Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

Further to our initial consultation letter of 28 May 2008 and your subsequent response of 16 June 2008 regarding the above scheme, we have now developed the design to a point where we have four alternative interchange layout options (see enclosed drawings). The environmental assessment is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB), and we are currently in Stage 2 of the procedure.

The Preliminary Options Report for the scheme was published in March 2009, and is available to download on the Roads Service website at:  
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Should you have any updated/new information or specific comment to make on any planning constraints, zonings or policy areas which may be affected by the interchange layout options (apart from those noted in the previous consultation), please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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Our Ref: S105296/GC

Your Ref: BMAP/COR/430

Date: 12 May 2011

Dear Mr Adair

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Date: 17 May 2011

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Your Ref:FOI/8877

Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Mrs Nelson

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We acknowledge the meeting which took place on 27 November 2008 with Jim King and yourself, and wish to establish whether Planning Service – Belfast Division has any new comments to make in relation to the Stage 2 Environmental Assessment, and if so, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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Your Ref:FOI/6257

Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Ms O'Neill

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We acknowledge that at Stage 1, Planning Service (Minerals Unit) had no comment to make on the proposal. We would like to confirm this is still the opinion of the Minerals Unit. If you have any comments, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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**Sent:** 03 May 2011 14:06  
**To:** Gareth Coughlin  
**Subject:** M2/M3/A12 York Street Interchange  
**Attachments:** 1728\_001.pdf

Mr Coughlin

Please find attached, response concerning the above.

Thanks  
Clare Louise

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Dear Mr Coughlin

**Re: M2/M3/A12 York Street Interchange, Belfast  
Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

DOE: Strategic Planning Division has received notification of your intention to prepare an Environmental Statement for the M2/M3/A12 York Street Interchange, Belfast.

Minerals Development, Management and Compliance Team has no information which we consider would be relevant to the preparation of your environmental statement. The Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland (HSENI) have been consulted also and have offered the following comments:

### HSENI

The Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland (HSENI) is a statutory consultee for certain developments within the consultation distance (CD) of Major Hazard Installations. This application does not appear to fall within at least one such CD. Therefore HSENI has no objection to the granting of planning permission in this case.

This advice is given without prejudice and any formally submitted application will be treated on its merits. I hope this information is of assistance to you, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Our Ref: S105296/GC

Your Ref:

Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Sir/Madam

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We note from our files that we did not receive a response in relation to our previous letters. Essentially we would appreciate any information you may hold on Tree Preservation Orders within the study area, which may be affected by the interchange layout options. If you have any comments, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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**From:** Barker, Clare [Clare.Barker@doeni.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 16 March 2011 15:40  
**To:** Gareth Coughlin  
**Subject:** M2/M3/a12/York Street Interchange, Belfast

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Mr Coughlin,

In response to your letter dated the 14th March 2011 in relation to Tree Preservation Orders (TPO's) within the study area, I can confirm from our records there are no TPO's which would be affected by the interchange layout options.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Clare Barker

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Date: 17 May 2011

Dear Constable Frazer

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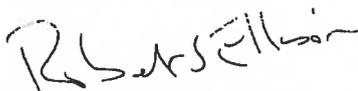
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Title	York Street Interchange	Reference Number	S105296
Call Information			
To	Rivers Agency – Joseph McCaughley (JMcC)	Date	12/04/11
From (Receiver)		Time	10:30
Caller	Pete Gray (PG)	Company	URS/Scott Wilson
Actions			
Please return call <input type="checkbox"/>		Will call again <input type="checkbox"/>	
Message			
<p>PG initially spoke to Graham Murdock of Rivers Agency who was the previous contact as stated on the consultee response letter which was received in June 2008 (addressed to Gareth Coughlin). Graham Murdock stated that he had moved sections within Rivers Agency and that Joseph McCaughley was now the appropriate contact for the scheme:</p> <p>Joseph McCaughley based in Ravarnet House, Lisburn            Email: <a href="mailto:Joseph.McCaughley@dardni.gov.uk">Joseph.McCaughley@dardni.gov.uk</a>            Telephone: 02892606100</p> <p>PG spoke to JMcC and alerted him to the fact that public consultation in connection with the 4 scheme options currently under consideration, was planned for the scheme in June 2011. PG stated that currently it was not envisaged that the scheme would impact on any culverts or watercourses which Rivers Agency had previously highlighted within their response letter (June 2008) i.e. the Farset River watercourse which was located south of the current scheme proposals. PG indicated that a proportion of the scheme area could be in the historical floodplain of the Lagan Estuary and that some areas in the vicinity of the scheme are protected by the Lagan Weir. JMcC agreed and requested that an enquiry email/letter was submitted to Rivers Agency for their review.</p> <p>JMcC stated that the Q200 flood level within the area was 3.17mAOD and that Rivers Agency would usually require that infrastructure was constructed with 600mm additional freeboard above this Q200 level. A Flood Risk Assessment had previously been completed for the Titanic Quarter development and a Q200 level of 3.6mAOD had been established and a minimum finished floor level of 4.2mAOD utilised within the buildings which form part of the Titanic Quarter development, in this area. JMcC also noted that, as this is a road scheme and as parts of the existing roads in the area may currently be located in the floodplain, Rivers Agency may not impose this requirement for the York Street Interchange scheme.</p>			
Actions		Responsibility	Time frame
PG to issue a consultation email to JMcC and include the proposed dates and venue of the YSI Stage 2 public exhibition. JMcC to respond on behalf of Rivers Agency.		PG/JMcC	By June 2011

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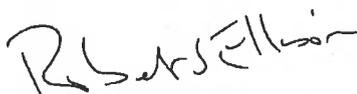
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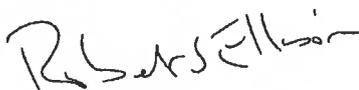
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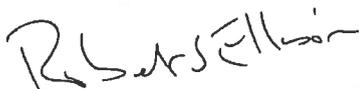
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Yours faithfully



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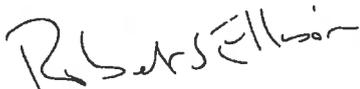
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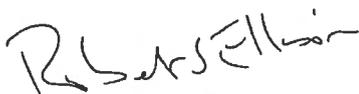
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Date: 14 March 2011

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We note from our files that we did not receive a response in relation to our previous letters. Essentially we would appreciate your opinion on the impact the interchange layout options may have on walking or cycling routes/proposals within the study area. If you have any comments, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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Should you wish to make comment on the Environmental Assessment, these should be forwarded before this date to Mr. Gareth Coughlin at the below office. Should you wish to respond promptly, please do so via the email address provided below. If no response has been received by this date, we will assume you have no formal comment to make at this stage in the assessment process.

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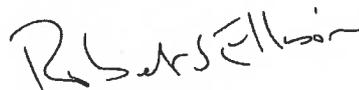
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Date: 14 March 2011

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**RE: M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange, Belfast.  
Stage 2 Environmental Assessment**

Thank you for your letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011 with regards to Stage 2 of the Environmental Assessment for the M2/M3/A12 York Street Interchange.

I would like to confirm that the National Trust has no comments to make with regards to this proposal.

Thank you for consulting us on this occasion.

Yours sincerely

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Volunteer Planner

cc: Helen Kirk – Consultant Planner

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Our Ref: S105296/GC

Your Ref:

Date: 14 March 2011

Dear Ms Ferry

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We acknowledge your comments regarding no significant impact of the Preliminary Options on the two Natura 2000 sites in Belfast Lough. Should you have any updated/new information or specific comment to make on any of the interchange layout options, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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Yours faithfully  
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**Gareth Coughlin**

**From:** Peoples, Lynne [Lynne.Peoples@rspb.org.uk]  
**Sent:** 05 April 2011 12:21  
**To:** Gareth Coughlin  
**Subject:** RSPB comment M2/M3/A12/York Street Interchange Stage 2 assessment

Hello Gareth

Thank you for consulting the RSPB on the stage 2 assessment for the proposed M2/M3/A12/York Street interchange works. We have no preference for any of the options presented (A-D).

As the area of proposed works involves some of the main transport routes in Belfast and is within existing curtilage, we have limited concerns and comments. There may be the potential for direct impacts upon Belfast Lough via the River Lagan and as such we would expect appropriate measures to be planned for during the construction phase and presented in a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP). Relevant mitigation measures to manage any construction noise, light and dust emissions would also be expected in the CEMP.

It is worth noting that feral pigeons and some other urban birds can nest in the existing underpasses on ledges, or in the brownfield sites located between existing infrastructure around York Street, Nelson Street and so on. To help ensure compliance with The Wildlife (NI) Order 1985 (as amended) we advise that any birds' nests not in use be removed from the area of proposed works outside of the bird breeding season, (which generally lasts from 01 March to 31 August). Any provision of advice, in the CEMP to construction workers, as to how they should compliantly deal with birds on site would also be supported.

If you have any queries please contact myself or Claire to discuss.

Kind regards  
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Date: 14 March 2011

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We acknowledge that at Stage 1, The Woodland Trust had no comment to make on the proposal. We would like to confirm this is still the opinion The Woodland Trust. If you have any comments, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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**Gareth Coughlin**

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**From:** Jennifer Orr [JenniferOrr@woodlandtrust.org.uk]  
**Sent:** 18 March 2011 12:14  
**To:** Gareth Coughlin  
**Subject:** M2/M3/A12 York Street Interchange, belfast - Stage 2 Environmental Assessment

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Dear Gareth

My thanks for your correspondence of 14 May 2011 with reference to Stage 2 of the above scheme.

We appreciate your consulting us on both Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the proposals. Since the scheme will have no foreseeable effect on our interests, we have no comment to make on Stage 2.

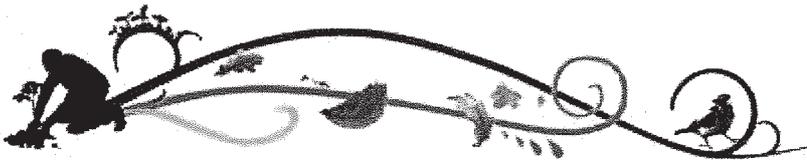
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Date: 16 May 2011

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Yours faithfully



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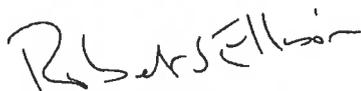
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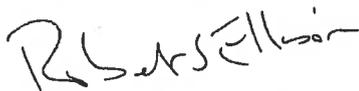
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Message			
<p>Called in response to an email to Graham Elliott.</p> <p>He confirmed Metro Services 61 and 64B use Corporation Street.</p> <p>No Ulsterbus services use the bus lane from Clarendon Docks to Dock Street, only Metro Services.</p> <p>The express buses all use the bus lane on Duncrue Street such as 212, 218, 219, 220, 222 &amp; 256.</p>			
Actions		Responsibility	Time frame
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Your Ref:UAF/09/06 (June08)

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Dear Mrs Archibald

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**With Compliments**

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Please amend your records accordingly and any reference you may have to the Ulster Angling Federation Ltd in connection with our address should your organisation have a website.

The email address and telephone/fax number remain unchanged:-

Email – [diannearchibald@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:diannearchibald@yahoo.co.uk)  
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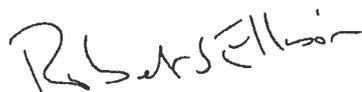
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We note from our files that we did not receive a response in relation to our previous letters. Essentially we would appreciate any comments you wish to make in relation to the interchange layout options. If you have any comments, please forward these to the address below as soon as reasonably possible but no later than **29 April 2011** in order for them to be taken into consideration in the assessment process. Should you wish to respond promptly by email, please send your comments to [gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com](mailto:gareth.coughlin@scottwilson.com).

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28<sup>th</sup> June 2011

Dear Sirs,

### York Street Interchange

We write on behalf of the University of Ulster's Design Team currently employed by the University on the Greater Belfast Development (GBD) project. This project will involve the relocation of a substantial proportion of the university's campus at Jordanstown to a new bespoke facility on and adjacent to the existing campus off York Street in Belfast City Centre. The proposed site is shown on Figure 1 attached.

The GBD project will ultimately see approximately 15,000 students and staff based in the new campus on York St. The planning application and scheme designs are currently being prepared with a view to a PAD submission in June 2011, planning application in early 2012 and ultimately the opening of the new facility in August 2018 for the commencement of that academic year.

Given the scale of the GBD project and the relative position of the proposed York Street Interchange (YSI) we wish to take this opportunity to alert you to the University's project. Also, given the regional significance of the GBD project we believe it is important that your YSI proposals do not impact negatively on the accessibility and operations of the new Belfast campus.

We have developed a Transport Strategy for the GBD project which focuses largely on travel to and from the campus by sustainable modes. However, the current proposals include some parking in line with planning guidance and standards and it recognises that access to the new campus by car will also need to be considered. The area is currently identified in the Belfast Metropolitan Transport as a high accessibility zone and its relative location adjacent to the strategic road network will also facilitate easy access by road.

We have undertaken a brief review of the public information leaflet Road Service has prepared for the YSI scheme although the level of detail shown on this is limited. We have a number of general concerns with regard to the impact of the YSI scheme on the GBD transport strategy and sustainable travel plan as well as the future operation of the new Belfast campus and highlight the following issues:

- The implications of YSI on our proposals for traffic calming/ public realm enhancement on York Street and the surrounding area;
- The implications of YSI on future public transport services in the area of the campus and that part of Belfast;
- The implications of YSI on the proposed Gamble Street rail halt;
- The impact on vehicular access/egress to the new Belfast campus and the implications this will have on car parking and the University's sustainable travel plan; and



- The impact on vehicular movements/accessibility in and around the York Street area during the construction of the new Belfast campus buildings and during the construction phase of the YSI project.

We therefore request that you take full cognisance of the GBD project to ensure that the York Street Interchange does not impact negatively on the project, either during the construction phase and post-construction when the new Belfast campus is in full operation – either for public transport, pedestrians, cyclists or roads users.

We would ask therefore that you acknowledge receipt of this letter and the issues and concerns raised in connection with your York Street Interchange proposals. We would be happy to meet with you to discuss your proposals and to understand how you will address our concerns.

Should you require any further information or wish to meet please contact me directly.

Regards,

For and on behalf of Atkins Ltd

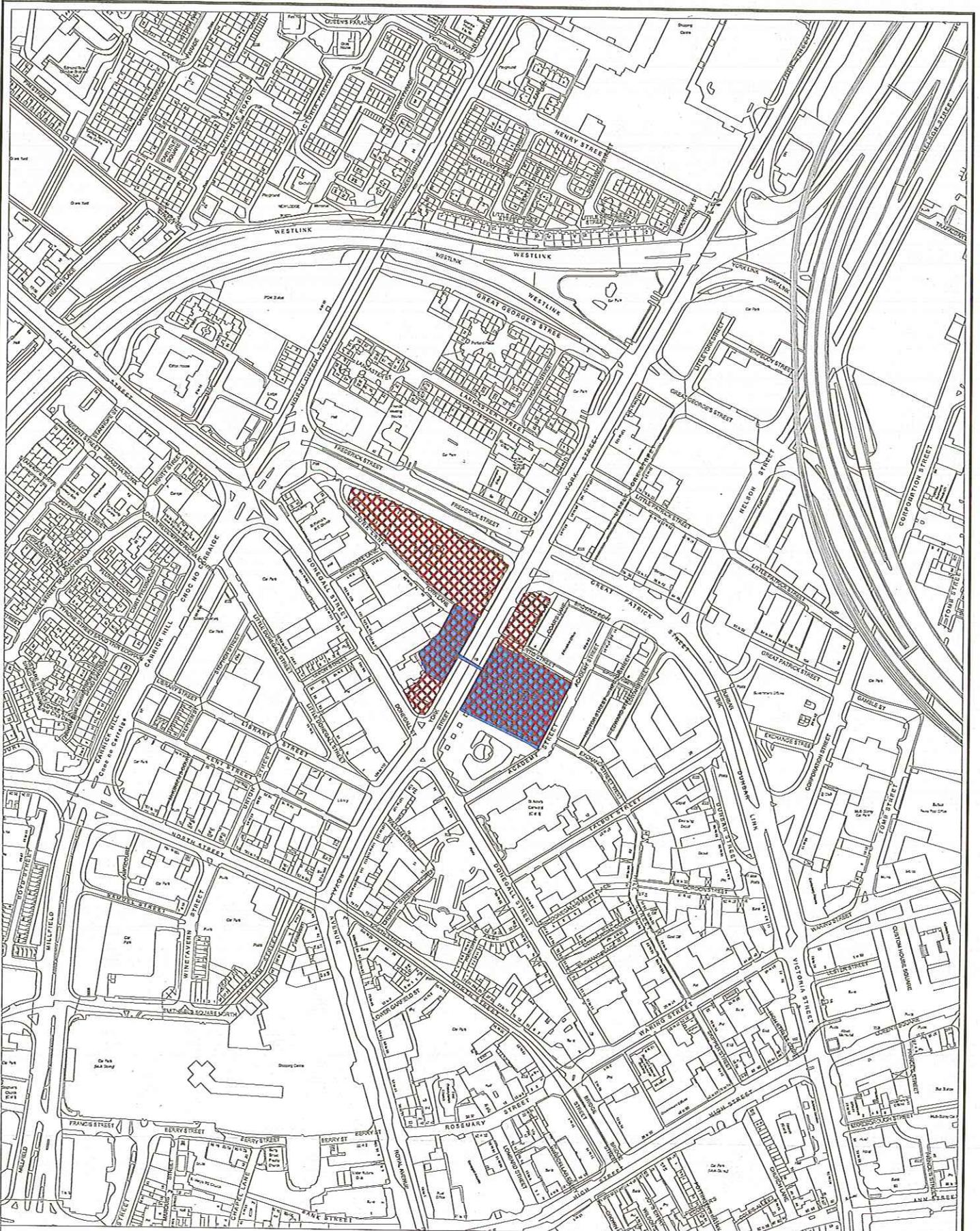
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Dear Sirs,

**York Street Interchange (YSI)**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Roads Service/ Scott Wilson for meeting with representatives of the University of Ulster/ Greater Belfast Development (GBD) project team on the 27 July 2011 to discuss your current proposals for the York Street Interchange (YSI) and the possible impacts on the University's GBD project.

There were a number of concerns raised by the GBD project team which related to the potential impacts on the vehicular and public transport accessibility YSI could have to the proposed GBD campus. Whilst in general the clarifications provided by your team at our meeting were helpful we would request that the concerns raised by us and the GBD team in our letter of the 28 June 2011 remain part of your considerations moving forward as you develop your YSI plans. The key concerns already highlighted by ourselves and discussed at the meeting were:

- **Implications of YSI on GBD proposals for public realm enhancement on York Street and the Surrounding Area**

GBD proposals developed are based on and in line with BMTP aspirations to reduce unnecessary traffic in city centre. Proposals are being developed by the GBD design team in consultation with DSD to provide public realm enhancements on York Street adjacent to main campus buildings and the surrounding area. A key concern we have is that YSI proposals will result in higher traffic volumes along York Street which will undermine GBD public realm aspirations. The GBD design team is of the view that traffic should not be encouraged to go further into the city centre than the Dunbar Link and that any revised traffic arrangements should respect this. In this regard we would ask that your designs reflect this to ensure the public realm enhancements being progressed as part of the GBD project are not affected or compromised by YSI.

- **Impact of YSI on vehicular access/egress to the new campus and the implications for car parking and the University's Sustainable Travel Plan**

At our meeting the GBD project team also stressed the importance of maintaining vehicular access to the campus for both strategic and local traffic movements and that this should again provide input to the final YSI scheme selection process. Whilst the GBD proposals are not seeking to significantly increase traffic levels in the vicinity of the campus it is a requirement of the planning process that car parking must be provided in line with current standards. In this regard we would ask that your designs reflect the need to ensure the access to/from the new GBD campus are not affected or compromised by YSI and your design proposals support the University's sustainable travel plan.

It was noted at our meeting however that Roads Service/ Scott Wilson suggest that whilst general traffic may be re-routed as part of the YSI scheme they are of the view that access

to this area of the network will be improved rather than negatively impacted upon. We would request once the design detail is available for this area of the network that this be forwarded to us for our review and consideration.

- **Implications of YSI for public transport services in the area of the GBD campus**

The GBD project team noted that the YSI options currently being developed by Roads Service/ Scott Wilson considered a range of options that will introduce new key junctions and interchanges. Accessibility of bus services to the GBD campus is a critical part of the Transport Strategy for the GBD Campus. We would request therefore that the selection of a preferred YSI scheme option must fully consider the impact on existing bus movements including all possible future bus arrangements for the GBD campus. We understand that Roads Service/ Scott Wilson will consult with Translink on such matters and we wish to be kept informed of any developments which may impact upon GBD.

- **Implications for the proposed Gamble Street rail halt**

The provision of a new rail halt in the general vicinity of Gamble Street is another important scheme identified in the BMTP. Such a scheme is likely to deliver a major improvement to the general accessibility of this area and in particular to the GBD campus. It is therefore critical that the YSI scheme does not impose any constraints on the potential delivery of a scheme at Gamble Street. Whilst we acknowledge the assurances given on this matter by Roads Service/ Scott Wilson at our meeting, we would again request that the YSI team continue to liaise with Translink, whom we understand are currently reviewing the technical issues regarding this scheme. As noted above, we wish to be kept informed of any developments which may impact upon GBD.

Whilst it was very helpful for Roads Service/ Scott Wilson to explain the traffic arrangements associated with each of the four options currently being considered for YSI, it is difficult for the University of Ulster/ GBD Design Team to give any definitive view as to which of the options could be considered the most appropriate to complement the new GBD campus at this stage. It is acknowledged that the removal of this critical bottleneck on the strategic road network has the potential to deliver significant improvements in traffic conditions along Westlink and the York Street area. We would stress however the important balance that must be struck between facilitating/ enhancing vehicular access to the York Street area yet ensuring that traffic is not encouraged to enter this part of the city centre.

As agreed at our meeting, Roads Service/ Scott Wilson should continue to keep us informed of the YSI project developments and we would propose that at the appropriate time we reconvene to discuss how best the delivery of the new GBD campus and the YSI can be co-ordinated and delivered to meet the requirements of the University of Ulster and Roads Service.

Regards

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Dear Foy

### **YORK STREET INTERCHANGE – PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT**

Thank you for your letter dated 7 September 2011 regarding the York Street Interchange scheme. The concerns relating to the impact of the York Street Interchange on the Greater Belfast Development (GBD), as outlined in your letter, are noted. As discussed at our meeting on 27 July 2011, the development of Major Road Works schemes, such as the York Street Interchange, is a lengthy process that can typically take 6 - 8 years. This process involves the completion of a three stage scheme assessment process, including statutory procedures, before construction can commence and during this period Roads Service will continue to consult with key stakeholders, such as the University of Ulster, on the developing proposals.

Following our meeting of the 27 July 2011 and with regard your concern over access/egress from the new GBD campus, you will have received information presenting the vehicular movements possible for each of the 4No Options currently being assessed for the York Street Interchange. Please consider this information and identify if there are specific movements which it is envisaged will allow access/egress to the campus that are impacted by any of the Options.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Sir/Madam

**YORK STREET INTERCHANGE SCHEME – PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT**

You may be interested to know that Roads Service is holding a public consultation event on the proposed improvements to the York Street Junction.

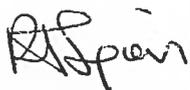
Roads Service has developed four preliminary options to be considered for this scheme. These will provide direct links between Westlink and the M2 and M3 motorways by constructing either flyovers over or underpasses below the existing Lagan Road and Dargan Rail Bridges. As part of the ongoing scheme development process, Roads Service is keen to consult on these preliminary options with key stakeholders, other interested parties and the general public.

The public exhibition will commence at the **Ramada Encore Hotel, St Anne's Square, 20 Talbot Street, Belfast BT1 2LD** at the opening times shown below:

1 June 2pm – 9pm  
2 June 10am – 9pm

A notice advertising this event will be published in the Belfast Telegraph, Irish News, Newsletter and North Belfast News on 18 and 25 May. In addition, 17,500 copies of the attached flyer advertising the event will be distributed to households in the surrounding area in week beginning 16 May.

Yours faithfully



**ROY SPIERS**  
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