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Campbell, Jacqui

From: Roads Eastern Srit
Sent: 05 February 2015 12:03
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: York Street Interchange

Wesley

Thank you for your response to the consultation on the proposals for the York Street Interchange. Your views have been recorded as part of this process and will contribute to the decision on whether The Department should hold a Public Inquiry into the scheme.

Regards

Colin Pentland

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From: Wesley Johnston [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 January 2015 10:31
To: Baxter, Clare
Subject: Re: York Street

Hi Clare

I'll not be in Belfast, but I'd love to see it, thank you. [REDACTED]
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I've been looking at the proposed lane arrangements and it's a huge improvement on the Stage 2 design. All the main points of concern I had with those, which focused on merge issues, have been addressed in this design. I'm very pleased.

The only thing I've noticed so far is that the southbound cycle lane on York Street as it passes Galway House appears to be set up such that M2-bound traffic will tend to swing left across the front of the cyclists as the cyclists continue onto the bus lane on York Street. To me that seems like a recipe for accidents and could surely be improved. I don't think a Give-Way for cyclists would be an appropriate solution - have you ever tried to look behind you while on a bike? It's actually very difficult, so cyclists would be forced to come to a complete halt and then wait for all traffic to pass before they could continue. In such an arrangement the cycle lane itself seems pointless, as it would be far more convenient and faster for cyclists to cycle in the general traffic lane as that would eliminate the conflict, and I suspect that that's what most would do in practice and that wouldn't be good for anyone.

Wesley

On 28 Jan 2015, at 09:59, Baxter, Clare wrote:

Hi Wesley, I have a CD from yesterday's York Street announcement if you would like one - think it has images and a video. If you want to give me an address to send it to or else I can leave it in reception if you are in Belfast.

Clare