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Subject: York Street Interchange Formal Consultation

Geraldine

Thank you for your response to the consultation on the proposals for the York Street Interchange

The formal consultation closed on 10th March 2015, however TNI will have regard to your comments.

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From: Pentland, Colin
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See below comments from BCCM

Helen

From: Geraldine Duggan [<mailto:geraldineduggan@belfastcentre.com>]
Sent: 12 March 2015 17:02
To: Monaghan, Kevin
Subject: Response to York Street Interchange

Good afternoon Kevin,

I must apologise for the delay in forwarding our response on the York Street Interchange to you. I realise it is outside the stated deadline, however due to other commitments we have just completed the response to your consultation.

I would appreciate it if you could still take our response into consideration.

Kind regards

Geraldine

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**Belfast City Centre Management's
Response to DRD's draft Statutory Orders and
Environmental Statement for the proposed
York Street Interchange**

March 2015

1. INTRODUCTION

Belfast City Centre Management (BCCM) is grateful to the Department for the opportunity to respond to the York Street Interchange through the consultation process, launched by the Department for Regional Development.

2. ABOUT BELFAST CITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMPANY

This response is submitted on behalf of BCCM, a public/private sector partnership, established to bring together key stakeholders within the city centre with the following mission statement:

'BCCM will deliver additional services into Belfast city centre, on behalf of its core funders, which contribute in a measurable way to a cleaner, safer and more accessible city'

Working as an operational vehicle for Belfast City Council (BCC), the Department for Social Development (DSD) and Belfast Chamber of Trade & Commerce (BCTC), BCCM acts as an enabler, facilitator and coordinator in the city centre.

BCCM works in partnership with its key stakeholders to deliver a shared city centre agenda through bespoke Action Groups, focusing on the following three areas:

- Economic Performance,
- Public Space Management and
- Safer City.

BCCM is a company limited by guarantee and has been structured in such a way that enables the private sector to become involved in the improvement of Belfast city centre and influence the decision-making process by the representation of Belfast Chamber of Trade & Commerce (BCTC) on the BCCM Board. The relationship with BCTC is set out in the strategic alliance, outlining the relationship between both organisations.

3. RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSAL

Our response is based on the scale of the York Street Interchange (YSI) project and the implications that will arise as a result of its implementation, with consideration given to visitors, shoppers, employees and residents.

- Currently, the north side of Belfast city centre's road network is made up of the Westlink and M3, both of which are perceived to be a barrier to accessing Belfast city centre. BCCM is concerned that the YSI would exacerbate the issue by contributing to this barrier. Consideration needs to be given to use of innovative measures to minimise this barrier and make the YSI more pedestrian and cycle friendly.

- The York Street Interchange (YSI) will be a major project for the city, impacting on traffic in and around the city centre during its construction phase. Disruption to traffic should be minimised as far as possible and avoid key events that are hosted in Belfast city centre.
- The YSI provides an opportunity to improve infrastructure links in support of cyclists and pedestrians. This opportunity needs developed to encourage connectivity with the north of the city and the city centre.
- The YSI needs to consider the expansion of the university campus at York Street and the development of City Quays and the needs of their users, with the opportunity to improve infrastructure particularly for cyclists and pedestrians with the city centre.
- The YSI project provides the opportunity to create new 'green space' which is lacking in the city centre. This opportunity should be developed.
- Innovative public art and lighting schemes should also be considered and developed as part of the proposal.

One of our values:

Passion for Belfast

The Belfast City Centre Management Board and each member of staff are passionate about Belfast. We will do everything we can, and go that extra mile to fulfil our purpose and deliver a measurably better city.



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