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**From:** Roads Eastern Srit  
**Sent:** 09 March 2015 11:40  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** York Street Interchange Formal Consultation

Emer

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: emer bussmann [REDACTED]  
Sent: 06 March 2015 14:27  
To: Roads Eastern Srit  
Subject: YSI opposition

Hi there,

I am extremely opposed to what I have just read about this new YSI plan. I would like to know what cycling organisations were involved in the planning of this and what safety measures are being put in place for cyclists. I can understand that you want to improve the traffic for motorists, but surely you are just adding to the traffic problem by encouraging more people to drive and making driving even easier! I would like to know what guidelines are adhered to regarding cyclists for the building or improving of infrastructure for motorists. If you build this without considering the best possible cycling safety, you are repeating past mistakes and not making any improvements to the health of your people. How can the below image be acceptable?



can you really tell me that you would dare to cycle in that lane, never mind that a child could cycle there! Everything should be done to change this dangerous layout, and this includes more than anything, adding safe cycling infrastructure into the future projects including this one.

This plan is in total contrast with the new bike scheme starting soon in Belfast. How can you start a bike scheme but continue to make the road an unsafe place for cyclists. It should be safe for your granny and it should be safe for a child. There's nothing stopping them being there.

This plan needs to be re-planned so it can be done right as it will guaranteed not be fixed afterwards. Do not go ahead with this without consulting the cycling police (whoever they may be) and ensure that you have buy in from the people who risk their lives (and lose their lives) on the roads every day - the cyclists.

Clearly nobody who planned this cycles here. Shared bus lanes are not a solution!! No cyclist wants to sit behind a bus, NOR do they want to be surrounded by big huge bulky fast paced buses that cut in and out trying to overtake us. NOR do buses want this solution. It doesn't improve life for the very people you are trying to blossom, the cyclist and the bus user.

Hoping to hear from you soon to get some reassurance on this.

A concerned citizen.

Emer