



Subject:	Notifications from statutory bodies
Date:	12 th August 2025
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Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To bring to the attention of the Planning Committee a notification received from the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) (see Appendix 1) relating to a proposed stopping-up at St Andrew's Square West, Belfast.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to note the notification correspondence received.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Council has received the following notification from DfI:
3.2	Proposed stopping-up at St Andrew's Square West, Belfast BT12 5ED Received on 3 rd July 2025 this notification concerns the stopping-up and closure of vehicular access to St Andrew's Square West at its junction with Hope Street (see Appendix1). Vehicles will still be able to access St Andrew's Square West via St Andrew's Square East and St Andrew's Square North.
3.3	DfI has advised that this stopping-up has been requested as part of the wider development associated with the new Belfast Transport Hub at Grand Central Station. The revised road layout will see streetscaping and other improvement works carried out around the Durham Street/ Hope Street/ Sandy Row junction, which will include wider footways and segregated cycling paths. With the anticipated increased footfall, to reduce potential vehicle/ pedestrian conflicts, the entrance to the Council's Hope Street North public car park will move from Hope Street to St Andrew's Square North (with access to the car park via St Andrew's Square East). The Council's Off-Street Car Parking team is aware of this proposal.
3.4	In considering these notifications other services within the Council were consulted – City & Neighbourhood Services, Estates and City Regeneration & Development and no issues or concerns were raised. There is no requirement for the Council to respond to these consultations and it is recommended that the Committee notes this report.

	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> There are no resource implications associated with this report. <u>Equality implications or Good Relations implications / Rural needs assessment</u> None.
4.0	Appendices – Document Attached
	Appendix 1: Proposed stopping-up at St Andrew's Square West