



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 five notifications received from the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) (see Appendix 1). The notifications relate to proposed abandonments at Glencairn Road, Little Victoria Street, Exchange Street, Wandsworth Road and Maple Hill.
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 notifications from DfI:
3.2	Proposed abandonment at Glencairn Road, Belfast BT13 3PU Received on 4 th July 2025 this notification concerns the abandonment of a stretch of Glencairn Road (approximately 950m in length) from its junction with Wolfhill Road up towards Divis Mountain (see Appendix1). Ordinarily an abandonment would result in the removal of the Public Right of Way and loss of access. However, this abandonment relates to a wider National Trust project to improve public access to the Belfast Hills and in this instance, access will be maintained, though not as a Public Right of Way. This proposal also links in to the Peace Plus Capital works in North Belfast which the Council is leading on.
3.3	Proposed abandonment at Little Victoria Street Received on 16 th July 2025 this notification concerns the abandonment of two areas of land totalling approximately 351 square metres within Belfast City Council’s Little Victoria Street car park (see Appendix1). The abandonment is necessary to remove the Public Rights of Way associated with the old street layout which are on land no longer owned by the Department within the present car park.
3.4	Proposed abandonment at Exchange Street Received on 16 th July 2025 this notification concerns the abandonment of an area of land

	(approximately 790 square metres) at Exchange Street (see Appendix1). The abandonment is necessary to facilitate removal of the Public Rights of Way associated with the old street layout which are on land no longer owned by the Department and will be incorporated within the adjoining car park lands (Belfast City Council's Exchange Street car park).
3.5	<p>Proposed abandonment at Wandsworth Road</p> <p>Received on 21st July 2025 this notification concerns the abandonment of two areas of land totalling approximately 391 square metres within and adjacent to Belfast City Council's Wandsworth Road car park (see Appendix1). The abandonment is necessary to remove the Public Rights of Way associated with the old street layout which are on land no longer owned by the Department within the present car park.</p>
3.6	<p>Proposed abandonment at Maple Hill</p> <p>Received on 21st July 2025 this notification concerns the abandonment of an area of land (approximately 20 square metres) at Maple Hill (see Appendix1). The abandonment is necessary to remove Public Rights of Way over land which is no longer part of the public road network as it is now located within the curtilage of No. 15 Maple Hill, Belfast BT10 0PZ.</p>
3.7	<p>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.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> There are no resource implications associated with this report.</p> <p><u>Equality implications or Good Relations implications / Rural needs assessment</u> None.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1: Proposed abandonments