



Subject:	Request to Present – York Street Interchange Alternative Design
Date:	9 th April 2025
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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to update Members that a request has been received from local architect Mark Hackett to present the York Street Interchange Alternative Design to a future meeting of the City Growth & Regeneration Committee.
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Note the request to receive a presentation from Mark Hackett in relation to the Alternative Design to the York Street Interchange, and that DfI are presenting the York Street Interchange Update to the Committee in May. II. Agree to defer the decision to receive the presentation on the York Street Interchange Alternative Design until after the DfI presentation, during which Members will have an opportunity to gain further clarity on the alternative design as previously presented to Committee.
3.0	<p>York Street Interchange Alternative Design</p> <p>At the February 2025 meeting of the CG&R Committee Members agreed to receive a presentation from the Department for Infrastructure on the York Street Interchange (YSI) as per the Committee Paper attached in Appendix B of this report. The report outlined that the YSI Place Making & Active Travel Review (presented to the CG&R Committee in February 2023) is now complete and following engagement with the Minister for Infrastructure the Department have been asked to reengage with key stakeholders, including Council, on the preferred options for the YSI. This presentation is scheduled to take place at the Special Meeting of the CG&R Committee in May 2025.</p>
3.1	In addition to this, at the March 2021 meeting of the CG&R Committee, Members received a presentation from local architect Mark Hackett on the York Street Interchange Alternative Design that have been produced by Mr Hackett and a number of engineers employed to provide an alternative design that proposed to reduce the construction impacts of the scheme as well as reducing the longer term impacts of the strategic road connection on the local area.
3.2	At the February 2023 Special Meeting of the CG&R Committee the Department for Infrastructure presented the Place Making & Active Travel Review to the Committee. At the meeting Members asked the Department for an update on the York Street Interchange Alternative Design. The Department confirmed that the alternative design did not meet the scheme objectives for the YSI, and in addition introduced a number of safety issues and design conflicts with the design standards, including the Design Manual for Roads & Bridges and the Specification for Highway Works. As such the Department confirmed that they were no longer considering the alternative designs as presented by Mr Hackett.

3.3	Mr Hackett has subsequently requested to attend a future meeting of the CG&R Committee to present the York Street Interchange Alternative Design. Given that the alternative design has already been presented to the Committee, and that the York Street Interchange team will be presenting to the Committee on the 28 th May 2025 it is proposed that Members use the presentation in May as an opportunity to gain further clarity on the Departments position on the alternative prior to considering to receive a further presentation on the alternative design.
5.0	<p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no finance or resource implications associated with this report.</p>
6.0	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no Equality or Good Relation Implications/Rural Needs Assessment requirements associated with this report.</p>
7.0	Appendices
	Appendix A: Feb 2024 CG&R Request to Present York Street Interchange