



<b>Subject:</b>	Belfast Cycle Network's Ravenhill Road Scheme – Department for Infrastructure Response
<b>Date:</b>	9th January, 2026
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
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<b>Please indicate the description, as listed in Schedule 6, of the exempt information by virtue of which the council has deemed this report restricted.</b>	
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<b>After Committee Decision</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Sometime in the future</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Never</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
<b>Is the decision eligible for Call-in?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To update Members on a response received from the Department for Infrastructure to correspondence from the Committee in relation to the Belfast Cycle Network's Ravenhill Road Scheme.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to note the response received from the Department for Infrastructure.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	At the City Growth and Regeneration Committee meeting in October 2025, Councillor de Faoite raised an issue in advance in relation to the delivery of the Belfast Cycle Network's Ravenhill Road Scheme. He stated that, in response to a letter he had written to the Minister for Infrastructure regarding the scheme, the Minister had advised that the formal consultation stage on the scheme had been moved from autumn 2025 to early 2026. He expressed his disappointment at the delay in progressing the scheme, given that it had been highlighted as deliverable in the short term within the Department for Infrastructure's Belfast Cycle Network Delivery Plan.
3.2	At the request of Councillor de Faoite, the Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Infrastructure to express its frustration at the lack of progress in delivering the Belfast Cycle Network's Ravenhill Road Scheme, and to seek an update on the reasons for the delay
3.3	A response has now been received from the Department for Infrastructure (Appendix 1) which advises that the extent of the scheme has been amended to include a section of the Ormeau Embankment, and that further consideration has been given to certain elements of design along the route that emerged following the initial public engagement on the proposals. The response states that these considerations have resulted in a longer than originally anticipated design period, and that the statutory consultation process is expected to commence early this year, subject to the satisfactory conclusion of discussions on a small number of remaining issues.
3.4	<p><b><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></b></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.5	<p><b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices - Document Attached</b>
	Appendix 1 – Department for Infrastructure Response – Belfast Cycle Network Ravenhill Road Scheme