



Subject:	Notifications from statutory bodies
Date:	21 st April 2026
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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 notifications received from the NIHE for the proposed extinguishment of a Public Right of Way (PRoW) at Ratcliffe Street and from the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) relating to a proposed abandonment at Bankmore Street.
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:
3.2	Proposed extinguishment of PRoW at Ratcliffe Street, Belfast Received from NIHE on 27 th February 2026 this notification concerns the extinguishment of a PRoW over a plot of land (approximately 0.09 hectares) at Ratcliffe Street, Belfast (see Appendix 1). Previously in use as Ratcliffe Street linking Posnett Street to Donegall Pass, in more recent years the plot has been part of a wider enclosed space used as a public carpark.
3.3	Whilst there are no recent planning approvals on the wider site the proposed extinguishment should facilitate future development. There is a current application (LA04/2023/3567/F) submitted by Clanmill Housing Association for 28 no. residential units which is yet to be determined. This proposed scheme would re-establish the historic street pattern with the reinstatement of Ratcliffe Street and Chambers Street creating links between Posnett Street and Donegall Pass.
3.4	Proposed abandonment at Bankmore Street, Belfast Received from DfI on 23 rd March 2026 this notification concerns the abandonment of two areas of land totalling approximately 509 square metres at Bankmore Street (see Appendix 2). The proposed abandonment of these sections of the historic street network does not relate a specific planning approval or current planning application but will facilitate the future

3.5	<p>development of the site.</p> <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 – Document Attached
	<p>Appendix 1: Proposed Extinguishment of PRow – Ratcliffe Street</p> <p>Appendix 2: Proposed Abandonment – Bankmore Street</p>