



Subject:	Minister for Infrastructure Correspondence in relation to York Street
Date:	26 August 2026
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Restricted Reports

Is this report restricted?

Yes

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No

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If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?

After Committee Decision

After Council Decision

Sometime in the future

Never

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Call-in

Is the decision eligible for Call-in?

Yes

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No

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1.0	Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues
1.1	To provide the Committee with the response received from the Minister for Infrastructure in relation to York Street, Belfast
2.0	Recommendation
2.1	The Committee is asked to: - Note the response received from the Minister for Infrastructure in relation to pedestrianisation within the York Street area.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	At the April 2026 City Growth & Regeneration Committee meeting Members agreed to; • write to the Minister for Infrastructure to request that consideration be given to the pedestrianisation of spaces within the York Street area
3.2	A response was received from the Minister for Infrastructure on the 30th June, as attached Appendix A. The Minister outlines that during a consultation process which ran from 14 September 2022 to 6 October 2022 a number of objections were received to the proposed amendments to the street layout including restricting vehicular movements and enhancing pedestrian movements. The Minister outlines that following further on-site inspections the Department have determined that pedestrian movements were managed effectively on York Street by the existing infrastructure.
3.3	The Minister further highlights that the Eastern Transport Plan will consider the future of York Street, taking into account the Civic Spine and A Bolder Vision, with Officials happy to meet with Council to ensure that a holistic approach to the area is realised.
4.0	<u>Financial and Resource Implications</u> There are no financial or resource implications associated with this paper.
5.0	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> There are no Equality, Good Relations Implications or Rural Needs Assessment for Council associated with this paper.
6.0	Appendices - Documents Attached
	Appendix A – Minister for Infrastructure Correspondence – York Street