

Appendix 1 - Response to TransportNI on proposals

Coach Parking Bays – Donegall Quay, Duncrue Road & Falcon Road

The Council is aware that there has been an increase in demand for coach parking in the city centre in recent years and recognises that the coach sector is an important contributor to Belfast's economy. The Council supports the provision of additional coach parking facilities as identified by the FPT as it should improve coach access to the city centre and lead to a potential increase in visitors. Given the proximity of the proposed Donegall Quay coach parking bay to the Belfast Bikes docking station there is potential that the bay may provide opportunities for more linkages and integrated travel across the city.

While the Council supports the proposed locations, there is a need for a more strategic approach to address the current issues surrounding coach parking including limited daily parking, the absence of secure overnight coach parking and increasing vandalism.

Waiting Restrictions – Broadway, Broomhill Park, Florenceville Avenue & Genoa Street

The Council is supportive of the introduction of waiting restrictions at Broadway, Broomhill Park, Florenceville Avenue and Genoa Street. It is considered that the proposals will prevent congestion and improve the flow of traffic in these areas. In addition the restrictions should improve accessibility for pedestrians by preventing vehicles from parking on the footway.

Proposed Taxi-Bus Ranks – Bridge Street & North Street

The Council welcomes the provision of the proposed taxi-bus ranks at the above locations. This is subject to DRD engagement with the frontages along the proposed ranks.

Proposed Taxi Ranks – Bridge Street, Dublin Road, Botanic Avenue & High Street

The Council welcomes the proposed extension and additional provision of ranks for public taxi hire which could enhance provision for customers in Belfast. This support recognises the important role that taxi operators perform in supporting access and contributing to the successful management of the economy in Belfast. This is subject to DRD engagement with the frontages along the proposed ranks.