



<b>Subject:</b>	Transport Issues - Council response to consultation by TransportNI
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<b>Is this report restricted?</b>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<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</b>
1.1	Members will be aware that Committee previously agreed that the Council would meet regularly with TransportNI to discuss the impact of government policy on the transport infrastructure of Belfast City centre. Work is underway to coordinate ongoing dialogue but in the meantime TransportNI continues to liaise with Council in relation to specific proposals.
1.2	TransportNI has therefore requested that the following proposals are brought to the attention of Members for their consideration and comment: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Falls Road (between Beechmount Avenue &amp; Thames Street) - Waiting Restrictions to facilitate Belfast Rapid Transit</li><li>2. Rosetta Primary School - Mandatory 'School Keep Clear' Restriction</li><li>3. Glenbryn Park and Glenbryn Drive - Proposed Traffic Calming Measures</li></ol>
1.3	TransportNI has also asked for Council to consider and confirm they are content with the following proposals: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. Rugby Avenue - Proposed One-way Traffic System</li><li>5. Sydenham Road Access Road - Proposed New Waiting Restrictions</li><li>6. Glenmachan Place - Additional Waiting Restrictions</li></ol>
1.4	Finally, in addition to the above TransportNI have provided, for information purposes, a copy of the Draft Order and the Statutory Notice of Intention for the proposed Abandonment of Public Rights of Way at Thornburn Road.
1.5	Correspondence received and detailed location maps are contained in <b>Appendix 1</b> .
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>

2.1	<p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note and provide support for the introduction of waiting restrictions on Falls Road between Beechmount Avenue and Thames Street.</li> <li>Note and provide comment as required in relation to the proposals for Rosetta Primary School and Glenbryn Park &amp; Drive</li> <li>Note, and confirm they are content with, the proposals outlined in relation to Rugby Avenue, Sydenham Road Access Road and Glenmachan Place.</li> </ul>
2.2	<p>Based on the outcome of discussions responses will then be submitted to TransportNI on behalf of the Council by the Director of Development.</p>
3.0	<p><b>Main report</b></p>
3.1	<p><b>Proposals:</b></p> <p><u>Falls Road (between Beechmount Avenue &amp; Thames Street) - Waiting Restrictions to facilitate Belfast Rapid Transit (BRT)</u>  TransportNI proposes to introduce waiting restrictions on the Falls Road in order to facilitate the operation of the new BRT buses by regulating all day parking to aid traffic progression on approach to bus lanes.</p> <p>3.2 It is proposed to introduce additional waiting restrictions (i.e. double yellow lines) 'at any time' at the following locations along Falls Road:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>28m of waiting restriction between Beechmount Avenue and Islandbawn Drive;</li> <li>14m of waiting restriction between Shiels Street and Broadway;</li> <li>23.5m of waiting restriction between Broadway and Thames Street; and</li> <li>9.5m of waiting restriction between Nansen Street and Broadway.</li> </ul> <p>3.3 Members should note that the Council has previously supported the work to progress the development of the BRT scheme. It is therefore recommended that the Council should support the introduction of the proposed waiting restrictions outlined above.</p> <p>3.4 <u>Rosetta Primary School - Mandatory 'School Keep Clear' Restriction</u>  TransportNI proposes to make the 'School Keep Clear' restriction at the entrance to Rosetta Primary School mandatory. The existing markings are only advisory and are therefore not currently legally enforceable. The aim of such markings is to keep the area clear of parked vehicles thus making pedestrians and children crossing the road more visible. The proposed mandatory restriction will prohibit waiting from 1 September to 30 June, Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:00am - 9:15am and 2:30pm – 4:30pm.</p> <p>3.5 <u>Glenbryn Park and Glenbryn Drive - Proposed Traffic Calming Measures</u>  Further to requests from residents and local representatives TransportNI has identified a number of gaps in the current traffic calming measures. TransportNI therefore proposes to</p>

	<p>introduce the following traffic calming measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Glenbryn Park - One flat top taper sided road hump (4.1m long, 6.3m wide and 80mm high) &amp; one pair of speed cushions (each 3.0m long, 2.0m wide and 80mm high)</li> <li>- Glenbryn Drive - One flat top taper sided road hump (4.1m long, 6.3m wide and 80mm high)</li> </ul>
3.6	<p>Members are also asked to consider, and confirm they are content, with the following proposals:</p>
3.7	<p><u>Rugby Avenue - Proposed One-way Traffic System</u></p> <p>A number of one way streets and corner restrictions have been in place in the Holylands area for over a year and are considered to have improved the overall traffic management in the area. TransportNI proposes to introduce a one-way traffic system in Rugby Avenue between the Ormeau Road and Carmel Street to address traffic progression difficulties in the street. A letter drop has already taken place with residents in November and no adverse comments were received.</p>
3.8	<p><u>Sydenham Road Access Road - Proposed New Waiting Restrictions</u></p> <p>Following concerns raised by the Belfast Harbour Police regarding traffic progression and safety concerns on the Sydenham Road access road as a result of all day parking on the north west side, it is proposed to introduce 197m of 'At any time' waiting restriction.</p>
3.9	<p><u>Glenmachan Place - Proposed Additional Waiting Restrictions</u></p> <p>TransportNI is considering the introduction of additional "At any time" waiting restrictions at Glenmachan Place.</p>
3.10	<p>Finally, Members are asked to note that, further to previous correspondence, in relation to the proposed abandonment at Thornburn Road TransportNI has provided a copy of the Draft Order, a location map and the Statutory Notice of Intention. This is for information purposes only and no further comment is required at this stage. TransportNI will forward a copy of the Order to the Council when it comes into operation.</p>
3.11	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
3.12	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>None</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices – Documents Attached</b>
	<b>Appendix 1</b> - TransportNI correspondence and consultation layout drawings