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Linen Quarter: Summary of Consultation and Engagement

The Council undertook a consultation and engagement exercise on the draft Public Realm Analysis and Vision for Linen Quarter as described below:

Web-based consultation

- The document was made available on the Council's webpage from 21st December 2015 until 11th March 2016 with an on-line questionnaire inviting responses;
- Larger print versions of the document and questionnaire were placed on the webpage;
- Standard and large print versions of the document and questionnaire were also made available for send-out as hard copies and in Word Format. Availability in Word made the document more accessible for use by screen reader software used by those who have experienced sight loss.

Public Exhibition

- A public exhibition illustrating the proposals was held in the foyer of the Ulster Hall from 1st February – 11th March 2016;
- Council officers staffed the exhibition on 2nd and 18th February to answer queries from members of the public;
- On 18th February Council officers also facilitated a presentation and question and answer session at the exhibition for members of S75 groups who had requested it.

Presentations and Meetings

- 26th January: presentation and feedback with invited architectural and heritage groups (Belfast Urban Studio, Ministerial Advisory Group on Architecture and the Built Environment, Royal Town Planning Institute);
- 26th January: presentation and feedback with Land Agents Forum;
- 18th February: presentation and feedback with invited business groups (those who attended were Belfast City Centre Management, Belfast Chamber of Commerce, Ormeau Business Park)
- 18th February: presentation and focus group with S 75 groups;
- 18th February: public meeting;
- 20th April: feedback on consultation responses to the Equalities Consultative Forum

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Consultation with Statutory Agencies

- All relevant statutory consultees were written to by the Director of Planning and Place and invited to respond ;
- 20th April: meeting with DRD, DSD and Translink regarding consultation responses and proposed amendments to finalised document

Press Releases and Social media

- Press releases were issued in the first week of January 2016 publicising the document on-line and in last week of January 2016 to publicise the exhibition;
- Social media was used throughout the consultation period