



Date: 31 October 2019

Katrina Godfrey
Permanent Secretary
Department for Infrastructure
Clarence Court
10-18 Adelaide Street
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Dear Katrina,

Proposals to address persistent poor parking issues affecting waste collection vehicle access to specific streets across the Belfast City Council area

It will come as no surprise that Belfast City Council's front line service to each and every household in Belfast is coming under continued criticisms from residents, MLAs and Councillors due to a growing pattern of persistent poor parking behaviours which are affecting our ability to deliver a reliable waste collection service.

The restricted access to residential areas is leading to persistent missed bin collections and is a growing problem. Whilst significant effort has been deployed in partnership between BCC and DfI officers and possible solutions put forward, unfortunately real progress to resolve these issues has not been made.

This matter has been debated at the full Council meeting and by Party Group Leaders. I am also aware a number of MLAs are regularly engaged with you on the same issue and have been in correspondence with your traffic manager Paul King, who has developed some local street solutions which unfortunately have not yet been implemented, eg objections to the consultation on single yellow lines.

I have suggested that our Councillors and MLAs engage with you on this matter to obtain an understanding of the parking issues and complexity to the nature of the causes and how we could explore the potential to unlock solutions in areas of particular difficulty.

I would welcome an opportunity to meet with you at your earliest opportunity to discuss the issues above.

Kind regards,

Nigel Grimshaw MBE
Strategic Director of City and Neighbourhood Services

Cc Paul King, Traffic Manager, Department for Infrastructure

