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Dear Ms McGoldrick

## **PUBLIC REALM SCHEME AT SHANKILL GATEWAY AND FREDERICK STREET**

The Minister for Communities has asked me to thank you for your correspondence of 17 December 2020, regarding proposals within the Shankill Gateway Phase I Public Realm/Environmental Improvement Scheme for the Peter's Hill junction and also proposed improvements to the Great Patrick Street/Frederick Street junction. The Minister has asked me to reply to your letter on her behalf.

The Department notes the concerns of Belfast City Council's City Growth and Regeneration Committee regarding the Peter's Hill junction.

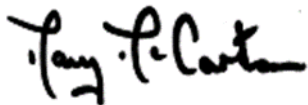
The current position regarding the Shankill Gateway scheme is that the project is on hold pending confirmation of budget availability for the capital works. We have given the concerns raised in your letter further consideration. As the Department's Design Team is currently stood down, the review of the existing Peter's Hill junction will come under the newly-established DfC/DfI/BCC Junctions Working Group, so that revised

designs can be developed in collaborative way and in light of our shared “Bolder Vision” for Belfast. Members of Belfast City Council’s Regeneration and Development Team form part of this working group.

Regarding the emerging design for the Frederick Street/York Street/Great Patrick Street Junction, work is ongoing to ensure that the optimum design is developed. At the last meeting of the Junctions Working Group on 17 December 2020, DfI advised that the design has now been reviewed internally by the various DfI teams and that they should be in a position to share the revised designs with the Working Group in January 2021.

I trust this response addresses the concerns of the Council’s City Growth and Regeneration Committee raised in your recent correspondence. However, should you need to discuss further, or require further clarification, please feel free to contact me on 028 9082 9229 or by e mail: [Mary.mccartan@communities-ni.gov.uk](mailto:Mary.mccartan@communities-ni.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary McCartan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

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