

# Legal and Civic Services Department

## Democratic Services Section



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Minister Mallon  
Minister for Infrastructure  
Department for Infrastructure  
Corporate Policy Unit  
Clarence Court  
10-18 Adelaide Street  
Belfast, BT2 8GB

Dear Minister Mallon,

### **Re: Sustainable and Active Travel**

At a recent meeting of the City Growth and Regeneration Committee, Members received a presentation from Department for Infrastructure (DfI) Officials on the planned Belfast Cycle Network. This approach was welcomed by the Members and aligns with the Committees agreement to invest £420k of capital funding into the Belfast Bike fleet and docking station network through the DfI funded element of the DfC Covid-19 Revitalisation Programme. The Committee are also taking into consideration a further expansion of the Belfast Bike Network directly funded by Council.

At its meeting on 12th May, the Committee agreed to write to the Infrastructure Minister to reiterate the need for working in support of investment into the required protected cycle lane network in our city and communities, and to support the further roll out of the Belfast Bikes Scheme extending its reach and accessibility throughout the city. The Committee also noted that the implementation of further cycling infrastructure, both temporary and permanent, should be done in consultation with communities and businesses before implementing further infrastructure.

The Members of the Committee also welcomed the agreed approach to progress with the feasibility study on the 'Belfast – Dublin Higher Speed Rail Network' and seek confirmation that Belfast City Council would be afforded an opportunity to engage as part of this strategic connectivity link.

Thank you for your co-operation and assistance on these issues raised by the City Growth and Regeneration Committee.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eilish McGoldrick', written in a cursive style.

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