

Dear Lucia and the Public Account Committee,

I am writing to you in relation to the forthcoming "Briefing and Preparation session on Inquiry into 'Planning in NI'" that is scheduled for February 3rd 2022.

My name is Dr. Linda Fox-Rogers and I am a lecturer in spatial planning in Queen's University Belfast. I am currently working with Prof. Geraint Ellis (along with other colleagues in Cardiff) on a project that explores stakeholder opinion of Northern Ireland's planning system based on a survey that was carried out in 2019/20. We think that this might be of interest to the Committee and would be happy to share more information if it would be useful. I have attached a link below to some BBC media coverage the project received in 2020. If you would like more information or to discuss further, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Linda

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-northern-ireland-53179484>



NI planning system has low levels of public trust, research finds - BBC News

There is a poor level of public trust in the system, according to university research. www.bbc.com

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