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I refer to my recent answer to your Assembly Question AQW 14033/11-15, in which I provided information on traffic congestion in the Hector Street/Exchange Street area of Belfast.

While my response accurately reflects my Department's Roads Service's future traffic management intentions for the area, I regret that it did not adequately deal with the present, temporary situation which has arisen due to extensive building works in the area.

A revised version of my answer to AQW 14033/11-15 is attached for your ease of reference, and I apologise for any confusion. This letter will also be copied to the Speaker, other Members, the Assembly Library, and to the Office of the Official Report (Hansard).

*Danny Kennedy*

**DANNY KENNEDY MLA**  
**Minister for Regional Development**

**REVISED REPLY TO AQW 14033/11-15**

**DATE FOR ANSWER: TUESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2012**

**Mr Alban Maginness (North Belfast):** To ask the Minister for Regional Development what action the Roads Service is taking to reduce congestion and improve the flow of traffic in the Exchange Street/Hector Street area of Belfast.

**DANNY KENNEDY**

My Department's Roads Service has advised that it has no plans, at present, to change the existing traffic management arrangements in this area. However, I understand that the proposed relocation of the University of Ulster, from its Jordanstown campus to a site in this general vicinity, may result in some changes to how these streets are used in the future.

In the shorter term, to deal with the temporary situation which has arisen due to extensive building works in the area, officials have advised me that some of the existing waiting restrictions have been removed. As a result, there has been an increase in on-street parking which has adversely impacted on local traffic movements. In order to allow enforcement of the restrictions to resume, officials have issued instructions for the necessary signs and road markings to be reinstated. I understand that this work will be completed by the end of September 2012.

**Signed:**

*Danny Kennedy*

**Date:**

*25/09/2012*