

Billy,

Please find attached comments on the appraisal for the Coleraine - Derry Track Renewal Project. Apologies for the delay in replying, but I have been held up with other work commitments and I was conscious that this was not a straight forward project so had wanted to spend some additional time in quality assuring it. In terms of the quality of the appraisal and how it concurs with DFP guidance, there are some faults and I have highlighted these, but I am particularly concerned about whether all the options have been considered. Perhaps there is merit in arranging a meeting with Translink to discuss this further, along with all the other points which I have raised within the attachment.

Furthermore, it is my understanding that there may be an issue in terms of whether or not this project is affordable. If this is correct then, before sending the EA to DFP for approval, PTPD will need to provide a covering note providing clarification on affordability and whether this project is considered a priority by the Department.

Thanks
Michelle