

SL1 – To Departmental Committee Clerk

Dear Michael,

The Cycle Routes (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026

The Department for Infrastructure proposes to make a Statutory Rule under powers conferred by Article 4 of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (“the 1997 Order”). The Statutory Rule is not subject to any Assembly procedure and does not require to be laid before the Assembly.

The Department for Infrastructure proposes to make a Statutory Rule under powers conferred by Article 4 of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (“the 1997 Order”) which enables the Department, by Order, to facilitate the movement of traffic, including cyclists, on any public road or footway.

Purpose of the Statutory Rule

The proposed Rule will provide a two-way shared cycle-track on a length of Stranmillis Embankment, Belfast and aims to promote active modes of transport while improving pedestrian safety.

Previous Engagement with the Committee

None.

Consultation

The PSNI were consulted and have no objections. Belfast City Council has also been notified but has not commented.

The required statutory consultation process opened on 18th March 2026 and closed on 10th April 2026. It included advertising of the Notice of Intention in the Belfast Telegraph, Irish News and Newsletter. No objections or other representations were received during the objection period.

Equality Impact

There are no known Section 75 implications. Following publication of the Notice of Intention in the local press, no Section 75 issues were raised.

Regulatory Impact

A regulatory impact assessment was not considered necessary as the proposals do not result in any costs or savings on businesses, charities, or voluntary bodies.

Rural Needs Impact

A rural needs impact assessment was not considered necessary.

Data Protection Impact

A data protection impact assessment was not considered necessary.

Child Rights Impact

A separate child rights impact assessment was not considered necessary as impacts on children and young people have been captured in the appropriate section of the Section 75 screening form.

Position in Great Britain

Not applicable.

Any Other Information

None.

Financial Implications

Spend relates primarily to departmental staff costs as well as any physical infrastructure costs, for which there is sufficient budget.

Compliance with Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998

The Department has carried out a Human Rights Act Screening Analysis and no human rights issues have been identified.

Consideration by the Executive

Not required.

Proposed Timing of Consideration of the SL1

This SL1 has been submitted in accordance with the minimum four-week timeframe and it is proposed the Committee considers the SL1 as soon as possible.

Proposed Operational Date

It is proposed the Rule will come into operation approximately one month following its consideration by the Committee.

The draft of the proposed Statutory Rule is attached, and you will wish to bring this matter to the attention of the Committee for Infrastructure.

Yours sincerely,



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Signed for the Department for Infrastructure**

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Date: 29 May 2026

**cc: Human Rights Commission
Equality Commission**