SL1 – To Departmental Committee Clerk

Dear Michael,

The Cycle Routes (Amendment No. 2) 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") which enables the Department, by Order, to facilitate the movement of traffic, including cyclists, on any public road or footway. The Statutory Rule is not subject to any procedure before the Assembly.

Purpose of the Statutory Rule
The proposed Rule will provide a cycle lane on a length of Castle Place, Belfast.

Previous Engagement with the Committee
None.

Consultation
The PSNI and Belfast City Council have both been notified of the proposal but neither has commented.

Following completion of the required statutory consultation process which opened on 2nd September 2026 and closed on 25th September 2026 and included advertising of the Notice of Intention in the local press, no objections were received. However, the Department also gave due consideration to representations from a member of the public who was seeking clarification regarding certain aspects of the scheme design.

The proposed Order was advertised as The Cycle Routes (Amendment No. 3) Order 2026. However, due to a delay in the making of an earlier amendment Order, it is now titled The Cycle Routes (Amendment No. 2) Order 2026.

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

Regulatory Impact Assessment
A regulatory impact assessment was not considered necessary as the proposal does not result in any costs or savings for 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 and will be funded from indicative allocations.

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.

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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cc: **Human Rights Commission**
Equality Commission