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Dear Matthew,

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At Question Time on 10 February 2025, I agreed to write to you with an update on my Department's engagement with Belfast City Council re the above issue.

Following an initial meeting on 02 July 2024 between Belfast City Council and my Department I subsequently wrote to Mr John Walsh, Chief Executive Officer, Belfast City Council, committing my officials to engage with Council to assist with identifying and delivering a viable plan for the regeneration of the Tribeca area.

Further meetings have since taken place with Council, and latterly, the consultancy firm Deloitte, whom Council has commissioned to provide advice on options for Council intervention in the Tribeca area.

It has been agreed that Deloitte will draft a specification for the commissioning of a 'Regeneration and Planning Framework' for the Tribeca area. It is envisaged that the Framework will provide the basis for statutory intervention, be it purchase/vesting of the lands in part or fully, alongside setting out clear steps for delivery of a viable regeneration scheme. Crucially, the Framework must consider and present viable routes, including financial, for delivery of any intervention / scheme, be it statutory or private sector led.

The draft specification is anticipated to be made available to Council and the Department during February 2025. Once received, the Department along with Council will review and discuss commissioning lead, resource and budget implications and timings. Before any commitment is made by my Department to a role in the commissioning of the proposed Framework document I will be briefed by officials.

I trust you will find this update informative.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gordon Lyons', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gordon Lyons MLA
Minister for Communities