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Ms O'Neill

Please find below the comments from Antrim Borough Council in relation to the Draft Sub-Regional Transportation Plan and on the Technical Supplement for Antrim Borough. Council views this as an important plan and recognises that input is key for the benefit of the Borough's residents and visitors and from a community planning approach. See comments below:

1. Nutt's Corner requires strategic level support in order to enable the area to fulfil its potential as an important regional transport hub.
2. Proposals for improvements in Antrim town including new Translink bus centre and reconfiguration of Traffic Movement must take account of the work of the recently established Accessibility sub group of the Antrim town Masterplan steering group.
3. Mini masterplans for Randalstown and Crumlin are being planned by council and should also be taken account of.
4. The A6 Randalstown - Toome By pass project is a key part of the BMA - Derry key transport corridor.
5. Reinstatement of the Knockmore Railway line and a railway halt at Belfast International Airport would help the Airport's Gateway status.
6. While the document is concerned with walking and cycling as transportation modes, should some consideration also be given to walking and cycling routes for leisure/recreation to provide a more comprehensive view. Such routes can also form part of an attractive and beneficial package of tourism products. Marking the leisure routes on maps would be helpful.
 - o In order to ensure compatible and complementary planning of such routes the liaison between the relevant Council and Roads Service Officers should continue and become an essential part of the process.
 - o The Cycling Blueprint is not complete as new routes within the study boundary have come on line in recent months. These are dual use walking and cycling routes. It may be worth noting that other dual use walking and cycling routes are being developed which will come on line by the end of 2006.

A hard copy of response will follow.

Best regards

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