



BALLYMENA BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Dear Madam,

**Draft Sub-Regional Transport Plan (SRTP) 2015**

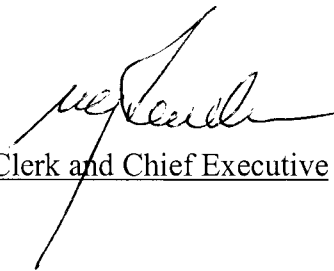
I would advise that following a presentation of the above Plan at a Special Meeting of Council's Public Sector Liaison Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2006, Members discussed the Plan at length and welcomed its contents. In particular Members hoped that finance would be made available to implement the Plan.

During the discussion the following points were made by individual Members and it was agreed to include these comments in Council's submission to the Department –

- Better bus services to rural areas considered important – use of demand responsive bus service plans and possibly smaller vehicles should be the way forward.
- Locally – it was hoped that Ballymena bus and rail stations would be refurbished with increased parking being provided when necessary.
- Increase in public response to public transport has been demonstrated therefore it was hoped that, should this increase continue, train and bus services would be enhanced and flexibility increased.
- Proposals for enhanced footpath networks in towns and villages, including facilities to cater for people with disabilities, welcomed.

- Cycle lanes for recreational cycling in rural areas should be included.
- Finance to provide the road referred to as the Western Distributor Road in the 1966 Area Plan should be made available as a priority.

Yours faithfully,



Town Clerk and Chief Executive