



COLERAINE BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Ms G O'Neill
Sub-Regional Transport Plan Team
Transportation Team
Roads Service
Department for Regional development
Room 3-29, Clarence Court
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Dear Ms O'Neill,

DRAFT SUB-REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN

The points below were raised by members at the Special Council Briefing provided by Roads Service on 6th June 2006. Given the generality of the Sub-Regional Transport Plan in its application to all of Northern Ireland, the members' questions and concerns focused on the potential outworking of the Plan within the Borough.

- There was concern that uncertainty over strategic investment in the development of the Northern Corridor road and rail programme continued to overshadow transport planning.
- It was noted that the total investment under the Sub-Regional Transport Plan would be thinly spread when applied to all of Northern Ireland (except Belfast) and to its component parts.
- There was concern about the limited information available on the benefits of the investment in pedestrian and cycle facilities over recent years.
- The scope for Roads Service to contribute to the night time rejuvenation of Coleraine town centre by encouraging traffic access was emphasised. In this context the need for innovation and creative thinking by Roads Service to balance the differing demands of the daytime and night time economy, rather than a 'one size fits all' traffic management approach, was recognised.
- The scope for better traffic management at the Waterside in Coleraine was welcomed, particularly the potential to increase the use of the town bridge to three lanes, with associated pedestrian adjustments.

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