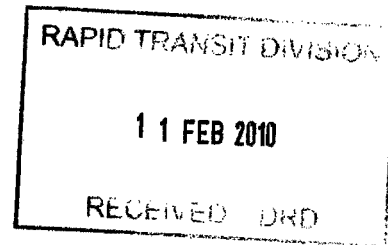




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Dear Ciaran

Re. Consultation on Policy Proposals for Rapid Transit

Imtac welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the current policy proposals around future Belfast Rapid Transit systems. The Committee believes that Rapid Transit can play a role in improving access to travel for disabled people and older people and therefore contributing to a fairer society.

The consultation makes clear that the current proposals only concern powers necessary to enable DRD to make Rapid Transit a reality. The consultation does not address the operational detail of any future scheme. Imtac has no objections to any of the proposed powers outlined in the consultation paper.

Imtac is concerned about how the powers proposed will be used in future to ensure that Rapid Transit is accessible to older people and disabled people. In our experience it is important that accessibility issues (in their broadest sense) are discussed and incorporated into any emerging proposals at the earliest stage. In order to assist the Department with this we would welcome an opportunity to meet with the Rapid Transit Team as soon as possible.

Thank you for again for the opportunity to comment on the current proposals. I look forward to discussing emerging proposals for Rapid Transit with the team. Please contact Michael Lorimer at our secretariat to make any arrangements.

Yours sincerely

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