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Submitted to **Draft Car Parking Strategy and Action Plan**

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Introduction

1 What is your email address?

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Our Vision

1 To what extent do you agree or disagree with our vision for car parking in Belfast?

Agree

If you disagree with the vision or have any comments or suggestions for improvement, please provide more details here::

Given the responsibilities of other departments, has it been endorsed by those who will be delivering it?

Context and Baseline Review

1 To what extent do you understand our rationale for developing a car parking strategy for the city?

Neutral

If you have any comments or suggestions for improvement please tell us here :

What is the time scale for implementing the strategy, and is funding available?

2 Do you have any comments regarding the context and baseline review of car parking, as set out in Section two?

If you have any comments or suggestions for improvement please provide more details here :

What consultation was done with the residents associations? Has information on delivery of outcomes been shared? And how will BCC follow up?

3 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the key issues, challenges and opportunities that we have identified for car parking in Belfast?

Neither agree nor disagree

If you disagree with this statement or have any comments or suggestions for improvement please provide more details here :

Timing / phasing needs to be highlighted under the issues and challenges in the baseline.

What is Belfast City Council's role in terms of leadership? How will it assist, and is there any funding attached?

When and how are BCC working with Dfl and residents to consider the resident parking schemes and on-street parking scheme for businesses?

How does BCC influence the enforcement?

Why are other public sector surface car parks, e.g. along Bankmore St and Gasworks unidentified? Also the Multi-storey carpark in Gasworks is not identified?

Objectives and Priorities

1 To what extent do you agree or disagree with objective one and its associated priorities?

Neither agree nor disagree

If you disagree with this objective or have any comments or suggestions for improvement please provide more details here :

In principle agree, but:

What criteria will be used to identify the right sites for Multi-storey car parks?

Will there be consultations on this matter?

How is traffic flow, air quality and visual aesthetics taken in consideration?

Why not prioritise additional Park n Ride sites so that the schemes can properly prevent cars coming into city centre?

2 To what extent do you agree or disagree with objective two and its associated priorities?

Neither agree nor disagree

If you disagree with this objective or have any comments or suggestions for improvement please provide more details here:

Agree in principle, but we have serious concerns around a number of issues around sustainability:

Public transport is good on arterial routes but there is very little service on cross-town and inter-linking routes, forcing people to use cars rather than public transport.

Bicycle scheme could fill the gap between park n ride schemes and city centre, so that residents closer to the city centre would have the opportunity to use the bicycle scheme instead of private cars.

If cycling is going to be taken seriously as a sustainable mode of travel proper cycle lanes on all roads must be put in place to make it safe and practical, hence attractive.

Cycling is also currently not attractive because of heavy air pollution.

How and when will Belfast City Council work with stakeholders to deliver? What will they be delivering and when?

3 To what extent do you agree or disagree with objective three and its associated priorities?

Neither agree nor disagree

If you disagree with this objective or have any comments or suggestions for improvement please provide more details here:

How and when will BCC work with DfI and communities because phasing is crucial? Is any funding and enforcement in place?

What are the criteria for consolidating the carparks?

If there is regeneration of sites what are the opportunities for jobs and training?

We are very concerned that there appears to be only one action coming from this objective!

4 To what extent do you agree or disagree with objective four and its associated priorities?

Neither agree nor disagree

If you disagree with this objective or have any comments or suggestions for improvement please provide more details here:

We would like to suggest that the signage also include deterrents for traffic going through residential areas to find carparks.

5 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the further three complementary objectives?

Neither agree nor disagree

If you disagree with this objective or have any comments or suggestions for improvement please provide more details here:

Re sustainable commuter traffic, we refer to Question 2 above:

"Bicycle scheme could fill the gap between park n ride schemes and city centre, so that residents closer to the city centre would have the opportunity to use the bicycle scheme instead of private cars. If cycling is going to be taken seriously as a sustainable mode of travel proper cycle lanes on all roads must be put in place to make it safe and practical, hence attractive. Cycling is also currently not attractive because of heavy air pollution."

Currently only black taxis can use bus lanes which limits other taxi firms being more attractive to using private cars.

Strategy

1 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the key features of the strategy?

Neither agree nor disagree

If you disagree with the key features of the strategy or have any comments or suggestions for improvement please provide more details here:

We agree in principle but a number of crucial questions must be answered:

What is the timescale for on-street parking?

How will BCC enforce green travel plans?

How will BCC enforce parking restraints?

How will BCC influence the price in private carparks?

How will BCC work with relevant agencies and is any funding and resourced to deliver this in place?

Furthermore, we suggest that:

- BCC should promote long-stay parking further outside the city centre at existing and additional park n ride sites.

- A better balance between parking costs and public transport costs.

- The phasing should be the first part of the strategy. The areas that should be considered are the Core Areas and South Fringe.

Strategy Actions

1 Overall to what extent do you agree or disagree with the actions for on-street provision?

Neither agree nor disagree

If you disagree with the actions or have any specific comments or suggestions for improvement please provide more details here: :

We believe phasing is critical. Resident parking must be implemented first for the Core and South Fringe areas.

Short-term on-street parking is also appropriate for local businesses.

What will the timing be for the parking studies referred to for the Fringe areas, and who will carrying out and resourcing the studies?

In reference to improving revenue raising, could funds be ring-fenced for residents parking?

2 Overall to what extent do you agree or disagree with the actions for off-street provision (public parking and parking for development)?

Neither agree nor disagree

If you disagree with the actions or have any specific comments or suggestions for improvement please provide more details here: :

Careful consideration must be given to the location of the multi-storey car parks, and also how is traffic flow, air quality and visual aesthetics taken in consideration?

Enforcement of planning for the green travel plans is crucial.

3 Overall to what extent do you agree or disagree with the specific actions for off-street provision - Belfast City Council owned sites?

Neither agree nor disagree

If you disagree with the actions or have any specific comments or suggestions for improvement please provide more details here: :

Please refer to previous comments re phasing.

What is BCC's role in working with DfI and landowners as stakeholders?

4 Overall to what extent do you agree or disagree with the specific actions for parking in residential areas?

Neither agree nor disagree

If you disagree with the actions or have any specific comments or suggestions for improvement please provide more details here: :

We are concerned that there is only one action under such an important part of the strategy, especially considering that all the other actions negatively impact on residential areas.

How will BCC support DfI and local residents, and what further work will they be working on to assist and to achieve consensus? And again, phasing is crucial in Core and South Fringe areas.

Does BCC have any funding and/or resource to support this work and future enforcement?

5 Overall to what extent do you agree or disagree with the specific actions for parking information?

Neither agree nor disagree

If you disagree with the actions or have any specific comments or suggestions for improvement please provide more details here: :

Can BCC ensure that routes through residential areas are not encouraged?

6 Overall to what extent do you agree or disagree with the complementary actions?

Neither agree nor disagree

If you disagree with the actions or have any specific comments or suggestions for improvement please provide more details here: :

We believe that the Belfast bicycle scheme could fill the gap between park n ride schemes and city centre, so that residents closer to the city centre would have the opportunity to use the bicycle scheme instead of private cars.

Has a coach park been identified? If, so under what criteria? Who's responsible?

Equality Screening

1 If you have any comments or suggestions for improvement relating to the draft equality screening document please tell us here:

Equality screening :

Other Comments

1 Do you have any other comments?

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About You

1 Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of a group or organisation?

Group/organisation

Group or Organisation

1 What is the name of your organisation or group?

Organisation:

South Belfast Partnership Board

2 Please provide a contact person for your organisation or tell us the name of the person who completed this survey.

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