INNER WALLED CITY PUBLIC REALM
FEEDBACK QUESTIONNAIRE

The Department for Communities has prepared a Public Realm Improvement Scheme for the streetscape immediately within the City Walls. This questionnaire is your opportunity to comment on the draft proposals. Your views will play an important part in the preparation of the final design for the area.

Q1 MATERIALS
It is proposed that high quality streetscape materials will be used for this scheme to complement nearby areas (Caithness Paving Slabs and Granite Kerbs to tie-in with Bishop Street/Shipquay Street and granite setts on the carriageway similar to Waterloo Street).

In your opinion are these appropriate materials?

Yes No

Please provide any comments you have below

Q2 PARKING Current parking arrangements can obstruct the movement of pedestrians and people with wheelchairs and buggies. At present car parking is restricted to Permit Holders only in Bank Place and Lower Magazine Street. Vehicles without a permit should not be parked in this area. To reduce the number of vehicles using the area for parking, and to reduce obstruction for users and improve access for pedestrians and people with wheelchairs and buggies, it is proposed to extend the parking restrictions to include all of Magazine Street, Society Street and Palace Street.

In your opinion does this approach offer the most appropriate way to create a better balance between people and vehicles who wish to use this area?

Yes No

Please provide any comments you have below

Q3 PUBLIC SPACE
A new public space is proposed at Society Street. This reflects the historic importance of the area and its potential to be a vibrant place that is valued by all, including the adjacent Siege Museum, St Augustine’s Church and those who access the City Walls. It is anticipated that removal of the car park will reduce problems associated with traffic circulation in the area and increase pedestrian safety.

In your opinion do you think the removal of the car park will benefit current and potential users of the area?

Yes No

Please provide any comments you have below

Q4 ACCESSIBILTY AND KERBS

Consideration has been given to create a streetscape which is accessible for all. Given that parked and moving vehicles will continue to use the streets, the proposals include a combination of areas where pavements are flush with the carriageway (to ease access for pedestrians on foot, wheelchairs and buggies) and areas where there will be a 15cm/6inch high kerb (where Transport Northern Ireland (TNI) require the road edge to be defined, deterring cars from parking).

In your opinion do you consider the combination of kerb heights to be the best way to ensure accessibility for all?

Yes No

Please provide any comments you have below

Q5 LIGHTING

The use of vintage style yet modern, energy efficient lighting on columns and on wall mounted brackets will make the lighting appear brighter and will improve the safety and appearance of the area after dark.

In your opinion do you think the improved lighting proposals will benefit current and potential users of the area?

Yes No

Please provide any comments you have below

Q6 HERITAGE SENSITIVITIES

The choice of materials, the lighting and the street furniture have all been selected to collectively respect and promote the distinct historical character of the inner city walls.

In your opinion do you think the proposals appropriately respect the historic character of the area?

Yes No

Please provide any comments you have below

DO YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS OR THOUGHTS ON HOW THE PROPOSALS CAN BE IMPROVED?

If your response to any of the questions does not fit within the comment area provided please use the reverse of this sheet clearly indicating which question you are responding to.

If you would like to receive this documentation in an alternative format please contact the Department using the details below or by telephoning 028 7129 9047.

Please note that the Department is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which means that we have to consider any request made to us under the Act for information relating to responses made to this consultation.

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SECTION 75 OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND ACT 1998

Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998 requires public authorities, in carrying out their functions relating to Northern Ireland, to have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity between all the Section 75 Groups.

* persons of different religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status, sexual orientation and men and women generally
* persons with a disability and persons without
* persons with dependants and persons without

Without prejudice to these obligations, the Department is also required, in carrying out its functions relating to Northern Ireland, to have due regard to the desirability of promoting good relations between persons of different religious belief, political opinion or racial group.

**The Inner Walled City Public Realm Project has been subjected to an** [**Equality Screening exercise**](https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/publications/inner-walled-city-public-realm-project-screening)**. The outcome of this screening exercise indicates no adverse impacts on Equality of Opportunity or Good Relations for any of the nine Section 75 groups. On this basis, the decision is that the strategy should not be subject to a full equality impact assessment.**

If you would like to comment on any aspect of the Equality Screening exercise you can do so by completing the questionnaire below.

**Do you agree with the findings and outcome of the Equality Screening exercise?**

Yes

No

Please provide any additional comments you have about the Equality Screening exercise below.

 **Thank you for taking the time to respond. Your comments will help with making a final decision on the public realm proposals.**