

April 23rd, 2025
Notice Of Meeting
You are requested to attend the Sustainability & Environment Committee meeting to be held on Tuesday, 29th April 2025 at 6:00 pm in Council Chamber, O'Hagan House, Monaghan Row.
Committee Membership 2024-2025
Councillor G Kearns Chairperson
Councillor C Enright Deputy Chairperson
Councillor T Andrews
Councillor J Brennan
Councillor W Clarke
Councillor K Feehan
Councillor D Finn
Councillor V Harte
Councillor J Jackson
Councillor M Larkin
Councillor O Magennis
Councillor H Reilly

Councillor M Ruane

Councillor D Taylor

Councillor H Young

Agenda

1.0 Apologies and Chairperson's Remarks

2.0 Declarations of Interest

3.0 Action Sheet of the Sustainability and Environment Committee meeting held on 19 March 2025

Action Sheet - 19.03.2025 inc. historic actions updated.pdf

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For Discussion/Decision

4.0 Notice of Motion re Memorial Garden, Newcastle

For Decision

SE Committee Report - Newcastle Fishing Memorial April 25.pdf

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Items deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014

5.0 Waste Contract Extension

For Decision

This item is deemed to be exempt under paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 - information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding the information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during this item of business.

Not included

6.0 Technical Advice for Climate Mitigation Report

For Decision

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SE Committee Report - Technical Advice for Climate Mitigation Report.pdf

Not included

FOR NOTING Items deemed to be exempt under Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (NI) 2014

7.0 Sustainability & Environment Working Group Minutes from meeting held 19 March 2025

For Information

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Action Sheet arising from the Sustainability and Environment Working Group Meeting held on 18 March 2025.pdf

Not included

8.0 Arc21 Joint Committee Meeting in Committee Minutes of Thursday 27 February 2025 & Arc21 Joint Committee Members' Monthly Bulletin held on 27 March 2025

For Information

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ARC 21 - JC095-27Mar25-Item5-JC In Comm Mins.27Feb25.F.pdf

Not included

ARC 21 -27Mar25-JC MembersBulletin.F.pdf

Not included

For Noting

9.0 Arc21 Joint Committee meeting held on Thursday 27 February 2025

For Information

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10.0 Carneyhaugh Business Park Abandonment Order 2025

For Information

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Invitees

Cllr Terry Andrews
Cllr Callum Bowsie
Fionnuala Branagh
Cllr Jim Brennan
Lorraine/Emma Burns/McParland
Mr Gerard Byrne
Cllr Pete Byrne
Cllr Philip Campbell
Cllr William Clarke
Cllr Laura Devlin
Ms Louise Dillon
Cllr Cadogan Enright
Cllr Killian Feehan
Cllr Doire Finn
Cllr Aoife Finnegan
Ms Joanne Fleming
Cllr Conor Galbraith
Cllr Mark Gibbons
Cllr Oonagh Hanlon
Cllr Glyn Hanna
Cllr Valerie Harte
Cllr Martin Hearty
Cllr Roisin Howell
Cllr Tierna Howie
Ms Catherine Hughes
Cllr Jonathan Jackson
Cllr Geraldine Kearns
Miss Veronica Keegan
Mrs Josephine Kelly
Mrs Sheila Kieran
Cllr Cathal King
Cllr Mickey Larkin
Cllr David Lee-Surginor
Cllr Alan Lewis
Cllr Oonagh Magennis
Mr Conor Mallon
Cllr Aidan Mathers
Cllr Declan McAteer
Cllr Leeanne McEvoy
Cllr Andrew McMurray
Maureen/Joanne Morgan/Johnston
Cllr Declan Murphy

Cllr Kate Murphy
Cllr Selina Murphy
Sinead Murphy
Cllr Siobhan O'Hare
Mr Andy Patterson
Cllr Áine Quinn
Cllr Henry Reilly
Cllr Michael Rice
Cllr Michael Ruane
Mr Conor Sage
Cllr Gareth Sharvin
Donna Starkey
Nicola Stranney
Sarah Taggart
Cllr David Taylor
Cllr Jarlath Tinnelly
Ms Sinead Trainor
Cllr Jill Truesdale
Mrs Marie Ward
Cllr Helena Young

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

HISTORIC ACTIONS TRACKING SHEET

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING 26 JANUARY 2022							
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N		
NS/004/2022	Trade Waste and Caravan Refuse Collection Services	Agreed to approve the report and recommendations:- 1. Alternate Weekly Commercial Waste Collection Service Commercial refuse customers (shops and businesses) to be contacted and advised of the proposed move to an alternate weekly collection cycle of residual and dry recyclable waste, where this is achievable. Commercial customers, (not including Caravan Operators) to be provided with appropriate bins to facilitate this change, so there is no cost burden to customers as a result of this change.	S Trainor	In progress	N		

	NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING 21 APRIL 2022						
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision 21 AFRIL 2022	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N		
NS/052/2022	Compost Week 2022	Note and approve the additional activities in 2.2 to highlight and promote the importance of recycling food waste. Note and approve the launch of an application process, with set criteria, to establish demand for deploying brown bins to residents of high rise buildings who were not previously provided with these.	S Trainor	In progress	N		
NS/057/2022	Various issues concerning the Events Space Kilkeel	Approve the Officers recommendation that the legal position of the Council regarding its maintenance of the events space, Kilkeel, is reviewed with a separate report to be provided to the Council once this has been considered further.	C Sage	Legal position and maintenance of the events space to being confirmed. Report to be brought back to S&E committee in May 25.	N		

	NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING 22 JUNE 2022							
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N			
NS/091/2022	Enforcement Improvement Plan Update	Agreed to note the content of this update report and to agree review of key actions from the Enforcement Improvement Plan to be incorporated into a timebound programme of work for 2022/23 and annually thereafter. Test case footpaths – small footpath leading to WIN – officers to examine this area for dog fouling.	S Trainor	In progress	N			

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 18 OCTOBER 2022							
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N		
SE/143/2022	Notice of Motion – revenue from EV Charging Infrastructure	Agreed to endorse the recommendation made at the Strategic Finance Working Group Meeting of 16 June 2022 as set out in Section 2.2 of the report and that officers consider the most appropriate way forward in relation to identifying	C Sage	In progress	N		

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appropriate spaces that may be suitable for the proposal as outlined in the Notice of Motion			
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	SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 17 OCTOBER 2023						
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N		
SE/105/2023	Notice of Motion – Clean Indoor Air	It was agreed to adopt the Notice of Motion subject to including that before proceeding with any works, that officers obtain costings for air filtration systems in Downshire Civic Centre and the new civic centre in Newry and report same back to the Sustainable and Environment Committee for consideration in due course.	C Sage	A review of ventilation systems in Downshire Civic Centre has been undertaken. A Stage 2 Design Review of ventilation systems in the new Newry Civic Centre has been provided by the ICT. Report to be provided at S&E committee in May 25.	N		
SE/107/2023	Notice of Motion – Animal Welfare	It was agreed to remove the final sentence of the notice of motion. It was agreed to defer a decision on the Notice of Motion until the outcome of the legal process was known.	S Trainor	On hold pending legal process	N		

	SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 22 NOVEMBER 2023						
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N		
SE/125/2023	Report on Notice of Motion in relation to Livestock worrying	It was agreed that a meeting be organised with relevant partners to discuss a way forward to produce a publicity campaign highlighting the importance of ensuring dogs are kept under control in the Mourne Mountains.	S Trainor	In Progress	N		
SE/128/2023	Upgrade to Town Centre CCTV and Council Facilities CCTV	It was agreed that members note the content of the report, and a business case be developed and brought to the committee with a number of options for a way forward for the proposed development of a new suite of digital CCTV systems for the Council's facilities.	C Sage	Update provided on Town Centre CCTV at September S&E Committee. Final costings to be received to enable completion of Business Case. Capital Proposal has been approved. Full Business Case completed to be presented at SPR.	N		

	SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 24 JANUARY 2024						
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N		
SE/004/2024	Report on Notice of Motion – Flood Defences	The following was agreed: - Further investigate the possibility of a Shared Island application to assist with flood defences - Write to DFI Rivers and request a river maintenance schedule.	S Murphy	In Progress	N		
SE/005/2024	Report on Notice of Motion – Flood Preparedness	The following was agreed: - Liaise with local DEA forums to discuss and plan the set-up of Community Resilience Groups - Investigate the facilitation of sandbag availability and management through these Community Resilience Groups - Look into sharing information the website from the Regional Community Resilience Group	S Murphy	Complete In Progress In Progress	N		

	SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 21 FEBRUARY 2024					
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N	
SE/018/2024	Report on Notice of Motion – Climate Change	It was agreed that this Council acknowledges the work done to date to help address the climate emergency; reaffirms previous motions regarding the degenerating global situation; and again, reiterates that the crisis is the biggest threat posed to our constituents, our district, and our planet. Further acknowledges, however, that recent data collated by Climate Emergency UK ranks NMDDC 8th out of the 11 Councils within NI; and thus, pledges to include ambitious targets in the forthcoming Sustainability and Climate Strategies and Action Plans to expedite implementation. It was also agreed that a benchmark report would be brought back to Committee regarding Council actions and progress to mitigating climate change impact.	C Sage	Development of Council Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy is progressing. Climate Mitigation Report due to be completed by October 2025 in accordance with Climate Change Act (NI) 2022. This includes carbon baseline reporting.	N	

	SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 20 MARCH 2024							
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N			
SE/036/2024	Former landfill site review – Aughnagun and Drumanakelly	It was agreed that officers develop a Business Case for the installation of Solar Panels at the former landfill sire Aughnagun for further consideration.	S Murphy	In Progress	N			
		It was agreed that Council further explore the benefits of installing reed beds at both sites in order to make the sites self- sustaining in terms of the management of the leachate generated on site.	S Murphy					

	SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 23 APRIL 2024						
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N		
SE/046/2024	Notice of Motion – Newry Market	Officers continue their commitment to revitalise the market through engagement with traders, the business community and other potential stakeholders.	C Sage	A focussed social media campaign has been completed. Council Officers met	N		
		It was also agreed that Officers reach out to other local councils with successful markets and explore additional uses to encourage footfall, including with arts and community groups	C Sage	with Belfast City Council colleagues to review St George's market.			

	It was further agreed that a report be brought back to committee in 6 months to provide detail of any progress made.	C Sage	

	SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 22 MAY 2024						
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N		
SE/058/2024	Report on Treatment of Invasive Species on Council Estate	it was agreed to note the content of the report and approve the use of herbicides containing glyphosate for controlling invasive species at Albert Basin outside of the current allocation for normal weed control and the development of an Invasive Species Management Plan for the Council Estate.	C Sage	In Progress	N		

	SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 19 JUNE 2024						
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N		
SE/079/2024	Business case for EV Charging infrastructure	It was agreed to approve the business case recommendation for the installation of 2 double electric chargers at each site as detailed within the officer's report.	C Sage	Procurement exercise underway	N		

	SUS	STAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COM 21 AUGUST 2024	IMITTEE MEETI	NG	
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/091/2024	Notice of Motion – Dog Fouling	it was agreed to note the report and approve the following: The development of an online reporting form for Residents and Elected Members to report dog fouling issues to the Council while exploring alternative digital options for reporting dog fouling and other complaints to the department; and A mapping exercise to be undertaken by Officers of identified hotspots or problem areas against litter bin provision data to determine if additional litter bins can be provided to assist with the disposal of dog fouling.	S Trainor	In progress	Z
SE/093/2024	Proposed Installation of Height Restricting Barriers at Council Car Parks	it was agreed to approve the proposal to reinstate height restricting barriers at the Square, Warrenpoint and installation of temporary height restricting barriers at Castle Park, Newcastle for the duration of the Amgen Irish Open.	C Sage	Installation of barriers completed at Newcastle. Temporary barriers installed at council car parks in Warrenpoint. Permanent installation to be completed in May 25.	N

	SU	STAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COM 23 OCTOBER 2024	IMITTEE MEETI	NG	
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/124/2024	Public Convenience Project – Dundrum Toilets	 it was agreed to approve the following: The Council proceeds with the refurbishment of the Dundrum Public Conveniences using the funding available through UKSPF The contract variation to include the refurbishment of the Dundrum Public Conveniences The procurement of the refurbishment of the Dundrum Public Conveniences in line with recommendations of the Business Case in Appendix 1 Any additional costs required beyond the allocated funding for the project should be sourced from the Newcastle Public Convenience Capital budget 	C Sage	Complete	Y

	SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 20 NOVEMBER 2024						
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N		
SE/133/2024	Action Sheet item: NS/091/2022	it was agreed to submit a league table of other Councils' enforcement practices to the Strategic Finance Working Group	S Murphy	To refer through SFWG	N		
SE/137/2024	Business Case for the Removal of Newcastle Sandbar	it was agreed to note the contents of the report and associated business case and to approve the preferred option of the business case, to progress a tender for the sand bar removal at Newcastle Harbour for a 3-year period from 2025 – 2027 in accordance with the Marine Construction License	C Sage	Marine license application in progress. Procurement for new contract in progress.	N		
SE/138/2024	Repair of Corry's Corner, Drumaness Bus Shelter and Adoption by Translink	it was agreed to adopt the bus shelter at Corry's Corner, and to consider future proposals from Translink regarding the adoption of bus shelters	C Sage	In progress	N		
SE/139/2024	Business Case for Deep Cleaning Services	it was agreed to commence the procurement of contract for the provision of deep cleaning of public realm and other areas within the district for a period of up to three years	S Trainor	In progress	N		

	SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING						
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N		
SE/150/2024	NOM – Vaping	it was agreed that the Council recognised the 2024 Northern Ireland Audit Office report on tackling the public health impacts of smoking and vaping that showed an increase in 11-16 year olds vaping; that Council is concerned that children vaping in schools is detrimental to a child's health and educational outcomes; agrees that greater awareness must be raised with children in schools about the risks of vaping; acknowledges that teachers and school staff must have the support and resources they require to raise awareness and inform children on the risks of vaping; agree to write to both the Minister of Education and Health urging them to bring forward a plan to end vaping in school grounds, to reduce the number of young people vaping and to eradicate the sale of vapes to children. It was also agreed to write to all Councils in the North asking them for support in tackling this issue.	S Murphy	In progress	N		
SE/151/2024	NOM – Newry Canal	it was agreed to request support from support from Armagh City, Banbridge and	S Murphy	In progress	N		

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		Craigavon Borough Council to write to the Minister for Infrastructure and the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs for the urgent establishment of a multi- agency Newry Canal regeneration taskforce to work in partnership to deliver on the potential of inland waterways across both Council areas.			
SE/154/2024	Business case for arboricultural assessment and tree surgery	it was agreed to note the contents of the report and approve the business case to progress with a tender for two separate contractors as detailed within the officer's report	C Sage	Procurement in progress	N
SE/155/2024	Business case for mechanical building services contract	It was agreed to approve the recommendations within the officer's report	C Sage	Procurement in progress	N
SE/156/2024	Personal Protective Equipment	it was agreed to approve the recommendation to proceed with option 5 as detailed within the officer's report	C Sage	Procurement in progress	N
SE/157/2024	LANTRA national highway sector scheme training business case	it was agreed to approve the business case to procure a suitably qualified trainer to deliver essential LANTRA National Highway Sector Scheme Training for staff within the Sustainable and Environment Directorate	S Trainor	Procurement in progress	N
SE/158/2024	Business case for replacement of skips and containers at HRCs	It was agreed to approve the recommendations within the officer's report	S Trainor	Procurement in progress	N
SE/159/2024	Economic appraisal – liquid fuel requirements	It was agreed to approve the recommendations within the officer's report	C Sage	Procurement in progress	N
SE/160/2024	Harbour Surveys	It was agreed to approve the recommendations within the officer's report	C Sage	Procurement options being reviewed	N

	SU	STAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COM 29 JANUARY 2025	IMITTEE MEETI	NG	
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/005/2025	Business Case – Cameras in Council Vehicles	It was agreed to approve the business case to procure recordable camera systems for Council fleet as outlined in Appendix 1 of the Officer's Report.	C Sage	Procurement in progress	N
SE/006/2025	Business Case – Energy Contracts	It was agreed to proceed with a joint procurement exercise with other NI Councils for electricity and natural gas contracts commencing in May 2025	C Sage	Procurement in progress	N
SE/007/2025	Feminine Hygiene Corporate Contract	It was agreed to approve the extension of the Feminine Hygiene Services Corporate Contract as detailed in the Officer's Report	C Sage	Complete	Y
SE/008/2025	Residual Waste Contracts	It was agreed to approve the procurement and appointment of an Economist to develop an Economic appraisal for a residual waste contract.	S Murphy	Procurement in progress	N
SE/009/2025	Mixed dry recyclables contract	It was agreed to approve the following: -the extension of the contract for the receipt and processing of mixed dry recyclables with the organisation named in the officer's report -the extension of the current haulage contract with the organisation named in the officer's report Both extended from 1 April – 30 September 2025, subject to approval from arc21 Joint Committee.	S Trainor	Procurement in progress	N

	SU	STAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COM 19 FEBRUARY 2025	IMITTEE MEETI	NG	
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/018/2025	NOM – Vital Role of trees	It was agreed to note the following: -Council continues to implement actions within the Biodiversity Strategy and Tree Strategy -Council continue to work with local community groups, businesses and new stakeholders on creations of new woodlands across the District -Council continues to raise awareness of Sustainability and Biodiversity issues at Council events and workshops.	C Sage	Noted	N
		It was also agreed that Council write to the Minister for Agriculture to highlight the damage as a result of storm Éowyn and to request if any support was to be put in place to mitigate the loss of fallen trees. Council will also write to other Councils request support in this regard.	C Sage C Sage	In progress In Progress	N N
SE/020/2025	Application for bus shelter at Hilltown Road, Newry	It was agreed to the installation of a new bus shelter at Hilltown Road, Newry as per the recommendations stated in Appendix 1 of the officer's Report It was also agreed that Council consider	G Kane	In progress	N
		the repair of the bus shelter requested by	G Kane	In progress	N

		Cllr Feehan, with a response to be			
		provided to the Member.			
SE/022/2025	On Street Residential Charge Point (ORCS) Scheme update	It was agreed to continue to proceed with the ORCS EV charger project following successful appointment of a Charge Point operator	C Sage	In Progress	N

	SUS	STAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COM 19 MARCH 2025	IMITTEE MEETI	NG	
Minute Ref	Subject	Decision	Lead Officer	Actions taken/ Progress to date	Remove from Action Sheet Y/N
SE/033/2025	Action Sheet S&E meeting held 19/02/25	It was agreed to note the action sheet	S Murphy	Noted	Y
SE/034/2025	Officer Report on NOM – Street Lighting	It was agreed to write to DFI Roads to advise of concerns in relation to areas that have little or no street lighting and request that a scoping exercise is undertaken to identify areas that could avail of additional street lighting across the district. It was also agreed that Council owned green spaces would be reviewed to identify any areas that could avail of	S Murphy S Murphy	In progress In progress	N
		additional lighting across the District			
SE/035/2025	Sustainability Charges for 2025/26	it was agreed to approve the following: -Councils pricing structure for burial charges in 2025/2026 -Councils pricing structure for market charges in 2025/2026	C Sage	Approved	Y
		-Councils pricing structure for Newcastle Harbour mooring dees in 2025/2026			

SE/036/2025	Home to Hospital update	it was agreed to approve the continued funding for The Mournes and Slieve Gullion Home to Hospital Volunteer driver schemes from 01 April 2025 – 31 March 2026, and that Council seek Expressions of Interest from suitable Community and Voluntary Sector organisations to administer the schemes, subject to funding being identified.	S Trainor	In progress	N
SE/037/2025	Response to DoH Consultation – Creating a network for better outcomes	it was agreed to approve the consultation response in Appendix 1 entitled Hospitals – Creating a Network for Better Outcomes by the Department of Health	S Trainor	In progress - Consultation response submitted. At Full Council meeting of 7 April, Councillor Reilly requested that it be noted that the DUP were not in agreement with the contents of the reply to the consultation.	
SE/038/2025	Business Case for monitoring and line rental of Council public space CCTV	it was agreed to approve the recommendations of the Business Cases as per section 2.2 of the Officer's Report	C Sage	In progress	N
SE/039/2025	ARC21 joint committee meeting in committee minutes of 30 January 25 and members bulletin of 27 Feb 25 committee minutes of 30 January 25 and members bulletin of 27 Feb 25	It was agreed to note the documents	S Murphy	Noted	Y

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SE/040/2025	Minutes of cleansing	It was agreed to note the minutes	S Murphy	Noted	Y
	and refuse task group				
	of 19 Feb 2025				
SE/041/2025	ARC21 Joint committee	It was agreed to note the minutes	S Murphy	Noted	Y
	meeting minutes of				
	meeting held 30 Jan				
	2025				

Report to:	Sustainability & Environment Committee
Date of Meeting:	29th April 2025
Subject:	Memorial Garden to acknowledge the 180th Anniversary of the Newcastle Fishing Disaster
Reporting Officer (Including Job Title):	Conor Sage, Assistant Director Sustainability
Contact Officer (Including Job Title):	Jonathan Ellis, Grounds Maintenance Manager

For de	cision X For noting only
1.0	Purpose and Background
1.1	The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Elected Members to progress the creation of a Memorial Garden to acknowledge the 180 th anniversary of the Newcastle Fishing Disaster in which 73 fishermen lost their lives.
	A Notice of Motion was tabled at the Strategy, Policy and Resources Committee meeting on 16 th March 2023.
	SPR/039/2023: NOTICE OF MOTION – MEMORIAL GARDEN TO ACKNOWLEDGE 180TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEWCASTLE FISHING DISASTER AND ALL THOSE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES THROUGH FISHING.
	This report proposes a sustainable solution to meet the requirements of the proposed Memorial Garden.
2.0	Key issues
2.1	The Newcastle fishing disaster occurred on 13 th January 1843 where 14 boats sank, killing 73 men. This tragic event still resonates with many residents.
	 Council have been requested to create a memorial garden to acknowledge the fishing disaster and all those who have lost their lives in fishing disasters in the local area.
	 Grounds Maintenance Section within Council have developed a proposal for a Memorial Garden in a prime location on Newcastle Promenade, overlooking the sea, in a well-maintained accessible area with minimum distractions.
	 The proposed solution is deliberately not cluttered or excessively identified to reduce likelihood of vandalism.
	Designed to integrate with the wider landscape and be beneficial to it.
	See attached Appendix 1 - Proposed Location.
2.2	 The design is deliberately minimalist to provide a low maintenance solution which will build on the recent improvements to landscape planting during 2024.

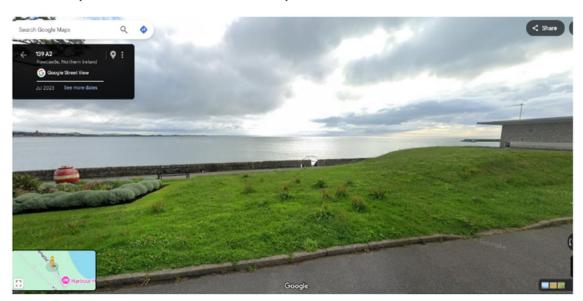
	 Costs are anticipated to be approximately £6,700, comprising the following key items: 								
		Landscaping works	£1,000						
		Paved Areas	£2,500						
		Seating	£1,200						
		Tree Planting	£1,000						
		Memorial Signage	£1,000						
	where memb to those who lost lives in the	eeks approval to construct a ers of the public can appre- lost their lives in the 1843 ne area. To be an increase in the and nds Maintenance and Build	ciate the natural landsca Fishing Disaster and to a ual maintenance resource	pe and pay a fitting to all fishermen who have the cove	tribute ve				
3.0	Recommend	dations							
3.1	proposal to c	ended that Committee mem reate a Memorial Garden to shing Disaster.							
4.0	Resource in	nplications							
4.1	This project v	will be funded from Council	revenue budget at an es	stimated cost of £6,7	00				
5.0	Due regard the relevan	to equality of opportuni t sections)	ty and regard to good	l relations (comple	ete				
5.1		pposal with no clearly de d good relations outcom		connection to, sp	ecific				
		cipated the proposal will have or good relations	e an adverse impact up	on equality of	\boxtimes				
	The policy (st	trategy, policy initiative or p	practice and / or decision) has been equality					
		trategy, policy initiative or pening prior to implementation) will be subject to					
5.3	Proposal in	itiating consultation							
	barriers for p	will seek the views of those articular Section 75 equality e for groups to consult amo	categories to participat						
	Consultation	period will be 12 weeks							

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	Consultation period will be less than 12 weeks (rationale to be provided)	
	Rationale:	
6.0	Due regard to Rural Needs (please tick all that apply)	
6.1	Proposal relates to developing, adopting, implementing or revising a policy / strategy / plan / designing and/or delivering a public service	
	Yes □ No ⊠	
	If yes, please complete the following:	
	Rural Needs Impact Assessment completed	
	If no, please complete the following:	
	The policy / strategy / plan / public service is not influenced by rural needs	
7.0	Appendices	
	Appendix 1 – Proposed Location	
8.0	Appendix 2 - Basic Sketch Proposals Background Documents	
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	None	

Appendix 1 – Proposed Location Newcastle South Promenade

Proposed Location on Newcastle South Promenade close to the pump house & toilets with contemplative views over the seascape.

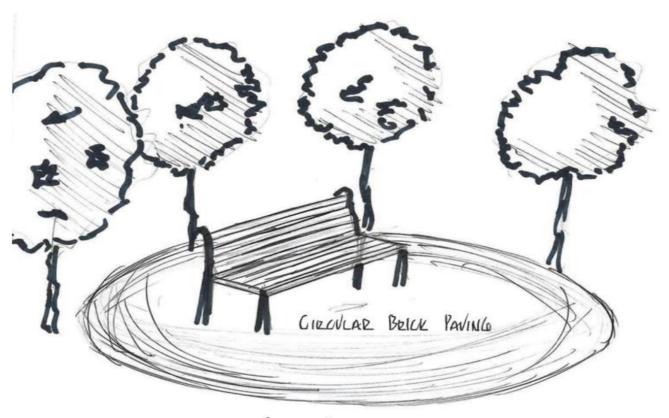


Proposed Location from above





Appendix 2 - Basic Sketch Proposals



GRASS SURROUND.

Simplified sketch of scheme above.

- Circular brick paving, front section open with grass coverage for integration into wider Promenade
- Memorial bench anchored toward rear of space
- Inscribed stone at ground level with details relating to the event.
- Permeable surrounding tree planting at rear for an element of containment

Extensive use will be made of the recent landscape improvements where perennial & annual bedding plants provide a changing element year-round.

The design concept will address the wider green infrastructural benefits of planting include carbon sequestration, climate adaption air quality improvement linking with recent works along the Promenade.

ITEM 3 ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE Meeting No 094 MINUTES Thursday 27 February 2025 Using MS Teams

Members Present:

Councillor M Goodman (Chair) Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council Councillor H Cushinan Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council Councillor R Lynch Councillor E Thompson Ards & North Down Borough Council Councillor J Cochrane Ards & North Down Borough Council Councillor G McKeen (Deputy Chair) Mid & East Antrim Borough Council Alderman M Morrow Mid & East Antrim Borough Council Mid & East Antrim Borough Council Councillor R Quigley Councillor K Murphy Newry, Mourne & Down District Council Councillor C Enright Newry, Mourne & Down District Council

Members' Apologies:

Councillor C Blaney
Councillor B Smyth
Belfast City Council
Belfast City Council
Belfast City Council
Belfast City Council
Councillor E McDonough-Brown
Councillor P Kennedy
Alderman S Skillen
Councillor A Givan
Ards & North Down Borough Council
Belfast City Council
Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
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Officers Present:

Councillor T Andrews

T Walker arc21
H Campbell arc21
J Green arc21
K Boal arc21

L Daly Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council

Newry, Mourne & Down District Council

B Murray, J McConnell Belfast City Council

W Muldrew
Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council
S Morley
Mid & East Antrim Borough Council
Newry, Mourne & Down District Council

Officers' Apologies:

M Laverty
D Lindsay
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council
Ards and North Down Borough Council

S Leonard Belfast City Council

R Harvey Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

The Chair thanked Councillor McKeen for Chairing the January meeting and thanked Members and Officers for their best wishes during his illness.

Item 1 - Conflicts of Interest Statement

The Chair read out the Conflicts of Interest Statement, and none were noted.

Action: Noted

Item 2 - Apologies

Apologies were noted. Action: Noted

Item 3 - Minutes of Joint Committee Meeting 093 held on 30 January 2025

The Joint Committee approved the minutes. Proposed by Cllr Enright, seconded by Ald Morrow, and agreed by all.

Action: Agreed

Item 4 - Matters Arising

Any specific matters were actioned or discussed under the main agenda items.

Action: Noted

IN COMMITTEE

The Chair recommended that the meeting would now move "in committee" which was agreed. Proposed by Cllr Enright and seconded by Ald Morrow.

Matters of a confidential and commercially sensitive nature were discussed under these agenda items.

Following discussion on the commercially sensitive matters, the Chair recommended that the meeting would now return to the main agenda, which was approved, but whilst "*In Committee*" during this section of the meeting, there were four matters discussed.

Item 5 - Minutes of Joint Committee Meeting 093 held on 30 January 2025 'in committee' - approved

Item 6 - Matters Arising - noted

Item 7 - Residual Waste Treatment Project - noted

Item 8 - Commercially Sensitive Contract & Procurement Issues - approved

OUT OF COMMITTEE

Proposed by Cllr Enright and seconded by Cllr Thompson.

Item 9 - Contracts & Operations Briefing Report

Service Status

Ms Boal reported that services were disrupted during the month of January 2025, requiring contingency arrangements to be put in place. This was due to damage caused by Storm Éowyn at NWP Keady, and a significant fire at RiverRidge (RR) Craigmore site.

She advised that this contingency arrangement providing cover for the Craigmore facility was still running and RR anticipated that services would resume in early March. She also advised that RR had asked to use their contingency weighbridge at their Mallusk site for one day, and no further issues were reported. In terms of contingency arrangements, she noted that these had worked well and provided a practical test of arc21's business continuity arrangements.

Performance

The performance tables for January were presented and Ms Boal noted that these had now been split between the main service contracts, residual contracts, and bring bank contracts.

For the service contracts, she noted that the turnaround times had been reviewed and in most cases the contractors provided sufficient reasons, and no service credits were applied. However, service credits were applied to Bryson for failing to meet their contracted turnaround limits. She noted that arc21 are still waiting on information from ReGen (Lot 2 MRF) and NWP (LCCC Haulage) to confirm if service credits will be applied to them regarding their turnaround times.

She reported that the overweight vehicles continue to be monitored and had increased this month compared to the last few months on the Landfill contract, and there had been another decrease on the Organics contract to reach the lowest level recorded for some time. She noted that officers have been asked to continue to liaise with their operational teams and sub-contractors and focus on reducing the number of overweight vehicles.

She noted that there were only minor issues with NWP's reporting in January that required a version 2 of their report due to incorrect data, and no service credits were applied.

For the residual contracts she reported that the turnaround times had been reviewed for January for the DPS contracts and ReGen provided adequate reasons for the BCC Lot 2 contract, and therefore no service credits were applied. However, service credits were applied to ReGen for the ANDBC Lot 3 contract for failing to meet their contracted turnaround times. She noted that arc21 was still waiting on information from RiverRidge to confirm if service credits would be applied in January regarding their turnaround times.

She advised that in January, there were issues with RiverRidge not submitting certain reporting documentation for the monthly reports for the MEABC and ANBC contracts, and therefore service credits would be applied. She noted that these same issues had been outstanding from previous months and service credits are being applied cumulatively on a rolling basis until they are rectified.

In terms of the bring bank contracts in January, she reported that there were 41 requests for bring site rectifications (they did not have the specified capacity) across all contracts. These were communicated to the contractors, and the majority of these were serviced within the required 48 hours. She noted that there was however an occasion when one paper bank site was not serviced by McQuillan Environmental, and another when ENVA failed to service a glass bring site within the required timeframes, and therefore service credits were applied to both contractors.

Health & Safety

(i) Incidents

Ms Boal reported that during January 2025, there were no Health & Safety incidents or near misses reported to arc21 by contractors which was a positive outcome.

(ii) Audits

In terms of audits, Ms Boal reported that the external Health & Safety consultant continued to undertake health and safety audits and in January, there was an audit conducted with Bryson at their MRF in Mallusk. Some minor recommendations and actions were identified, and these reports were shared with NWP, and arc21 officers were working with them to address these as soon as possible.

Rejected Loads

In terms of rejected loads, Ms Boal reported that there had been none delivered into the MRF facilities, however there had been four rejected loads into the Organics delivery sites in January 2025 which were due to vehicles not being cleaned properly after being used to collect other materials.

She noted that with the landfill contract now ended, arc21 will be working to dispose of rejected loads arising at the sites using the DPS contracts.

arc21 Contract Tonnages

A list of the contract tonnages for January 2025, compared to the same period last year, was presented and were summarised as follows:

- MRF Lot 1 a 1.6% decrease
 - MRF Lot 2 an 8.4% increase
- Organics Contract 8.6% increase for Type 1
- for Type 2 material, an increase of 0.1%
- Landfill Contract a 31.5% decrease

Code of Practice on Sampling and Reporting at Material Facilities

Ms Boal reported that arc21 had recently responded to the consultation on proposals to introduce obligations for certain facilities processing recyclates to sample input and output materials. She advised that DAERA had now published the Code of Practice on Sampling and Reporting at Materials Facilities in line with the Materials Facilities Code (NI) Regulations 2025, and confirmed an implementation date of 1 April 2025. She advised that this will bring Northern Ireland into line with the other administrations which have been operating to similar regulations for some time.

She advised that the guidance was still expected, but arc21 is unclear about when this will be issued.

The aims of the Code, the Material Facilities included and those deemed not in scope, as well as the materials that must be separately identified were noted.

She reported that the current arc21 contracts related to the receipt of kerbside dry recyclables already included requirements to sample, but at a lower frequency than will be required from 1 April 2025. She noted that it is expected that this will have limited impact as the contractor already have their processes in place. However, there was no requirement included in the contracts for the Bring Bank Services and as such the impact is presently being considered by the current service providers.

Supplies

Ms Boal advised that there had been four orders placed and ten delivered with no non-compliances in January.

She noted that council officers are informed, on a monthly basis, to place orders for supplies at the earliest opportunity as delays due to transportation and increased demand for certain categories of containers etc. may occur which may affect delivery timescales.

Ald Morrow advised that there had been some complaints about the bring banks at Sainsburys at Braidwater Retail Park, with material being left beside them of an unsanitary nature. Ms Boal advised that she was unsure if those banks fell within the remit of the arc21 contract but that she would check and arrange an inspection and raise a request. If they are not, she would seek to identify which operator is providing the collection service and she would raise a complaint on the Members behalf.

Action: Ms Boal

Following discussion the Joint Committee noted the report. Proposed by Ald Morrow and seconded by Cllr Thompson.

Action: Noted

Item 10 - Waste Tonnage Trends

Ms Boal presented a report showing the tonnage comparisons for material processed through the arc21 contracts since 2021/22.

She discussed the graphs presented and noted the following:

- landfill tonnages had diminished as less councils were delivering and there will be no more deliveries into this contract. She advised that this graph would now drop off the report from April;
- the graphs for residual Lot 2 and Lot 3 contracts were presented and updated with the new councils coming on board;
- Type 1 and Type 2 organics following similar trajectory to last year but should see these increasing as the weather improves;
- MRF Lot 1 virtually same trajectory as 22/23 year and coalescing at same point for last 3 years;
- MRF Lot 2 slight increase for NMDDC from the last three years which is a positive position for the council;
- MRF combined running slightly higher than last three years.

Ms Boal reported that an officer workshop had taken place earlier in the week to discuss the future requirements for the MRF contracts, as the outcome of DAERA's Consultation on *Rethinking our Resources* was still outstanding and councils could not defer consideration of future arrangements any longer. She noted that councils needed to decide what their future requirements for sorting their kerbside collected recyclable waste and she reported that the general view expressed was to procure further short-term contracts. She noted that it was planned to bring a report to Members in the next few months on an appropriate procurement strategy.

The other smaller contracts were also presented in graph format showing the four year trends.

She advised that she would provide an update on the textile income to the next Joint Committee meeting with a view on whether the current arrangements should be extended, or should they revert back to contract.

Following discussion the Joint Committee noted the report. Proposed by Cllr Lynch and seconded by Cllr Murphy.

Action: Noted

Item 11 - 4th Northern Ireland Waste & Resource Management Conference 2025

Mr Walker noted that the annual conference held by CIWM and Recycle NI was scheduled to be held on 15 May and, as in previous years, it was recommended that the Chair and Deputy Chair (or their nominees) and the Chief Executive (or his nominee) be approved to attend.

He advised that, as the current President of CIWM, he would be speaking at this event and he therefore would be proposing to nominate someone else in his place.

Following discussion the Joint Committee agreed to the recommendation. Proposed by Cllr Enright and seconded by Ald Morrow.

Action: Agreed

Item 12 - Annual arc21 Seminar

Mr Walker reminded Members of the annual arc21 webinar, titled *Waste Aware 2025:* What's coming ... which was scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 12 March 2024, 10.00 - 12.00. He advised that the speakers included representatives from DAERA, CIWM, SIB, NAWDO, WRAP and would be focusing on issues affecting councils, touching upon the latest developments on pEPR as well as other topics, such as DRS and an overview of the ETS scheme.

It was noted that the programme details and invitation would be circulated imminently, and Members were encouraged to attend and to extend the invite to other colleagues within their councils.

Following discussion the Joint Committee noted the webinar. Proposed by Cllr Enright and seconded by Ald Morrow.

Action: Noted

Action: arc21

Item 13 - AOB

There was no further business discussed.

Item 14 - Next Meeting Thursday 27 March 2025, hybrid format.

Mr Walker advised that a venue was to be confirmed to host the hybrid meeting in March with the appropriate facilities for attendance in-person and online, and Members would be informed accordingly.

Date:	Chairman:		

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3rd March 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

The Carneyhaugh Business Park, Newry (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2025

In accordance with the provision of Schedule 8 to the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993, I enclose a copy of the above-mentioned draft Order and related map together with a copy of the statutory notice which will be published in the Belfast Gazette, Newry Democrat and Newry Reporter.

Yours faithfully

Lynsey Wilson

Lynsey Wilson Transport Legislation Branch

STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2025 No.

ROADS

The Carneyhaugh Business Park, Newry (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2025

 Made
 2025

 Coming into operation
 2025

The Department for Infrastructure(**a**) makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 68(1) and (5) of the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993(**b**) and now vested in it(**c**).

The Department in accordance with Article 68(4) of that Order, proposes to abandon the area of road described in the Schedule as it is not necessary for road traffic.

Notice has been published, served and displayed in compliance with paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 8 to that Order.

(Here will follow, where appropriate, recitals of the fact of any objection received or inquiry held and the outcome thereof).

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Carneyhaugh Business Park, Newry (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2025 and shall come into operation on 2025.

Application

- 2. The area of road described in the Schedule is abandoned.
- **3.**—(1) All existing cables, wires, mains, pipes or other apparatus placed along, across, over or under the abandoned area of road shall be retained.
- (2) All existing rights as to the use or maintenance of such cables, wires, mains, pipes or other apparatus shall be preserved.

⁽a) Formerly the Department for Regional Development; see section 1(6) and (11) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (2016 c. 5 (N.I.))

⁽b) S.I. 1993/3160 (N.I. 15)

⁽c) S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 6(d) and Schedule 4 Part IV

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Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Infrastructure on 2025

(L.S.)

A senior officer of the Department for Infrastructure

SCHEDULE

Article 2

AREA OF ROAD TO BE ABANDONED

An area of 71 square metres of road at Carneyhaugh Business Park, Newry commencing at a point 27 metres south-west of the junction of the Rathfriland Road with the entrance to the Carneyhaugh Business Park and continuing for a distance of 19.8 metres in a south-westerly direction, more particularly delineated and shown hatched and coloured black on map number IN1/25/124873.

A copy of the map has been deposited at the Department's Headquarters, 3rd Floor Area A, James House, Gasworks Site, 2-4 Cromac Avenue, Belfast and at DfI Roads Southern Division, Newry Mourne & Down (West) Section Office, Carnbane Depot, 2 Springhill Road, Newry.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order abandons the area of road described in the Schedule.

ABANBONMENT – CARNEYHAUGH BUSINESS PARK, NEWRY

The Department for Infrastructure (DfI), being of the opinion that the road is not necessary for road traffic, gives notice of its intention to make an Order under Article 68 of the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993, the effect of which would be to abandon an area of 71 square metres of road at Carneyhaugh Business Park, Newry commencing at a point 27 metres south-west of the junction of the Rathfriland Road with the entrance to the Carneyhaugh Business Park and continuing for a distance of 19.8 metres in a south-westerly direction.

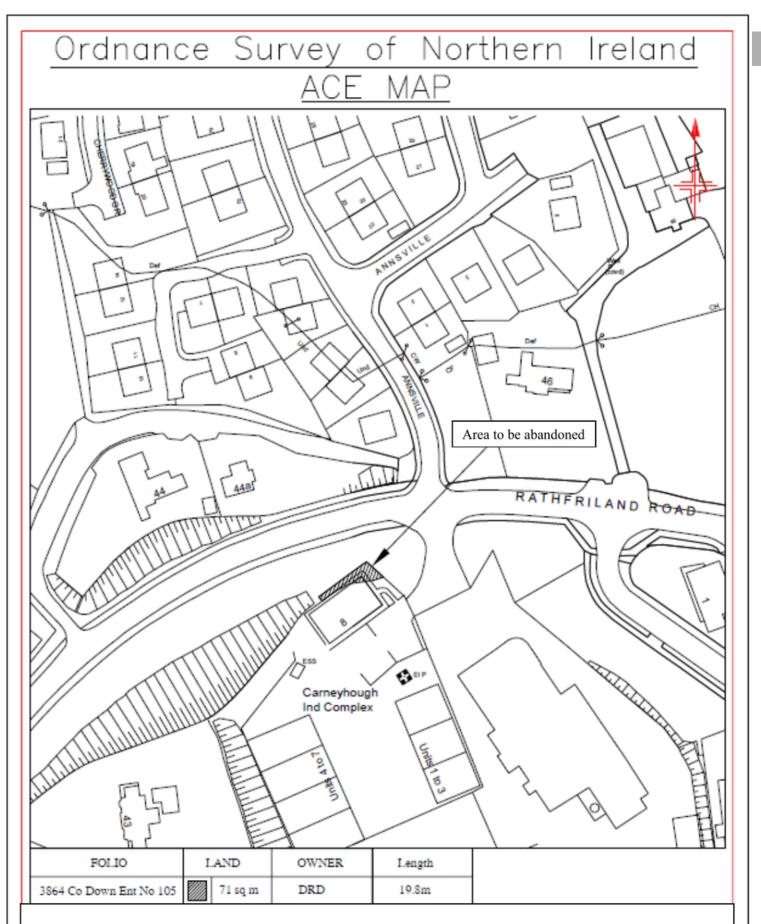
The area of road proposed to be abandoned is delineated on a map which, together with a copy of a draft Order, may be inspected free of charge during office hours within the period 11 March 2025 to 22 April 2025 at Dfl Roads Southern Division, Newry Mourne & Down (West) Section Office, Carnbane Depot, 2 Springhill Road, Newry BT35 6EF or viewed online at www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations

Inspection of the draft Order and map is by appointment only which can be arranged either by e-mail using the e-mail address below or by telephone during office hours (Monday to Friday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm) on 0300 200 7899.

Any person may, within the period above, object to the proposal by writing to the Department at the address above or by e-mailing southernlandsteam@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk stating the grounds of the objection. The information you provide in your response to this consultation, excluding personal information, may be published or disclosed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) or the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR). If you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential, please tell us why, but be aware that, under the FOI/EIR, we cannot guarantee confidentiality.

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DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

Map No. IN1/25/124873 referred to in "The Carneyhaugh Business Park, Newry (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2025" made by the Department on 2025 and coming into operation on 2025.

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