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To: Business Support Unit
Subject: NORTHSIDE URBAN VILLAGE DRAFT REGENERATION FRAMEWORK.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am very sorry that this response is three days late, but I had been away and missed your deadline. (On the basis that I might have sent it by second class post, could you please accept the lateness!)

I had a number of specific comments which I have noted below:

- **Consolidation.** The consolidation of housing in the Brown Square area is welcomed and could create a thriving and sustainable community close to the City Centre.
- **Crossing points.** Strong connections to the City Centre will be vital to ensure both physical and psychological linkages to the surroundings.
- **Traffic Calming.** With the completion of the Westlink improvements, Millfield would benefit from some downgrading with perhaps a reduction in the number of lanes and the introduction of landscaping. Parking bays could be introduced, which would help ease parking congestion and provide some parking in the evenings and weekends for the community and the church.
- **Millfield/Carrick Hill Identity.** Millfield and Carrick Hill have an identity crisis. How about a City Council initiative to recreate the ethos of Smithfield with a **Street Market**. The roads could be reduced to one lane on a Sunday for example and space created.
- **Wilson Street.** The Wilson Street/Milfield junction forms a large barrier on the street. Surely it doesn't have to be this big?
- **Westlink Bridges.** The Westlink Bridge links to the Shankill and Falls could be dramatically improved by incorporating 'outriggers' either side for more attractive pedestrian and cycle paths and landscaping.
- **Divis Street/Millfield/Castle Street/College Avenue Junction.** This is a major gateway to the City Centre and forms the link to your new West Side initiative. Could the whole appearance of the junction be improved together with masking planting in front of the ugly College building. As with the note above on Millfield, could the number of lanes be reduced and could better crossing points be introduced?

Again, please accept my apologies for a late response. I hope you can accept it.

Kind regards,

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