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North West Quarter Regeneration part 2.

Sinn Fein Response

This opportunity to regenerate the North West Quarter should not be missed. It should be based on Inclusion, Equality, Accessibility and addressing Objective Need. This will not be achieved if lead by market forces. It should not be developed in isolation to the surrounding communities. It should be fully integrated with existing strategies. It should be based upon the best of what already exists in this area. The aim should be to achieve a vision of integrating communities into the City Centre rather than creating an interface between the rich and the poor, the already included and the consistently excluded.

This consultation process has raised some concerns. It is our view that it has not been fully inclusive. Has failed to fully engage with all interested parties and stake holders, i.e. Ethnic Minorities, Disability Groups, Churches, C.E.P's, etc. Has failed to be robust, accessible, flexible and imaginative in promoting the maximum input in order to achieve the best outcome.

Sinn Fein has been campaigning consistently for the need to address need objectively and on the bases of equality. Housing need in North Belfast remains to be an outrageous scandal which successive strategies have failed to address. Governments own statistics demonstrate this stark inequality especially for the Nationalist community. Therefore the regeneration of the North West Quarter must include housing as a central and fundamental part of the master plan. This should be based on examples of best practice, fully integrated and should promote sustainable communities that are reflective of objective need. opportunities for the acquiring of land to develop housing schemes are few and far between, based on the current lack of political will by Direct Rule Ministers. Therefore when the potential presents itself it should be grasped. Whilst Sinn Fein has been consistent in opposing the creation of further interfaces and has striven to resolve existing tensions, this issue should not be used as a barrier to Nationalists achieving the right to be housed. The master plan should be sensitive and creative in designing housing developments that whilst addressing need do not exacerbate any remaining difficulties. We believe that this objective is very much realistic and achievable whilst still managing to reach the goal of low density high quality homes.

This area should be opened up as an accessible gateway to the City Centre, with modern standards of lighting and public transport. This would aid the reduction of harm to those that live within the area and access goods facilities and services there. There already exists groups of marginalized and vulnerable people within this area and they should be encouraged to remain and attract other groups to contribute to a vibrant rich diverse and safe community.

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