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Our ref:
Your ref:

Dear Deputy First Minister

Re: Community Safety/Environmental Changes - Upper Ardoyne

We are pleased to note that the agreed consultation process in relation to the road realignment scheme for Ardoyne Road has now been completed in both communities. A safety scheme has been designed that meets all the requirements of both communities as well as emergency services and local service providers.

Whilst lower Ardoyne representatives took the opportunity to submit plans of their own, they clearly failed to achieve a number of key objectives, namely:

- To improve community safety. In fact their plans widened the amount of open public space at the interface and may have led to a deterioration of community safety;
- To provide partial disruption of line of sight, whilst allowing line of sight from lower Ardoyne Road to Holy Cross school gates;
- To provide satisfactory access for emergency services. The plans in fact prevented emergency services access to homes at 41 - 49 Ardoyne Road.

Whilst we took the time to consider the proposals submitted by representatives of lower Ardoyne, we are taken somewhat aback that they have taken the liberty of completely redesigning a scheme which is to be built in their neighbouring community, whilst ignoring the plans designed by that neighbouring community itself. We felt that a more appropriate process would have been to afford us the courtesy of allowing us to design whatever works are to be carried out in our own back yard, and then to suggest any reasonable amendments by agreement. Nevertheless, their submissions were considered, and fall short on the points outlined above. The plan to which we have given our support does not fall short.

Having now allowed the consultation period to develop well beyond the initially anticipated timeframe, we are keen to see progress as soon as is humanly possible, and we would be grateful for any assistance you could offer in this regard.

Yours sincerely

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