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PUBLIC INFORMATION EVENT

NEW CYCLE ROUTE ALONG ALFRED STREET/ UPPER ARTHUR STREET

The Minister for Regional Development, Danny Kennedy MLA, published the draft Bicycle Strategy for Northern Ireland for consultation in August 2014¹. The draft Strategy highlighted the Minister's vision for cycling and his ambition to deliver safe coherent bicycle infrastructure that is attractive and practical to give people the freedom and confidence to travel by bicycle. In taking this forward, the Department for Regional Development is proposing to deliver new bicycle routes and connections across Belfast City Centre. The first part of this proposal is to upgrade the existing cycle infrastructure along Upper Arthur Street and extend it to provide a new connecting two-way segregated cycle lane along Alfred Street.

This proposed new bicycle route along Alfred Street and Upper Arthur Street will provide a continuous segregated cycle facility between Ormeau Avenue and Chichester Street. It will provide an opportunity for people to avail of designated cycle connections between the Lagan tow path (Gas Works / Lower Ormeau) to Belfast city centre core retail and employment area.

For this scheme, two preliminary options have been developed for the route. These layouts have been enclosed for your review and consideration.

- Layout Option 1 – Cycle Route along the East Side of Alfred Street / Upper Arthur Street
- Layout Option 2 – Cycle Route along the West Side of Alfred Street / Upper Arthur Street

A Public Information Event will be held on **Friday 29th May 2015 between 10:30am and 16:00hrs** at the Department for Regional Development offices in Clarence Court, Adelaide Street, Belfast.

This event will provide an opportunity for you to review the proposed options on a larger scale and discuss the designs with members of the project team.

This Public Information Event will be the first stage of consultation, a further formal consultation will be held when the preferred option layout has been finalised.

If you have any queries prior to the Information Event, please contact Amey or DRD Cycling Unit.
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Yours faithfully,

Project Manager

<http://www.drdni.gov.uk/draft-bicycle-strategy-for-northern-ireland-august-2014.pdf>

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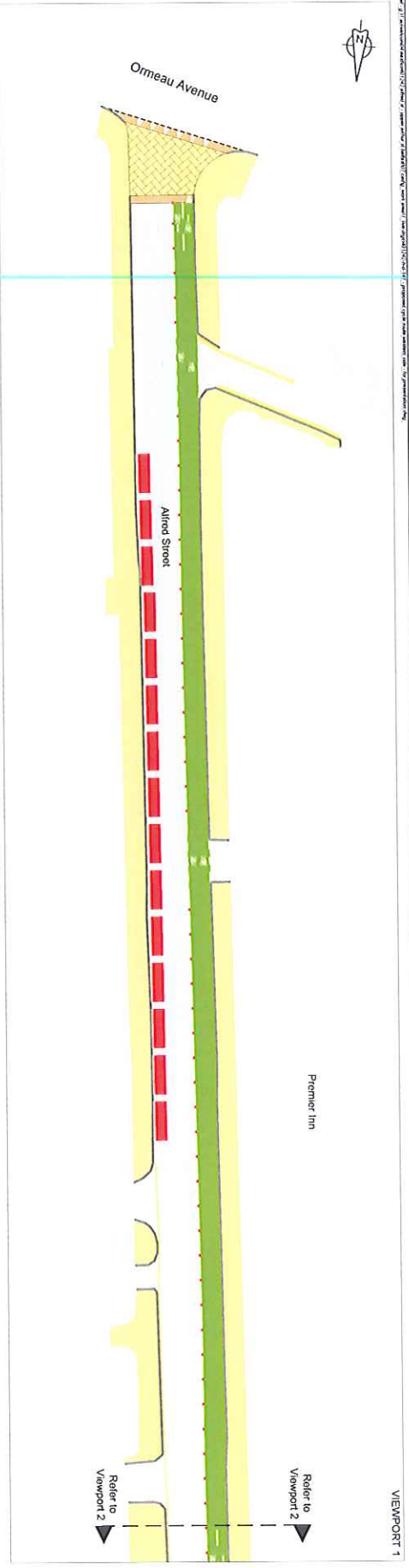
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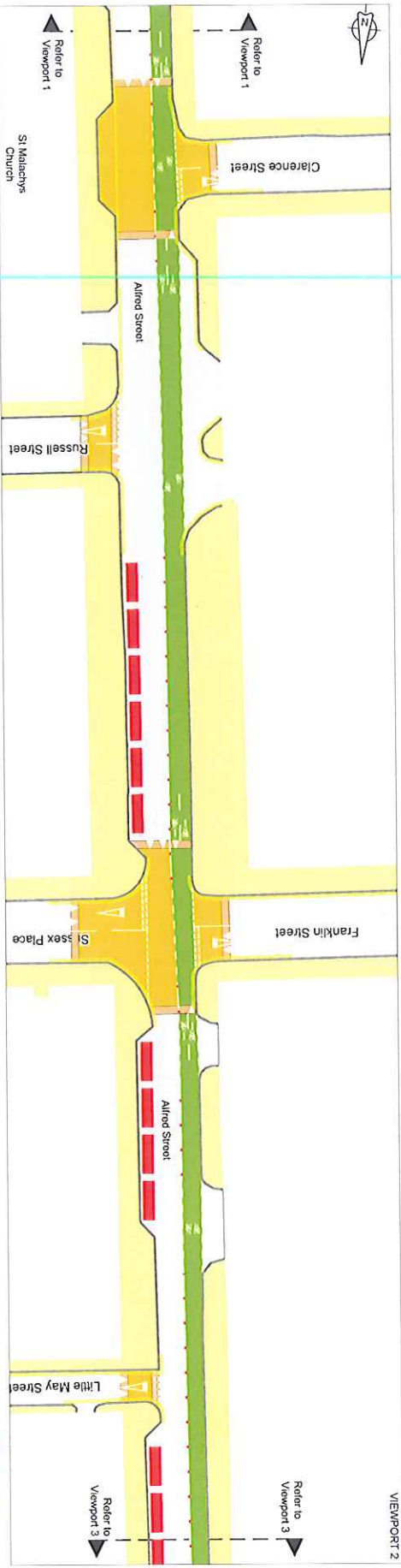
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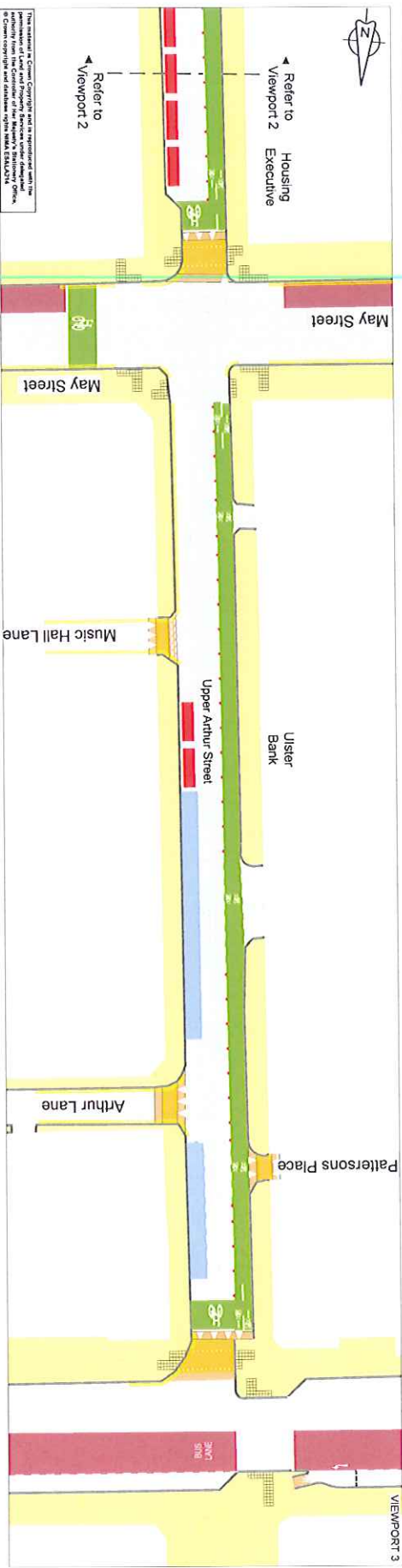
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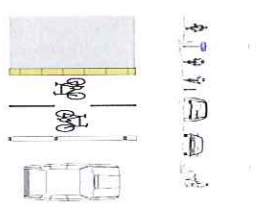


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- 2. All dimensions are to the centre line unless otherwise stated.
- 3. All dimensions are to the face unless otherwise stated.
- 4. All dimensions are to the top unless otherwise stated.
- 5. All dimensions are to the bottom unless otherwise stated.



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Project	Alfred Street - Upper Arthur St
Location	Alfred Street - Upper Arthur St
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Alfred St - Upper Arthur St
 Cycle Link

Western Cycle Link option on Alfred street / Upper Arthur St

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