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Dear Andrew,

SECOND FOLLOW-UP LETTER FROM CYCLING UK AND DfI MEETING

Thank you for your correspondence dated 11 August 2022, raising a number of queries.

The Minister has a wide range of complex and competing priorities and these need careful consideration, taking account of the resources available. The Minister will communicate through the Assembly and media, as appropriate as he determines the way forward.

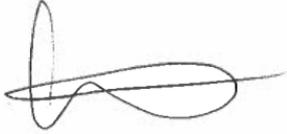
Active travel is one of these competing priorities, and you may be aware that the Department's priorities for active travel are laid out in various publications, such as the Cycling Strategy, Greenway Strategy and most recently the Belfast Cycling Network Delivery Plan. Currently the Department's focus is implementation of the Climate Change Act which will have a significant impact on active travel, and for clarity, the Minister's commitment is to consider taking forward legislation to support active travel, not to an Active Travel Act *per se*.

You may also be aware that policy changes across the Department are subject to engagement with stakeholders and consultation, and the Minister is committed to ensuring this good practice will be applied to all the policy areas, including those you raise.

Regarding the Limestone/Cavehill Road cycle lane, following initial objections to the construction of Phase 1 of the pop-up Cycle Lane on the Limestone Road, the Minister has asked officials to review the scheme and initiate a new consultation process with residents, local stakeholders and local cycling

campaign groups. This will also include the proposal for Cavehill Road between Antrim Road and Westland Road. Officials advise that they hope to be in a position to commence this new consultation this autumn.

Yours Sincerely,

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EMMA STOCKMAN

Private Secretary to the Minister