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Department for Regional Development
Public Transport Reform Team
Room 101, Clarence Court
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Dear Sirs

RE: Public Transport Reform

I refer to the above named consultation:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this consultation. The Council for Nature Conservation and the Countryside is an independent statutory body established to advise Government on issues related to nature conservation and the countryside in Northern Ireland, and our brief comments reflect that remit and our lack of expertise in transport matters.

CNCC welcomes the commitment to provide an effective, efficient and sustainable public transport service for Northern Ireland. This has considerable potential to reduce carbon emissions and hence contribute to achieving important targets. We support major investment in public transport, without which it will be impossible to persuade people to move from the use of private cars to more environmentally-friendly forms of transport.

Yours sincerely



Patrick Casement
Chairman