

Titanic Quarter Access – Meeting 2

10AM, 14 October 2010: Titanic House, Queen’s Island

Notes of meeting

		Action
1	Introductions	
	<p>The Chair (John Cummins) welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Present:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. John Cummins (JC), Department of the Environment (DoE) 2. Doreen Brown (DB), Department for Regional Development (DRD) 3. Bernard Clarke (BC) , Department for Regional Development -Translink 4. Graeme Beckett (GB), Department for Regional Development - Rapid Transit 5. Callie Persic (CP), Belfast Area Partnership Boards (BAPs) 6. Sam Heaney (SH), Titanic Quarter Ltd (TQL) 7. Colin Sykes (CS), Department for Regional Development - Roads Service 8. Colin Robinson (CR), Inner East Forum 9. John McGrillen (JMcG), Belfast City Council – Development (BCC) 10. Keith Sutherland (KS), Belfast City Council – Planning and Transport (BCC) 11. Lisa McCartney (LMcC), Belfast City Council – Economic Development (BCC) 	
2	Apologies	
	Apologies were recorded from Jackie Johnston (BCCRD), Pamela Davison (Belfast City Council) and the Belfast Harbour Commissioners.	
3	Minutes of Meeting	
	Minutes of 26 August were confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.	
4	Matters Arising	
	<p>4.1 Additional Members – Lisa McCartney (LMcC) confirmed the Strategic Investment Board, Department for Social Development and Belfast Harbour Commissioners had been invited to participate in TQ Access.</p> <p>4.2 Champions Meeting - LMcC confirmed a meeting of Thematic Action Group ‘champions’ was scheduled to take place on 5 November, 2010.</p> <p>4.3 TQ Site Plan – Sam Heaney (SH) shared a site plan for the Titanic Development.</p> <p>4.4 Planning Decisions – John Cummins (JC) agreed to provide an overview of all key planning decisions under item 5 of the agenda.</p> <p>TQ Transportation Plans - SH circulated a summary document outlining the infrastructure provision to be delivered as the development progresses (including Phases 1 – 4).</p> <p>4.4 Access/Transport Issues - A number of stakeholders provided a summary of key accessibility and transportation issues relating to Titanic Quarter. BC noted Translink would provide a submission once essential information had</p>	BC

	<p>been received from DOE Licensing.</p> <p>4.5 Premier Inn - Ben Clayton, Manager of Premier Inn has yet to make contact with Bernard Clarke, Translink.</p>	
5	Baseline Position – Summary of Issues and Issues Arising	
	<p>JC provided an overview of all Titanic Quarter related planning applications and maps were distributed.</p> <p>Map 1 ‘Titanic Quarter and Vicinity Map’ including:</p> <p>No 1 –Titanic Quarter (185 acres) No 2 – NI Science Park No 3 – Belfast City Airport No 4 – Connsbank Interchange No 5 - Car Showroom Use (outside of TQ boundaries) No 6 – Odyssey Complex (major mixed use development) No. 7 – Queen’s Quay Proposal No 8 – City Quays</p> <p>Map 2 ‘Key Historic Planning Decisions</p> <p>No 1 – Queen’s Road Hotel No 2 – ARC 1 (Phase 1) – residential use No 3 – Gateway Offices (Phase 1) No 4 – Arc II (Phase 2) – residential use No 5 – Titanic Signature Project (Phase 2) No 6 – Hamilton Graving Dock Restoration (Phase 2) No 7 – Blocks 9 & 11 (residential, leisure, retail and office use) No 8 – Hamilton Dock Hotel (Block 8) No 9 – Drawing Offices (Change of Use to Function Rooms) No 10 – Belfast Metropolitan College No 11 – PRONI</p> <p>Map 3 ‘Current Proposals’</p> <p>No 1 – North Yard (Business and Education Use) – consultation ongoing No 2 – Block 12 (residential, 2 x hotels, retail and business use) – consultation ongoing No 3 – Boutique Hotel – consultation ongoing No 4 – Financial Services Campus – reassessment currently being undertaken by Planning Service Management Board</p> <p>Also:</p> <p>Phase 2: Variation of Condition (Connsbank Interchange) – consultation ongoing</p> <p>JC noted that Planning Service is heavily engaged with Titanic Quarter Ltd and a</p>	

	<p>condition of the overall Phase 2 development however an Article 28 application to remove the opening of the TSP as a trigger for the junction was received in May 2010. Roads Service has provided a response and has requested that further information be provided in order to assess the transport issues involved.</p> <p>SH agreed to co-ordinate a meeting of all key stakeholders (Roads, TQL, RPS and Planning Service) to discuss the Article 28 application.</p> <p>JC agreed to clarify the current status of the outline planning application for the site surrounding the Odyssey complex.</p> <p>CP asked for clarification on the status of the proposed pedestrian bridge and how pedestrian access to Titanic Quarter could be enhanced. It was noted BCCRD would be asked to provide an update at a future meeting of the group.</p> <p>SH noted the infrastructure provision within Titanic Quarter would be delivered in phases as the development progresses. Key transportation principles include walking, cycling, public transport and private car.</p> <p>TQL is currently considering infrastructure provision associated with Phase 2. Key issues include high frequency Metro bus services on Queen's Road/Abercorn Crescent and rail connection.</p> <p>KS noted the importance of maximising the use of existing infrastructure (e.g., rail) and of sustainable transport services.</p> <p>JMcG noted a key objective for Council is to maximise the potential of the site and the connectivity to the rest of the city, ensuring this new part of the city is integrated and accessible to all. In a discussion regarding the need for co-ordinated actions in improving pedestrian access, JMcG agreed Council officers would take the lead in identifying the existing proposals / ownership that relate to the provision of walkways along the river corridor.</p>	<p>GB</p> <p>SH</p> <p>JC</p> <p>KS</p>
6	Next Steps	
	Individual stakeholders agreed to follow up on key actions and to meet before Christmas.	ALL
7	Any Other Business	
	None	
8	Date of Next Meeting	
	JC thanked participants for their input and confirmed the next meeting of TQ Access would take place at 10:00am on Thursday 9 December, 2010 at Titanic Quarter Ltd, Titanic House.	