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Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024

Our reference:  
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### RECORDED DELIVERY

Dear Adrian McCreesh,

#### **A29 Cookstown Bypass Scheme – Notice of Intention to Make a Vesting Order**

As you may already be aware, the Department proposes to carry out the above scheme which necessitates the acquisition of some land in which you may have an interest.

In pursuance of the provisions of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972, and the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993, I enclose a formal Notice of the Department's Intention to make a Vesting Order, together with schedule and map extracts specifying the land which the Department proposes to acquire.

A similar Notice will be published for 2 consecutive weeks in Irish News, Belfast Newsletter, Belfast Telegraph, Mid Ulster Mail, Tyrone Courier and Belfast Gazette during the weeks ending 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Documents relating to the scheme, including the Vesting Order, Direction Order, Stopping-Up of Private Accesses, and Environmental Impact Assessment Report, may be inspected by any person, free of charge, at all reasonable hours between 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 and 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024, at the following locations:

- DfI Roads Headquarters, Clarence Court, 10-18 Adelaide Street, Belfast BT2 8GB
- DfI Roads Western Division, County Hall, Drumragh Avenue, Omagh BT79 7AF
- Mid Ulster Section Office, Loughrey, 49 Tullywiggan Road, Cookstown BT80 8SG
- The Burnavon, Burn Road, Cookstown BT80 8DN

Electronic copies of these documents are available to view or download on the Department's website: <https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/articles/a29-cookstown-bypass-overview>

If you wish to object to the proposed vesting order being made or express an opinion on any of the reports, you must write to the Divisional Roads Manager, DfI, Roads - Western, County Hall, Drumragh Avenue, Omagh, BT79 7AF, or email [dfiroads.western@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk](mailto:dfiroads.western@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk) before 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024, giving your reasons.

If we do not hear from you by 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024, it will be assumed that (INSERT STAT CON NAME) has no comment to make on the Scheme.

Information you provide in your response, including personal information, could be published or disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

For information regarding the Departmental Privacy Notice following the introduction of GDPR please go to the following link <https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/publications/gdpr-privacy-notice-dfi-business-areas> or phone the Data Protection Office on 028 9054 0540.

For further details on confidentiality and FOIA/EIR please refer to [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the team on 028 9595 3065 or [A29Consultation@wsp.com](mailto:A29Consultation@wsp.com).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Duddy', written in a cursive style.

Rory Duddy  
Divisional Lands Officer

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*A29 CIS Statutory Notice – NIMVO Apr 2024*

**DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE**  
**A29 COOKSTOWN BYPASS**

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

The Department for Infrastructure hereby gives notice in accordance with Article 67A(3) and (9) of the 1993 Order that it has prepared an Environmental Impact Assessment Report on the effects of the proposed construction of the A29 Cookstown Bypass Scheme.

The general effect of the project will be to construct 3930 metres of new trunk road including four new roundabouts to form part of the Warrenpoint – Newry – Dungannon – Coleraine Trunk Road T15. It also includes the upgrading of 1635 metres of the Sandholes Link Road to form part of the Cookstown – Omagh – Enniskillen – Aghalane (land frontier) Trunk Road T10.

The aim of the project is to provide a new transport link improving the connections between A29 Moneymore Road and the A29 Dungannon Road and also upgrade the link between A29 Dungannon Road and the A505 Drum Road, reducing traffic congestion in Cookstown and improving the reliability of journey times for vehicular travellers.

In addition to earthworks and drainage, landscaping will be carried out to improve the appearance of the road and lessen the visual impact of the proposed project.

**TRUNK ROAD ORDER**  
**THE TRUNK ROAD T10 & T15 (COOKSTOWN BYPASS SCHEME) ORDER**  
**(NORTHERN IRELAND) 2024**

The Department for Infrastructure hereby gives notice in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 8 to the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 that it proposes to make an Order under Articles 14(1) and 68(1), (3) and (5) of that Order.

The proposed Order will provide that 3930 metres of new road described in Part 1 of the Schedule, shall become trunk road and be part of the Warrenpoint – Newry – Dungannon – Coleraine Land Frontier T15 and 1635 metres of upgraded road described in Part 2 of the schedule shall become trunk road and be part of the Cookstown – Omagh – Aghlane (Land Frontier) T10.

The Order also provides for the stopping-up of certain junctions, the stopping-up of certain roads to road traffic and the stopping-up of certain roads to motor vehicles as set out in parts 3 to 6 of the schedule and to the abandonment of roads as per part 7 of the Schedule.

**STOPPING-UP ORDER**  
**THE PRIVATE ACCESSES ON THE A29 COOKSTOWN BYPASS**  
**(STOPPING UP) ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2024**



The Department for Infrastructure (DfI) gives notice of its intention to make an Order under Article 69 of the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 ("the 1993 Order") the effect of which would be to:

stop-up to motor traffic the following private accesses for which alternative access will be provided:-

- The unadopted Castle Road, Killymoon Demesne Townland (access to Nos. 39, 41, 41(a), 47, 49, 51 and 51(a) Castle Road); and
- The unadopted Killymoon Road, Killymoon Demesne Townland (access to Killymoon Golf Club, 280, 300 and 302 Killymoon Road).

stop-up to road traffic the following private accesses for which alternative access will be provided:-

- The unadopted Castle Road, Killymoon Demesne Townland (access to Nos. 39, 41, 41(a), 47, 49, 51 and 51(a) Castle Road);
- The unadopted Castle Road, Killymoon Demesne Townland (field access);
- The unadopted Killymoon Road, Killymoon Demesne Townland (access to Killymoon Golf Club, 280, 300 and 302 Killymoon Road);
- Clare Lane, Unclassified No. 728, Clare Townland (field access);
- Coagh Road, Route B73, Tullygare Townland (field access);
- (T15) A29 Moneymore Road (Southbound Carriageway), Ballymenagh Townland (access to No. 101 Moneymore Road);
- (T15) A29 Moneymore Road (Southbound Carriageway), Ballymenagh Townland (field access);
- (T15) A29 Moneymore Road (Southbound Carriageway), Ballymenagh Townland (access to No. 103 Moneymore Road);
- Old Moneymore Road, Unclassified No. 2208, Monrush Townland (field access);
- Old Moneymore Road, Unclassified No. 2208, Tamlaghtmore Townland (field access); and
- Strifehill Road, Unclassified No. 831, Coolkeeghan Townland (field access).

Articles 19 and 69(7) of the 1993 Order provide that where access to any land has been stopped-up in pursuance of an order made under Article 69 and any person has suffered damage in consequence thereof by the depreciation of any estate in the land to which they are entitled or by being distributed in their enjoyment of the land, they shall be entitled to recover from the Department compensation in respect of that damage.

#### **NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE A VESTING ORDER**

The Department for Infrastructure ("the Department") proposes to make an order vesting certain lands in the townlands of Coolkeeghan, Killymoon Demesne, Gortalowry, Coolnahavil, Scotchtown, Coolnafranky, Clare, New Buildings, Tullygare, Ballymenagh, Cranfield, Monrush, Glebe (Derryloran), Ballyreagh, Derryloran Alias Kirktown, all of County Tyrone and Tamlaghtmore, County Londonderry in the Department under the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 and The Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993.

The Department proposes to acquire the lands in order to construct the A29 Cookstown Bypass Scheme in Cookstown, County Tyrone and County Londonderry.

All documents and maps relating to the scheme may be inspected, by appointment, during office opening hours at the following locations: Department for Infrastructure, Clarence Court, 10-18 Adelaide Street, Belfast BT2 8GB; Western Division, County Hall, Drumragh Avenue, Omagh BT79 7AF; Mid Ulster Section Office, Loughrey, 49 Tullywiggan Road, Cookstown BT80 8SG; and at The Burnavon, Burn Road, Cookstown, BT80 8DT.

or at:- <https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/articles/a29-cookstown-bypass-overview>

Any person who wishes to express an opinion on the Environmental Impact Assessment Report or to object to the making of The Trunk Roads T15 & T10 (Cookstown Bypass) Order (Northern Ireland) 2024, The Private Accesses (Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2024 or the proposed Vesting Order must, on or before 29 May 2024, write to the Divisional Roads Manager, Department for Infrastructure – Western Division, County Hall, Drumragh Avenue, Omagh BT79 7AF or e-mail [dfiroads.western@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk](mailto:dfiroads.western@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk) stating their opinion on the Environmental Impact Assessment Report and/or the grounds of their objection to the proposed Orders. The Department will take into consideration any representations made, in support of or against the project, before deciding whether or not to proceed with or without modifications.

Information you provide in your response, including **personal information**, could be published or disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

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Signed:   
Authorised Officer

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024





Department  
of Health &  
Social Care

*From the Rt Hon Andrew Stephenson CBE MP  
Minister of State for Health and Secondary Care*

*39 Victoria Street  
London  
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Your Ref: C013/24

PO-1499852

Councillor Dominic Malloy  
Chair  
Mid Ulster District Council  
By email to: [info@midulstercouncil.org](mailto:info@midulstercouncil.org)

28 March 2024

Dear Councillor Malloy,

Thank you for your correspondence of 31 January to the Prime Minister on behalf of Newry Mourne and Down District Council about access to cystic fibrosis medication. Your letter has been passed to the Department of Health and Social Care.

I am grateful to you for raising these concerns.

As you may know, the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) is the independent body responsible for developing evidence-based recommendations on whether medicines should be routinely funded by the NHS, based on an assessment of their costs and benefits. NICE appraises all newly licensed medicines, and the process means that the NHS can be confident that spending on NICE-recommended medicines will not displace spending on other treatments that may be more effective. These are difficult decisions to make, and it is right that they are made independently of Government by experts, based on the available evidence of clinical and cost effectiveness. It is important to note that NICE recommends the vast majority of medicines it appraises, often as a result of confidential commercial agreements between the NHS and pharmaceutical companies.

The cystic fibrosis medicines Orkambi, Symkevi and Kaftrio are currently available as treatment options for eligible NHS patients under the terms of an interim access agreement, which was originally reached in 2019. The interim access arrangements agreed with Vertex in each of the UK nations have made the medicines available at a reduced price and for a limited time, while enabling the collection of data to inform a NICE appraisal to determine whether the medicines should be routinely funded by the NHS. On 15 November, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency approved a new licence extension, and children as young as two with cystic fibrosis are now eligible to receive Kaftrio through the interim access agreement.

NICE published draft guidance on 3 November that does not recommend Orkambi, Symkevi and Kaftrio for the treatment of cystic fibrosis. While I understand this is extremely disappointing, it is important to note that recommendations on medicines can,

and often do, change during the NICE process. The draft guidance was subject to a public consultation that closed on 24 November, and NICE's appraisal committee met on 14 December to consider the comments received.

NICE has now reached a point in the process where it can pause guidance development to allow further commercial negotiations between the NHS and the pharmaceutical company. An update on the anticipated date of final guidance publication will be provided by NICE once timelines are confirmed.

Eligible children and adults with cystic fibrosis can continue to receive and be started on treatment with these medicines, as clinically appropriate, while NICE's appraisal is ongoing. Additionally, there is a flexible commercial mechanism in place between NHS England and Vertex to ensure that patients already receiving these treatments will have continued access following the publication of NICE's final guidance, regardless of the outcome.

If you have not already done so, you may also wish to raise this matter with Northern Ireland's Department of Health, at [webmaster@health-ni.gov.uk](mailto:webmaster@health-ni.gov.uk).

I hope this reply is helpful.

Yours sincerely,



**THE RT HON ANDREW STEPHENSON CBE MP  
MINISTER OF STATE**

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22 March 2024

Dear Dominic

**Re: Your ref: C013.24 – NI Water complaint from Cllr Dan Kerr**

Thank you for your most recent letter, reference above, which I received on 7 March 2024.


As you will be aware, this matter, concerning Cllr Kerr's dissatisfaction with the channels available to him for contacting NI Water, has continued for some time. I have confirmed previously that NI Water offers a direct phone number for Elected Representatives to contact our Customer Service teams on 0345 3006461. I accept that, conceivably, Elected Representatives who contact us on this number could, on rare occasion, experience delays in receiving an update on their query. However, I would stress that in general, NI Water is not aware of any wider dissatisfaction from any other Elected Representative across Northern Ireland with this phone line. We have a dedicated Liaison Officer for queries from the Department of Infrastructure and the Assembly and in speaking with him about this, I feel confident in suggesting that our Elected Representatives phone line is generally well thought of, and appreciated.

Of the four calls clustered around early to mid-December 2023, for which Cllr Kerr has provided details, I would confirm that I asked our Customer Service manager to investigate. We must advise that the phone number provided is a digit too long, however, we believe the number in question to be 07564132058. Reviewing calls received from this number, we have record of 3; on the afternoon & evening of 10 December, and on the afternoon of 14 December. Unfortunately there is no record of a call on the evening of 11 December.

These calls in December were not made to our Elected Representatives phone line but to our general Waterline phone line for all members of the public.

On 10 December, I believe the issue reported was to do with a manhole flooding outside the Mace shop known locally as Devlin's Mace in Coalisland. NI Water attended the following day to the shop in question, and confirmed that at that stage the manhole outside was no longer at risk of flooding, and that no issues could be detected in the sewer system serving the





property. As no underlying issues were found, it seems possible that the flooded manhole issue related to earlier rainfall.

On 14 December, our call notes state that Cllr Kerr wished to report another issue, and requested a call back.

Since that date, our Elected Representatives phone line team have attempted to return calls to that mobile number for Cllr Kerr on at least 5 occasions when there was no answer.

They note Cllr Kerr called again last week on Tuesday 12 March, this time to the Elected Representative's phone line, to report a low water pressure issue affecting Columbas Villas, Coalisland. Again, we endeavoured to call him back with an update on the issue the next day, 13 March, when we were unable to get through. On our third call attempt, the call was hung up on mid-ring.

NI Water are continuing to investigate the water pressure at Columbas Villas, as there has currently been found no issue with the mains supply to the area, which is above our Service Level Agreement for pressure and flow. Certain properties are on a shared private pipe, and we are in the process of arranging further investigations to confirm that this is the source of the issue, and what further advice we can provide about private pipework matters.

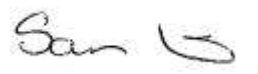
Going forward, I would reiterate that the Elected Representatives phone line on 0345 3006461 is the number Cllr Kerr should use, as he did last week, if he wishes to raise constituent issues with NI Water by phone.

If he is not available for return updates by phone, he may prefer to put such queries in writing via e-mail to [waterline@niwater.com](mailto:waterline@niwater.com), where he can review our responses at convenience.

As we have corresponded on this matter several times now, I do feel I should query whether it merits further attention from the Council, as I feel that NI Water's response has been clear.

Cllr Kerr should not hesitate to contact us directly, by phone on the Elected Representatives number 0345 3006461, or by e-mail at [waterline@niwater.com](mailto:waterline@niwater.com), with any further queries.

Yours sincerely



**Sara Venning**  
Chief Executive



# Police Service of Northern Ireland

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Email: Michael.OLoan@psni.police.uk  
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15 April 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

## **CLOSURE OF POLICE SERVICE ENQUIRY OFFICES**

I previously wrote to you on the matter of Police Service Enquiry Offices.

You will be aware of the profoundly challenging budgetary situation facing the Police Service. Since he took up post, the Chief Constable has been clear about his concerns that this is affecting our ability to keep people safe.

The strategic financial outlook for policing remains stark; the Police budget remains insufficient and is not sustainable.

The Chief Constable previously told the Policing Board that as a consequence of the current financial and resource pressures we are facing, it has been necessary to review services and costs and to make savings in order to deliver a sustainable and effective organisation. One such service that has been subject to review is the provision of our Police Station Enquiry Offices.



# Police Service of Northern Ireland

As a result of an extensive review which included analysis of the volume and type of demand in enquiry offices,

I am now in a position to advise that we are progressing the closure of the following Enquiry Offices:

- Belfast: Lisburn Road, Strand Town, Tennant Street and Woodbourne;
- Bangor;
- Banbridge;
- F District - Magherafelt;
- F District - Dungannon;
- Lisnaskea;
- Waterside;
- Newtownabbey.

It is not clear when these Enquiry Offices will close to the Public but it will likely be within three months. Transparency around this issue is crucial and the Chief Constable has been clear that further reductions in Enquiry Office provision or opening hours cannot be ruled out.

This is not a decision we have taken lightly and we are conscious there may be an actual and/or perceived loss of accessibility, visibility and ability to respond to the needs of the community. However this change will save the Police Service over £400K per year; these savings are necessary to deliver a sustainable and effective organisation.





# Police Service of Northern Ireland

I want to be clear that these stations are not closing. Officers and staff will continue to work from

It is not our intention to cause alarm but the need for clarity and transparency on this issue is paramount. We want to be clear with you and the public about the challenges we are facing and the type of Service you can expect to see in the coming years.

Should you wish to discuss this announcement and any concerns you have please do not hesitate to get in touch with me or Chief Inspector Beverlie Reid.

I also want to be clear that the Policing team here in Mid-Ulster will continue to serve this community with professionalism. We remain committed to protecting the public in Northern Ireland to the very best of our ability.

*Michael O'Loan*

Michael O'Loan  
District Commander

APPENDIX E

Ref.	Call box ID	Address	Post Code	Relevant Public Body	Removal proposal sent	Representation period ends	Mobile coverage				Mobile Coverage OK?	Total calls (last 12 months)	Helpline calls (last 12 months)	High frequency accident location	High frequency suicide location	BT Evidence of other reasonable need
							EE	Three	O2	Vodafone						
							EE	Three	O2	Vodafone		<52 calls	<12 calls or Helplines Partnership approve	No pattern of serious accidents in close proximity	Not identified by Helplines Partnership	No other evidence
1	02879628306	O/S NO. 46 PCO1 SIXTOWNS ROAD DRAPERSTOWN MAGHERAFELT	BT45 7BA	Mid Ulster	20/02/2024	20/05/2024	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	YES	0	0	0	0	0
2	02885548608	PCO1 MAIN STREET CLOGHER	BT76 0AA	Mid Ulster	20/02/2024	20/05/2024	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	YES	20	0	0	0	0
3	02885548691	PCO1 AGHINTAIN ROAD CLOGHER	BT76 0UY	Mid Ulster	20/02/2024	20/05/2024	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	YES	0	0	0	0	0
4	02885549548	AT PICNIC AREA PCO1 BALLAGH ROAD CLOGHER	BT76 0HE	Mid Ulster	20/02/2024	20/05/2024	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	YES	3	0	0	0	0
5	02886737208	O/S POST OFFICE PCO1 LITTLEBRIDGE ROAD MONEYMORE MAGHERAFELT	BT45 7NP	Mid Ulster	20/02/2024	20/05/2024	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	YES	1	0	0	0	0
6	02886737430	MAIN STREET PCO1 WINDSOR TERRACE COAGH COOKSTOWN	BT80 0ET	Mid Ulster	20/02/2024	20/05/2024	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	YES	7	0	0	0	0
7	02886761420	O/S NO 3 PCO1 BEECHWAY COOKSTOWN	BT80 8LG	Mid Ulster	20/02/2024	20/05/2024	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	YES	2	0	0	0	0
8	02886762240	DUNMAN BRIDGE O/S DAIRY PCO1 MONEYMORE ROAD COOKSTOWN	BT80 8EH	Mid Ulster	20/02/2024	20/05/2024	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	YES	0	0	0	0	0
9	02886766523	PCO PCO1 CHAPEL STREET COOKSTOWN	BT80 8QB	Mid Ulster	20/02/2024	20/05/2024	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	YES	31	0	0	0	0
10	02887738802	PCO1 THE SQUARE STEWARTSTOWN DUNGANNON	BT71 5HU	Mid Ulster	20/02/2024	20/05/2024	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	YES	10	0	0	0	0
11	02887740647	PCO1 O/S EDENDORK PRIMARY SCHOOL COALISLAND ROAD DUNGANNON	BT71 4DP	Mid Ulster	20/02/2024	20/05/2024	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	YES	12	0	0	0	0
12	02887752153	PCO1 KILLYMERRON PARK DUNGANNON	BT71 6DN	Mid Ulster	20/02/2024	20/05/2024	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	YES	8	0	0	0	0
13	02887752234	UP FROM 47 MAIN RRD PCO1 AT ENTRANCE TO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE MAIN RRD	BT71 7QU	Mid Ulster	20/02/2024	20/05/2024	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	GOOD	YES	2	1	0	0	0

Notice date:



# We're planning to remove this payphone

Unfortunately, it just isn't used enough for us to carry on running it.

If you think it should stay, please contact your local authority within 90 days of the date on this notice.

Call **0800 661 610** (option 1) to find out how to contact your local authority.



**COPY CORRESPONDENCE**

Our Ref: TJ/C49/24

16 February 2024

Mr Adrian McCreesh  
Chief Executive  
Mid Ulster District Council

Adrian.McCreesh@midulstercouncil.org

Dear Mr McCreesh

At a Meeting of Derry City and Strabane District Council held on 31 January 2024, the following Motion was passed:

**That this Council notes with deep concern that at least 26,900 civilians have been killed as a result of the ongoing bombardment and siege of Gaza of which at least 10,000 are children Council notes that more than 8000 Palestinians are missing. Council Further notes there is an escalating death toll in the West Bank, with 370 people killed of which 99 are children.**

**Council is alarmed that almost 70 percent of the buildings in Gaza, including hospitals and schools, have been destroyed or severely damaged. The civilian population is facing a dire humanitarian crisis, with critical shortages of food, water, and medical supplies.**

**Council is particularly concerned that civilians are being confined to increasingly smaller areas without access to shelter or aid. This dire situation is leading to an escalation in civilian deaths due to bombing, shootings, starvation, disease, and lack of medical treatment.**

**Council resolves to:**

**1. Write to the British Prime Minister and Home Secretary, urging them to immediately implement a Palestinian Visa Scheme similar to the Ukraine Visa Scheme,**

2. **Write to an Taoiseach asking that a request is put to the EU commission proposing a temporary protection directive, for those Palestinians seeking sanctuary, as was enacted in March 2022 in response to the Ukraine war.**
3. **Council will also write to the leaders of all political parties across Ireland urging them to support this call.**
4. **Council will seek collaboration from ALL NI councils and relevant Northern Ireland government departments, support this call pledging to facilitate and support the resettlement of Palestinian families in Ireland**

**With this in mind, we as a council affirm our support to UN General Assembly resolution 194, article 11, which enshrines the Palestinian Peoples' Right of Return.**

I would appreciate your consideration in this important matter and would be grateful for a response at your earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely



**John Kelpie**  
**Chief Executive**