



Airport Public Safety Zones Consultation (Northern Ireland)
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To whom it may concern:

Control of Development in Airport Public Safety Zones – Public Consultation

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above draft policy.

Although not wishing to object to the contents of the policy, or the extent of the proposed safety zones, I am concerned about the potential planning implications for a building sited within the zone for Runway 04 at Belfast City Airport.

Mersey Street Primary School is listed (ref. HB26/07/005), but currently vacant, and has been included on the Buildings at Risk Northern Ireland Register (BARNI). It is reassuring that no compulsory purchase and demolition will be undertaken as a consequence of the policy. However, it is crucially important that the potential for reuse of this building is not adversely affected. I note the exceptions to the removal of the presumption in favour of development and trust that any future proposals will be viewed favourably in this context.

I would ask that a statement be inserted into the text reflecting the importance of Mersey Street Primary School and also the Department's desire for it to be sympathetically reused.

I look forward to seeing the finalised policy.

Yours faithfully

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