

BELFAST CITY CENTRE – TASK AND FINISH GROUP

Suggestions for Linen Quarter road infrastructure improvements

Scope of report

This report has been compiled at the request of the Department for Infrastructure to inform the newly formed City Centre Task & Finish group about outstanding road infrastructure issues within the geographical footprint of the Linen Quarter Business Improvement District. See below for all identified issues. While existing reporting mechanisms are in place to report some of the issues identified (NI Direct online portal), other issues such as obsolete street furniture and weed growth cannot be reported online.

Road condition

(reported via online NI Direct portal)



28 - 40 Linenhall St
Faded road surface



42 Dublin Rd
Faded road markings

condition of footways

(reported via online NI Direct portal)



39 43 Bedford St
uprooted pavement



83 Dublin Rd
uprooted pavement

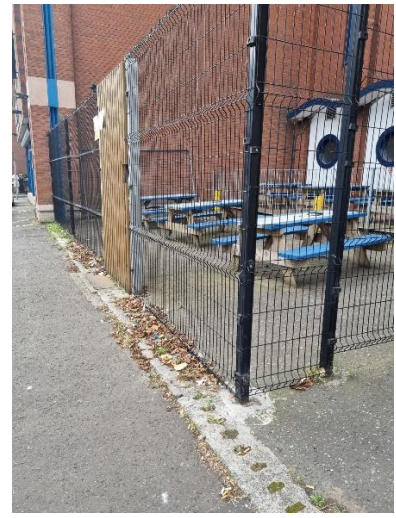
weed growth / poor planting



27 Bruce St
poorly maintained planting



45 Great Victoria St Hope St
poorly maintained planting



79 81 Great Victoria St -
along Naval Association
frontage



14 Dublin Rd - around phone
booths



77 Great Victoria St - along
gap site frontage



Great Victoria St - outer
perimeter of Bruce St car
park



Bruce St - inside Belfast
Council car park



Great Victoria St - along
bollards



Harmony St - along NICS car
park



Harmony St - Downshire House frontage



Little Victoria St - along NICS frontage



Little Victoria St - Community Places Ni frontage

street signs

(reported via online NI Direct portal)



42 Dublin Rd
broken / dirty street sign



Keyland's Place
Damaged street sign

redundant street furniture

redundant on-street parking notices



12 Brunswick St
*on-street parking notice
redundant due to removal of
on-street parking spaces
following installation of the
FLAXX Social Space*



4 Adelaide St
*2x on-street parking notices
redundant due to removal of
on-street parking spaces
following installation of the
Adelaide St footway
extension*



1 to 91 Adelaide St
*10x on-street parking notices
redundant due to removal of
on-street parking spaces
following installation of the
Adelaide St footway
extension*

unused street posts



69 Great Victoria St
2x unused street posts



Corner Bruce St / Great
Victoria St
2x unused street posts



69 Great Victoria St
unused lamp post



11 Ormeau Ave
unused street post



34 Bedford St
unused street post



14 16 Great Victoria St
unused street post



14 Dublin Rd (1)
unused street post

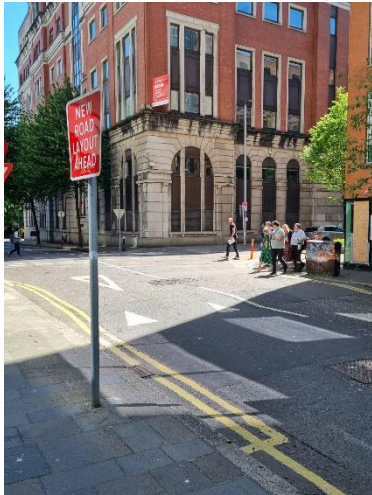


14 Dublin Rd (2)
unused street post



Bankmore St
2x unused street post

redundant street signage



Adelaide Street junctions
redundant 'new road layout' signage



Linenhall St - back of BBC
redundant Covid signage

Other redundant street furniture



Bankmore Square
Redundant lamp post



14 Dublin Rd
Redundant bus shelter

Miscellaneous



97 Dublin Road
damaged traffic lights casings



81 Adelaide St
missing planters



Opp. 5 Glengall St
Broken tree root cover



21 Linenhall St
damaged bollard



Alfred St - behind Clarence Court
damaged cycle lane bollard



Bruce St - car park
redundant traffic works notice

Drainage issues
(reported via NI Direct portal)

1. The drain outside Boojum, Great Victoria Street causes problems for pedestrians because of the amount of water (and depth) that accumulates across the pavement. With the improvement in weather, this has been less noticeable but worth paying attention to coming into autumn.
 2. There are several blocked drains at either side of Grand Central Hotel. Water gathers where the curbs drop which makes it particularly difficult for people using wheelchairs and walking aids as they have no choice but to walk through the puddles instead of around;
 3. Ongoing issue with the drain on Franklin Street/Linenhall Street, resulting in large pools forming in front and to the side of Snax in the City. Further audits in August showed that there were still issues and the drain was not clean.
 4. Ongoing issues on Ventry Lane: Whilst the main issues on Ventry Lane continue to be poor bin management, pests and ASB/drug use, the drains are in a poor condition and results in flooding particularly in the winter months;
 5. The on-street parking bays on the Western side of Brunswick Street (in front of Amelia Hall) frequently flood, particularly after rainy days.
 6. Blocked drain next to entrance of the footpath for Grand Central Station identified in August.
 7. Blocked drain across from NOW Group, and sprays people when someone drives by.
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Street lighting
(to be reported via online NI Direct portal)

Street lights will be surveyed as part of annual lighting survey in October.

Bankmore Square

Although LQ BID's lease ended in March 2025, the now reduced Bankmore Square (due to a construction compound being erected on the Eastern section of the Square) continues to be cleaned by our dedicated team each morning, Mon-Sat. The team will remove needles and document how many are found on each shift. Some recent observations:

- 22/07/25: 5 needles found and removed
- 10/07/25: 6 needles found and removed
- 03/06/25: bag of 20 needs found and removed
- 24/05/25: 5 needles found and removed
- 21/05/25: 6 needles found and removed
- 08/05/25: 7 needles found and removed
- 05/05/25: Rough sleepers outside Marcus Ward
- 29/04/25: Rough sleeper outside Marcus Ward
- 11/04/25: 2 rough sleepers outside Marcus Ward
- 10/04/25: Rough sleeper on Bankmore Square
- 05/04/25: 2 needles found and removed