

## **Kimmins announces active travel improvement scheme to commence on Island Street, Belfast**

Infrastructure Minister Liz Kimmins has announced that a £650,000 pedestrian and cycling improvement scheme on Island Street, Belfast has commenced this week.

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## **Lyons delivers Department's response to the Report of the Independent Review on Liquor Licensing**

Communities Minister Gordon Lyons has published his Department's response to the Report of the Independent Review on Liquor Licensing in Northern Ireland, including the Surrender Principle.

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## **DfI team prepared to deliver winter service – Kimmins**

As the weather is set to turn colder Infrastructure Minister Liz Kimmins has assured the public that the Department's winter service team is prepared to take action.

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## **Green Party react to 'extreme, inhumane' immigration proposals**

Green Party MP, Carla Denyer, has responded to changes to the UK's asylum policy, that would see asylum seekers having to wait 20 years to apply to settle permanently, and be subjected to regular reviews every two-and-a-half years, meaning people could be returned to their home nation if it is deemed safe.

Denyer said:

"This is a new low from this government – plumbing the depths of performative cruelty, in hopes that the public won't notice they have no answers to the real issues facing communities across this country.

"Confiscating the belongings of people fleeing war and violence, and trapping refugees in perpetual limbo, where even those who have been granted asylum would have the constant threat of deportation hanging over their heads, undermining integration and making it impossible to put down roots. These are extreme, inhumane proposals from a desperate and failing government.

"The only way to prevent people making dangerous crossings by small boats is to open safe and managed routes for people to claim asylum in the UK. There are hints Mahmood could introduce such schemes – a sensible government would focus on this workable policy rather than divisive gimmicks."

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## **Minister urges care on the roads as new films capture emergency response to road traffic collisions**

Infrastructure Minister Liz Kimmins is urging everyone to take care on the roads ahead of the release of a series of social media videos, which portrays what happens at the scene of a serious crash.