

# Belfast Harbour

Roads Safety Plan  
2015-2017





## Purpose of Plan

To provide a comprehensive approach to the management of road users and pedestrians throughout the Harbour Estate to achieve safe and efficient outcomes.

## Plan Context

This Safer Roads Plan results from an action identified in the Policing Plan 2010. The 'Safer Roads Plan' identifies strategic direction for the next 3 years and informs annual action plans. (The content contained in this version is designed for public consumption).

## Goals

1. Reduce road accidents to the lowest possible level
2. Reduce the disruption caused by illegal parking
3. Achieve the highest standards of traffic management
4. Establish the relevant relationships and protocols with key agencies
5. Communicate effectively with our customers and stakeholders.



## Risks - Existing

- Safety risks associated with speeding and unacceptable road behaviour
- Safety risks associated with Heavy Goods Vehicles
- Safety risks associated with plant and equipment movements and the interface between roads and wharves, particularly on the Co. Antrim side of the Harbour Estate
- Safety and business disruption risks associated with illegal parking
- Safety risks associated with unroadworthy vehicles operated within the Harbour Estate
- Safety risks associated with contractors working on Estate roads.

## Risks - Emerging/Increasing

- Safety and business disruption risks associated with traffic volume increase from TQ developments
- Safety risks associated with increased pedestrian volumes principally related to Titanic Belfast and Belfast Metropolitan College
- Safety risks associated with increased cyclist volumes principally related to Titanic Belfast and Belfast Metropolitan College



## Opportunities - Existing

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- Improve our understanding of the needs and views of business communities and Port User groups through continued engagement
- Finalise protocols with other key agencies
- Improve communication flows with stakeholders on traffic issues by leveraging Harbour website and other communications technology.

## Opportunities - Emerging/Increasing

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- Improve traffic management by leveraging new CCTV / ANPR (Automated Number Plate Recognition) technology
- Contribute to Belfast Harbour's Corporate Social Responsibility Programme by engaging with local interest and community groups on the subject of road safety.

## Objectives

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### **Goal 1: Reduce road accidents to the lowest possible level.**

- Reduction of speeding by targeted enforcement based on risk analysis
- Improve safety at roadworks by requiring that all contractors working in Belfast Harbour comply with safe working practices
- Eliminate the use of unroadworthy vehicles in the Harbour Estate
- Evaluate opportunities to promote safer driving and road user awareness amongst HGV drivers including foreign registered vehicles.

### **Goal 2: Reduce the disruption and safety issues caused by illegal parking and traffic jams.**

- Conduct a review to ensure 'street furniture', traffic light operation and layout throughout the Estate supports safe driving and efficient traffic flow
- Review the maintenance and repair regime for traffic lights
- Reduce safety and disruption issues from illegal parking through effective enforcement and the use of parking permit schemes
- Evaluate the use of CCTV solutions for the early detection of traffic problems in Sydenham Road and Queen's Road.

### **Goal 3: Achieve the highest standards of traffic management.**

- Develop the skills of Belfast Harbour Police in Road Accident Investigation and Accident Prevention
- Evaluate the use of Driver Training courses for lesser driving offences.

### **Goal 4: Establish the relevant relationships and protocols with key agencies.**

- Complete the refinement of the BHP/PSNI protocol to address the changing environment in Titanic Quarter
- Develop public access plans in partnership with other agencies for major events in Belfast Harbour
- Continue to develop relationships with other agencies such as DOE enforcement and DVANI.

### **Goal 5: Communicate effectively with our customers and stakeholders.**

- Provide improved traffic and road safety information to Harbour users by leveraging the Harbour website and other modern technology
- Expand the consultation process with Port users and tenants to ensure their needs are well incorporated into traffic management plans
- Identify opportunities to work with educational groups to promote road safety in Belfast Harbour
- Promote road safety amongst the various road user communities building on the success of past 'Bike Safe' campaigns.

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