

Ref: FOI / 6339

03rd April 2026

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Capital Plan 26-27

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

I read with interest the Capital Strategy for 26/27 included with the papers from the striking the rates council meeting on 9th February.

I notice the lack of mention (even as a currently unfunded project) of the Derry - Bridgend - Buncrana greenway despite this being in progress since 2018.

I note Donegal County Council underwent a public consultation stage in 2025 in relation to the Bridgend to Buncrana element.

Q. Can you please update me on the status of this greenway for which planning permission was already granted from St. Columbs College to the border?

A. The Derry - Buncrana Greenway (Route 1) was part of the Northwest Greenways programme and has been completed in full.

Unfortunately, Route 1 did not progress, arising out of land acquisition difficulties in the ROI, and therefore SEUPB agreed to a contingency plan to invest in the extension of Route 2 (Strabane-Lifford) to connect to Castlefin and Route 3 (Derry-Muff) connecting to Quigleys to meet the programme target of 46.5km

Presently, there is no funding secured to progress Route 1. Officers link in with colleagues in Donegal County Council to keep appraised of their progress. In addition, we are always looking out for funding opportunities as and when they arise.

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Council is committed to developing this strategic greenway contingent on funding. In the shorter term, Officers are progressing a section of this greenway route through Templemore lands as part of the wider Templemore Regeneration project.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie
Chief Executive
Derry City and Strabane District Council
98 Strand Road
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Tel: 028 71253253 or email john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: casework@ico.org.uk

I would advise however, the Information Commissioner has indicated that a review will not be undertaken unless the Council has first had an opportunity to re-consider its decision.

Yours sincerely

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Natural Environment Regeneration Manager

