



NEAR MISS: A taxi driver narrowly escaped death in the February 2025 shooting

20k reward offered for information on Dunmurry shooting

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COPS have renewed their appeal for information about an attempted murder in Dunmurry a year ago.

The appeal coincides with the one-year anniversary of the gun attack and is backed by a renewed reward of up to £20,000 from the charity Crimestoppers.

Sean O'Reilly, then aged 49, was shot as he sat inside a white Skoda Octavia taxi in the Bell Steel Manor area.

For the first time, police have released an image of the scene, including the taxi.

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Notice of Application for HMO Licence Under The Houses In Multiple Occupation (Notice of Application) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019

Declan Wright publishes Notice of Application for a HMO Licence for a property at 86 Sandhurst Drive, Belfast, BT9 5AZ. The proposed occupancy is for 4 persons. The HMO is within the Belfast City Council district, and the licence application will be submitted to Belfast City Council. Any person wishing to make representations in response to this notice should do so in writing to Belfast City Council, stating in general terms the nature of those representations, not later than 28 days beginning with the date on which the Council publishes a notice under Regulation 4 of the above HMO (Notice of Application) Regulations.

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Belfast BT2 8BP

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Declan and Claire McHugh publishes Notice of Application for a HMO Licence for a property at 5 Stranmillis Gardens, Belfast, BT9 5AS. The proposed occupancy is for 5 persons. The HMO is within the Belfast City Council district, and the licence application will be submitted to Belfast City Council. Any person wishing to make representations in response to this notice should do so in writing to Belfast City Council, stating in general terms the nature of those representations, not later than 28 days beginning with the date on which the Council publishes a notice under Regulation 4 of the above HMO (Notice of Application) Regulations.

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Claire Mullan publishes Notice of Application for a HMO Licence for a property at 10 Balfour Avenue, Belfast, BT7 2EX. The proposed occupancy is for 3 persons. The HMO is within the Belfast City Council district, and the licence application will be submitted to Belfast City Council. Any person wishing to make representations in response to this notice should do so in writing to Belfast City Council, stating in general terms the nature of those representations, not later than 28 days beginning with the date on which the Council publishes a notice under Regulation 4 of the above HMO (Notice of Application) Regulations.

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Bernard Fitzpatrick publishes Notice of Application for a HMO Licence for a property at 47 Colenso Parade, Belfast, BT9 5AN. The proposed occupancy is for 3 persons. The HMO is within the Belfast City Council district, and the licence application will be submitted to Belfast City Council. Any person wishing to make representations in response to this notice should do so in writing to Belfast City Council, stating in general terms the nature of those representations, not later than 28 days beginning with the date on which the Council publishes a notice under Regulation 4 of the above HMO (Notice of Application) Regulations.

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Mrs Moira Crossey publishes Notice of Application for a HMO Licence for a property at 48 University Avenue, Belfast, BT7 1GY. The proposed occupancy is for 5 persons. The HMO is within the Belfast City Council district, and the licence application will be submitted to Belfast City Council. Any person wishing to make representations in response to this notice should do so in writing to Belfast City Council, stating in general terms the nature of those representations, not later than 28 days beginning with the date on which the Council publishes a notice under Regulation 4 of the above HMO (Notice of Application) Regulations.

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LICENSING OF PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT Local Government (Misc Provisions) (NI) Order 1985 Article 3 Schedule 1 APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF AN ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCE

Take notice that application dated 23/02/2026 was made for a 7 Day Annual Entertainments Licence for: **The Commons, 467a Ormeau Road, Belfast BT7 3GR**; permitting: theatrical performances, dancing, singing or music or any entertainment of a like kind.

Representations in relation to this application may be made by giving notice to the Building Control Manager, Belfast City Council, Cecil Ward Building, 4-10 Linenhall Street, Belfast BT2 8BP, stating in general terms the nature of the representation, no later than 28 days after the date of the application.

The applicant is **David Hines, Project Manager at The Commons, 467a Ormeau Rd, Belfast BT7 3GR**

LICENSING OF PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT Local Government (Misc Provisions) (NI) Order 1985 Article 3 Schedule 1 APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF AN ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCE

Take notice that application dated 25/02/2026 was made for a 7 Day Annual Entertainments Licence for: **Longfellows Bar, 115 - 119 My Ladys Road, Belfast BT6 8FE** permitting: dancing, singing or music or any entertainment of a like kind.

Representations in relation to this application may be made by giving notice to the Building Control Manager, Belfast City Council, Cecil Ward Building, 4-10 Linenhall Street, Belfast BT2 8BP, stating in general terms the nature of the representation, no later than 28 days after the date of the application.

Maxwell Swain
115 - 119 My Ladys Road,
Belfast BT6 8FE

HMO NOTICES
Deadline 11am Wednesday for the Andersonstown News and North Belfast News. & 12.00 noon Thursdays for the South Belfast News
Log onto.
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FORM OF NOTICE OF INTENTION THE HOUSING (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1981

Extinguishment of Public Rights of Way

Notice is hereby given that the Northern Ireland Housing Executive having its principal office at 2 Adelaide Street, Belfast, BT2 8PB in pursuance of its powers under Article 88D of the Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 on 12th January 2025 -determined that an Order ("an Extinguishment Order"), should be submitted to the Department for Communities ("the Department") for approval, to extinguish the public rights of way over the land described in the Schedule hereto.

A copy of the Extinguishment Order and associated map dated 12th January 2025 referred to therein may be inspected at the South Belfast Local Office with offices at the Public Counter, the Housing Centre 1-11 May Street Belfast BT1 4NA.

The Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 provides that an Extinguishment Order shall not have effect until approved by the Department and that the Department will consider and may cause a Public Local Inquiry to be held to hear, objections to the Extinguishment Order.

Objections to the Extinguishment Order must be made in writing stating the grounds for objection and addressed to NIHE Sponsor Team (Housing Division), Department for Communities, Causeway Exchange, 1-7 Bedford Street, Belfast BT2 7EG on or before 4th March 2026

SCHEDULE

Ratcliffe Street, Belfast - Extinguishment of Public Rights of Way Order No.2 2025

Plot located to the north of Posnett Street, east of Botanic Avenue and South of Donegall Pass; plot area approx.0.09 hectares. Previously in use as Ratcliffe Street joining Posnett Street to Donegall Pass, in more recent years has been part of a wider enclosed space used as a public carpark. Comprised of the original roadway and associated pathways in hardcore with kerbstone. Plot size is 10.8 x 63 metres, with a small 1 metre by 0.5 metre extension to the plot on the southern boundary. Parking bays are located to the east and west, are currently in use as public parking; the wider car park stretches to the eastern part of Posnett Street, with properties along Donegall Pass marking the boundary to the north, and properties on Botanic Avenue (10-34) marking the western boundary.

DATED THIS: 25th February 2026
Grainia Long, Chief Executive,
Northern Ireland Housing Executive, 2 Adelaide Street, Belfast, BT2 8PB



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