

Title of Report:	Consultation Report
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	10th August 2021
For Decision or For Information	For Information

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	
Outcome	
Lead Officer	Director of Environmental Services

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	Nil
Included in Current Year Estimates	
Capital/Revenue	
Code	
Staffing Costs	

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	No	Date:

1.	<p>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS</p> <p>(correspondence dated 17th June 2021)</p>
	<p><u>Consultation on the Introduction of Additional Animal Welfare Protections for Service Animals in Northern Ireland (Finn’s Law)</u></p> <p>Council is invited to respond to a consultation on proposals for the introduction of Finn’s Law to Northern Ireland. Finn’s Law is the name given to additional animal welfare protections for service animals in Northern Ireland, which are injured while on active duty.</p> <p>Full details of the background, and the proposals, are provided in the consultation document, which is available on the Departmental website at: https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations.</p> <p>The closing date for responses is 11 August 2021.</p> <p>Copy correspondence is attached at Appendix 1.</p>



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17 June 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

CONSULTATION ON THE INTRODUCTION OF ADDITIONAL ANIMAL WELFARE PROTECTIONS FOR SERVICE ANIMALS IN NORTHERN IRELAND (FINN'S LAW)

You are invited to respond to a consultation on proposals for the introduction of Finn's Law to Northern Ireland. Finn's Law is the name given to additional animal welfare protections for service animals in Northern Ireland, which are injured while on active duty.

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If required, alternative formats such as paper copies, large print, Braille or other languages are available and can be requested via email to Animal Identification and Welfare Branch, email address: animal.welfare@daera-ni.gov.uk For those with hearing difficulties, leave a message on the Department's text phone (18001 028 9052 5031).

You are encouraged to respond using the online response function, available at: <https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/daera/additional-protection-for-service-animals-in-ni>.

However, written responses will be accepted at the e-mail address or postal address below:

e-mail: animal.welfare@daera-ni.gov.uk

postal: Animal Identification and Welfare Branch
Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs
Room 715
Dundonald House,
Upper Newtownards Road
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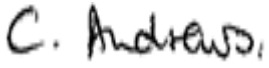
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Yours faithfully,



Head of Animal Identification & Welfare Branch

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