

## PEEL TOWN COMMISSIONERS

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Dear Sir/Madam

## Cancellation of the Postponed Christmas Light Switch On Event on Saturday 4 December 2021

Further to my letter dated 26 November, Peel Town Commissioners have been monitoring the weather forecast this week to determine if the postponed Christmas Light switch on at Market Place, Michael Street and Atholl Place could take place on Saturday 4 December. Unfortunately, the weather forecast is poor for tomorrow (Saturday) with strong westerly or north westerly cold winds and heavy wintry showers. The strong winds are slightly better than those experienced last weekend with predicted mean speeds of 25 mph and gusting to 35-40mph for Peel. These high winds and particularly their direction will have a significant impact in Peel for operating lights and snow machines from raised platforms as well as the stability of the gazebos which are needed to host the planned outdoor market. Additionally, the escalation of Covid cases and the reports of new variants has created unease around larger public gatherings where close proximity is difficult to control and formed an important part of the event for children who usually meet Father Christmas.

The Commissioners apologise for the cancellation of this postponed event and have put in place the arrangements for this year's improved festive lighting to be switched on tonight to brighten up the Town for the weekend and on the run up to Christmas period.

Yours Faithfully

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