

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Redpoll Avenue Bus Turning Circle, Lisburn (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2009

S.R. 2009 No. 355

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Regional Development to accompany the Statutory Rule (details above) which is laid before the Northern Ireland Assembly.
- 1.2. The Statutory Rule is made under Article 68(1) and (5) of the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 and is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

2. Purpose

- 2.1. The purpose of the Rule is to abandon 445 square metres of road at the bus turning circle on Redpoll Avenue, Lisburn.

3. Background

- 3.1. On the coming into operation of the rule, the area of road in question shall cease to be maintainable by the Department. The abandonment was requested by the South Eastern Education and Library Board to facilitate the construction of a new school at this location. Following the abandonment, part of the land will be incorporated within the new school and part of it will be used to construct a new bus turning circle. The bed and soil is owned by the Ministry of Defence.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. The PSNI has been consulted and has no objections. Lisburn City Council and the statutory undertakers were notified of the proposal and no objections were received.
- 4.2. Following initial consultations with statutory undertakers Phoenix Natural Gas, who have plant in the area, indicated that they would require an easement agreement should there be any change of status affecting the lands. The South Eastern Education and Library Board have since agreed an easement with Phoenix.
- 4.3. A notice in respect of the proposed abandonment was published in the local press for 2 successive weeks. No objections were received.

5. Equality Impact

- 5.1. Consideration has been given to compliance with section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. No equality issues have been identified by the Department and no issues were raised following the publication of the notice in the press.

6. Regulatory Impact

- 6.1. A Regulatory Impact Assessment was not considered necessary as the proposal does not result in any costs or savings to business, charities or the voluntary bodies.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. None

8. Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998

- 8.1. Consideration has been given to compliance with section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. No human rights issues have been identified by the Department and no issues were raised following the publication of the notice in the press.

9. EU Implications

- 9.1. Not applicable.

10. Parity or Replicatory Measure

- 10.1. Not applicable.

11. Additional Information

- 11.1. Not applicable.