

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Access Road to the Giant's Causeway, Bushmills (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2010

S. R. 2010 No. 245

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) 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 an area of 428 square metres of road adjacent to the old Giant's Causeway Visitor's Centre.

3. Background

- 3.1. The bed and soil of the area of road to be abandoned is owned by Moyle District Council, who are leasing the land to the National Trust, and following the abandonment the land will be incorporated in a new development as part of the new Visitor's Centre. The area of road in question will be abandoned on the completion of works to provide alternative facilities. On completion of the abandonment, the area of road in question shall cease to be maintainable by the Department and the public right of way over it will be extinguished.
- 3.2. The original draft Order, Notice and SL1 gave the reason for the abandonment as being the road was no longer necessary for road traffic. However, after advertising the Notice of Intention, concerns were raised by 2 local community groups about the public right of way. The Department considered that the developer should be required to provide alternative facilities before the area of road in question could be abandoned. The Notice of Intention was subsequently re-advertised to reflect this.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. The police have been consulted and have no objection. Moyle District Council was notified about the proposal. A Notice in respect of the proposed abandonment was published in the local press for 2 successive weeks and statutory undertakers notified of the proposal. Following re-advertisement of the Notice 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.

DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Map No. 10/1/22/09 referred to in "The Access Road to the Giant's Causeway, Bushmills (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2010" made by the Department on 19th July 2010 and coming into operation on 20th October 2010.

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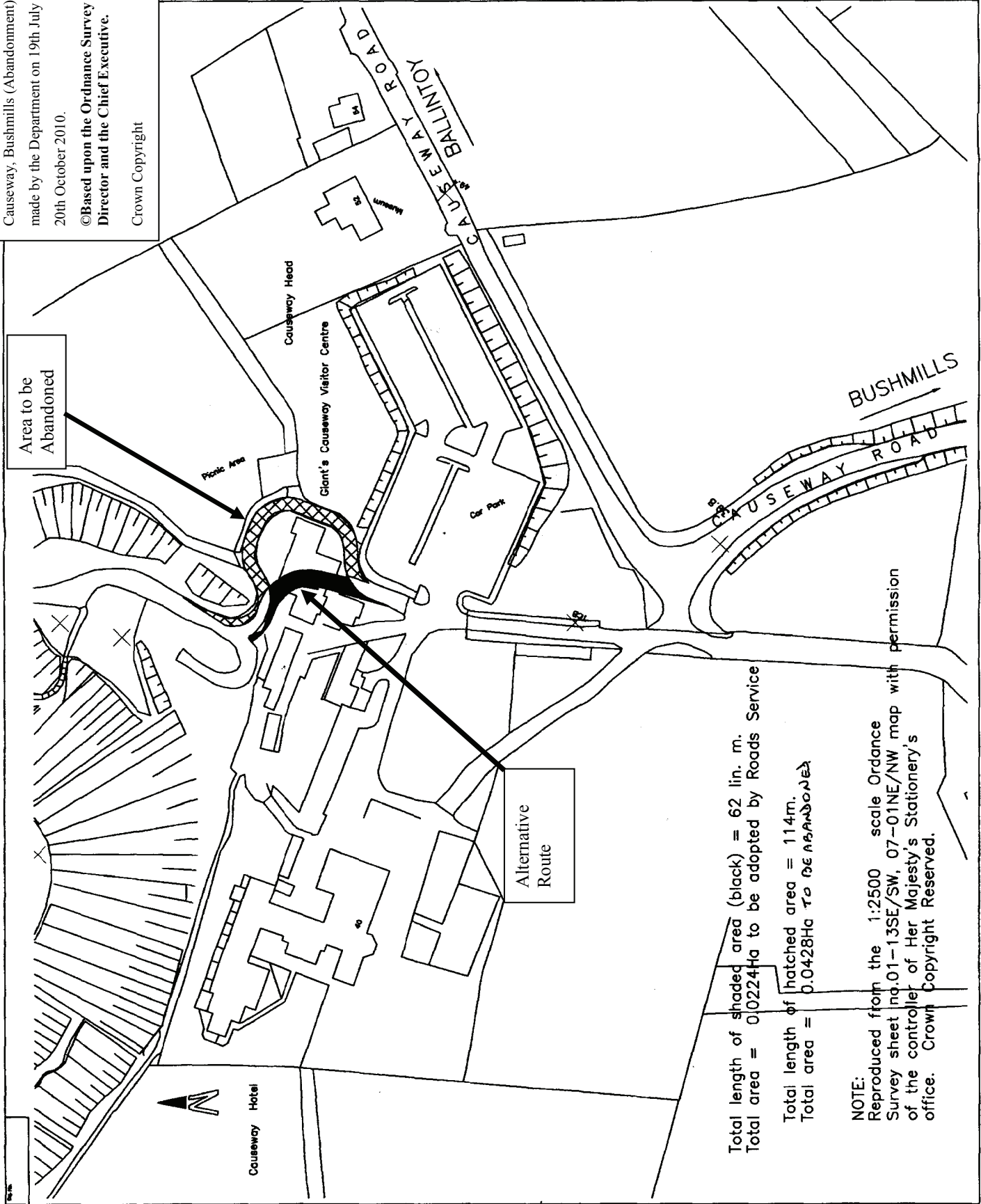
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NO.	10/1/22/09	DATE	19/07/10
TITLE	ABANDONMENT AT VISITOR'S CENTRE GIANT'S CAUSEWAY		
CLIENT	Roads Service - Northern Division		
PROJECT	LOCATION PLAN		
DESIGNED BY	DATE	CHECKED BY	DATE
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Total length of shaded area (black) = 62 lin. m.
 Total area = 0.0224Ha to be adopted by Roads Service
 Total length of hatched area = 114m.
 Total area = 0.0428Ha to be abandoned

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