

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Route F1361 Hawthorn Walk (Footpath), Highfield Heights, Craigavon (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2011

S.R. 2011 No. 336

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 an area of 936 square metres of footpath comprising a pedestrian/cycle track in Drumnagoon Townland at Highfield Heights, Craigavon.

3. Background

- 3.1. The developer is the owner of the bed and soil of the area of road to be abandoned.
- 3.2. Following the abandonment, the developer plans to incorporate the abandoned area of road into a proposed housing development at this location. The developer will be required to construct an alternative pedestrian/cycle track before the abandonment comes into operation.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. The PSNI and Craigavon Borough Council have been notified and have no objection to the proposal.
- 4.2. A notice in respect of the proposed abandonment was published in the local press for 2 successive weeks, a notice was posted on site and the statutory undertakers were notified of the proposal. 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 cost 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.