

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Lagmore Road, Lisburn (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2011

S.R. 2011 No. 381

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 2245.864 square metres of Lagmore Road, Lisburn.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Department is of the view that this area of road is not necessary as it is substandard and runs into a dead end, which is blocked off by a grass bank. The area of road has also been subject to anti-social behaviour e.g. dumping of cars and arson.
- 3.2. On the coming into operation of the rule, the area in question shall cease to be maintainable by the Department and the public right of way over it shall be extinguished.
- 3.3. Following the abandonment the land will revert to the owners of the bed and soil.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. The PSNI has been consulted and has no objection. Lisburn City Council has been notified, no response has been received.
- 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.
- 4.3. Northern Ireland Electricity Limited initially objected to the proposed abandonment but has subsequently withdrawn its objection.

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.