

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The College Avenue, Belfast (Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012

S. R. 2012 No. 129

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), (3) 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 stop-up College Avenue, Belfast at a point 85 metres south of its junction with Divis Street for a length of 30 metres in a southerly direction to prevent traffic turning right from College Avenue onto King Street.

3. Background

- 3.1. The stopping-up is part of the Sustainable Transport Enabling Measures (STEM) which are aimed at the reorganisation of traffic management in Belfast City Centre to facilitate walking, cycling and public transport use.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. The PSNI has been consulted and no objection has been received. Belfast City Council has also been advised of the proposed stopping-up, however no acknowledgement has been received. NIE initially objected to the proposal, but subsequently withdrew their objection in writing.
- 4.2. In accordance with the statutory consultation process a notice in respect of the proposed stopping-up was published in the local press for two successive weeks. In addition, a notice was posted on site and the statutory undertakers, neighbouring landowners and frontagers were consulted as part of the formal consultation process.

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.

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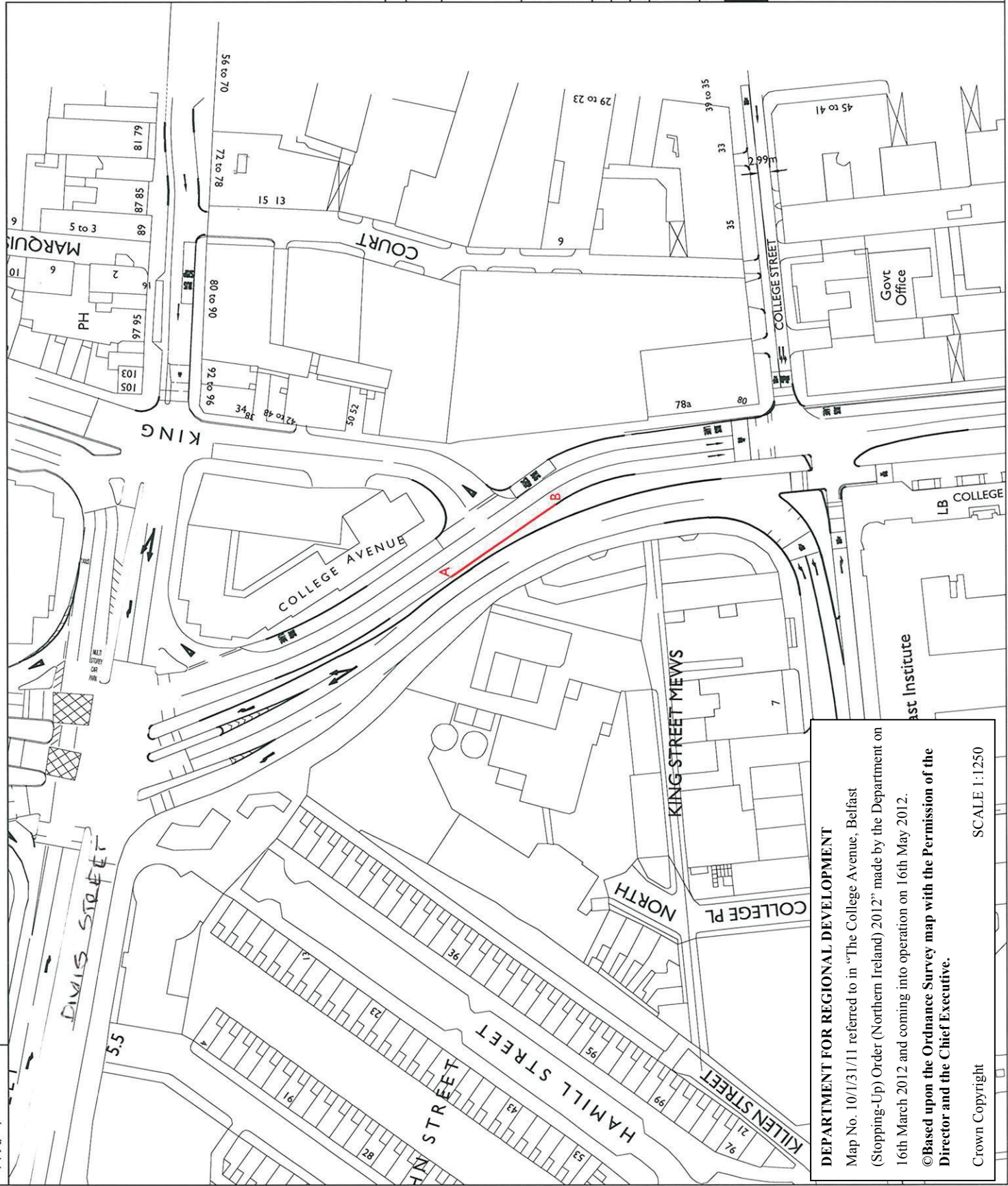


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