

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The M2/Trunk Road T7 Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

S.R. 2013 No. 256

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 Articles 14(1), 15(1) and 16(1) and (2) of the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 and is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

2. Purpose

- 2.1. To provide for (a) parts of the M2 motorway and M2 on- and off-slip roads to be special road subject to motorway traffic restrictions and part of the Belfast-Coleraine-Londonderry Trunk Road T7; (b) lengths of the A2, A26, A29 and A37 to become trunk road and part of the Trunk Road T7; and (c) 7995 metres of the present Trunk Road T7 to cease to be trunk road.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Trunk Road Network is a network of strategic roads in Northern Ireland which, because of their significance in Transportation delivery, are given priority in the allocation of maintenance and development funding. Amendment to existing routes is an ongoing exercise providing for the designation as trunk road of newly constructed or realigned roads and for the detrunking of roads and lengths of road which have, in consequence, been superseded as main traffic routes. This is an administrative exercise which will involve no works on the ground.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. A notice in respect of the proposed order was published in the local press for 2 successive weeks. Local councils and statutory undertakers/consultees were notified of the proposals. No objection was received.

5. Equality Impact

- 5.1. There are no equality impact implications.

6. Regulatory Impact

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

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. None

8. Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998

8.1. There are no implications arising in relation to section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998.

9. EU Implications

9.1. Not applicable

10. Parity or Replicatory Measure

10.1. None

11. Additional Information

11.1. Not applicable.