

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The River Road, Dunmurry (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

S. R. 2016 No. 169

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 529 square metres of road comprising a bus turning circle at the site of Dunmurry High School, River Road, Dunmurry on completion of works to provide alternative facilities for road traffic.

3. Background

- 3.1. The proposed abandonment has been requested by Connswater Homes who are the owners of the bed and soil.
- 3.2. The bus turning area will be used to create an access into a new housing development on the site of the old Dunmurry High school. A new bus turning circle will be created as part of this development.
- 3.3. The contractor T & A Kernoghan Limited will provide the alternative facilities.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. The PSNI has been consulted and has no objection. Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council has also been advised of the proposed abandonment but no acknowledgement was received.
- 4.2. A notice in respect of the proposed abandonment 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. One objection was received and subsequently withdrawn.

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.