

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Fortwilliam Parade, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

S.R. 2016 No. 324

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Infrastructure 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 306.2 square metres of alleyway to the rear of Nos. 24-54 and to side of No. 54 Fortwilliam Parade, Belfast.
- 2.2. The Department is of the opinion that another road is available which provides alternative facilities for road traffic.

3. Background

- 3.1. The abandonment has been requested by the owners of the bed and soil of the area of road to be abandoned, Choice Housing (Ireland) Limited, to facilitate a new housing development.
- 3.2. Following the abandonment the land will be incorporated into the new development.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. The PSNI and Belfast City Council have been advised but no acknowledgements have been received.
- 4.2. A notice in respect of the proposed abandonment was published in the local press for two 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 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.