

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO**

### **The A1 Hillsborough Road (between Hillsborough Roundabout and Pantridge Link), Hillsborough (Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016**

**S.R. 2016 No. 371**

#### **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), (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 lengths of road at Hillsborough Road, Hillsborough.

#### **3. Background**

- 3.1. The stopping-ups will remove cross carriageway manoeuvres and facilitate the erection of a median safety barrier between Hillsborough Roundabout and Pantridge Link, in advance of the overall A1 Junctions Phase 2 Road Improvement Scheme.
- 3.2. The lengths of road in question are mostly existing small gaps in the central reservation through which traffic can cross from one side of the dual carriageway to the other. These and a larger gap in the central reservation at the Moira Road junction will be grassed over, kerbed and a continuous central safety barrier will be installed. Existing junctions (Moira Road and agricultural) with the dual carriageway will continue to operate on a left-in, left out basis only.

#### **4. Consultation**

- 4.1. The PSNI has been informed and has no objection to the stopping-ups. Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council has been advised but no acknowledgement has 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.