

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Richmond Crescent, Bangor (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

S.R. 2016 No. 378

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 The purpose of the rule is to abandon 1139.893 square metres of superseded road at Richmond Crescent, Bangor adjacent to Groomspout Road Roundabout.
- 2.2. On the coming into operation of the abandonment the area of road in question shall cease to be maintainable by the Department and the public right of way over it shall be extinguished.

3. Background

- 3.1. The abandonment is proposed by the Department to regularise the situation on the ground as land was sold by the Department's Roads Service in 1995.
- 3.2. In 2006 the land in question was registered in private ownership and a dwelling constructed on the site. Following abandonment the land will revert to the registered landowners.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. The PSNI has been advised and has no objection to the abandonment. The Ards and North Down Borough Council has been advised but no acknowledgement has been received. Its predecessor, North Down Borough Council was also advised and had no objection to the abandonment.
- 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.