

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO
The Manor, Blacks Road, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland)
2017

S.R. 2017 No. 192

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 an area of 55.878 square metres of road comprising carriageway and footway (part of a former roundabout) at the Manor, Blacks Road, Belfast.
- 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 Department proposes to abandon the area of road in question in order to rectify the situation on the ground. The road was realigned as part of a neighbouring housing development as a result of which part of the former roundabout was made into verge and a new footway provided along the new line of the carriageway. The area of road to be abandoned has since been incorporated within the boundary of an adjacent property following reports of antisocial behaviour in the area.
- 3.2. The area of road to be abandoned is no longer necessary for road traffic.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. The PSNI was consulted and has no objection. Belfast City Council was notified 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, a notice was posted on site and the statutory undertakers were notified of the proposal. An objection was received from Phoenix Gas but this was later withdrawn. No other 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.