

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO**

### **The Granemore Road, Tassagh, Keady (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2017**

**S.R. 2017 No. 193**

#### **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 100.66 square metres of road comprising footway at Granemore Road, Tassagh, Keady adjacent to its junction with the entrance to St Mary's Primary School.
- 2.2. The area of road in question will be abandoned after completion of such works as the Department considers necessary. The area of road in question shall then cease to be maintainable by the Department and the public right of way over it shall be extinguished.

#### **3. Background**

- 3.1. The abandonment has been requested by Doran Consulting Limited on behalf of St Patrick's Archdiocesan Trust Limited who wish to realign the footway as part of a scheme to improve facilities at the school.
- 3.2. The proposed abandonment will allow the school to provide parking spaces and realign the bus stop / lay-by area further back from Granemore Road. It will address existing congestion problems and relates specifically to the picking-up and dropping-off of children at the school.

#### **4. Consultation**

- 4.1. The PSNI was consulted and supports the proposed abandonment as it will allow measures to increase the road safety of schoolchildren. Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough 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. No objections were received although a local resident has expressed concerns about the effect on parking in the area in discussions with the Department.

#### **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.