

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Dalton Street, Belfast (Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2017

S. R. 2017 No. 194

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 Dalton Street, Belfast at its junction with Middlepath Street, Belfast.

3. Background

- 3.1. The proposal to stop-up this length of road forms part of a scheme to provide improved cycling facilities throughout Belfast. This is part of the fifth stage identified for implementation in the city centre. The scheme also includes provision of a cycle lane on lengths of Middlepath Street and also a shared cycle track on lengths of footway of Middlepath Street. The stopping-up of Dalton Street is necessary for the safe operation of the cycle lane/track.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. The PSNI has been consulted and no objection has been received. Belfast City Council has also been advised of the proposed stopping-up but no acknowledgement was received.
- 4.2. In accordance with the statutory consultation process a notice in respect of the proposed stopping-up was published in the local press for two successive weeks. In addition, a notice was posted on site and the statutory undertakers, neighbouring landowners and frontagers were consulted as part of the formal consultation process. Two objections were received and subsequently withdrawn.

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.