

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO**

### **The Ferrard Meadow, Antrim (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018**

#### **S. R. 2018 No. 159**

#### **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 2 areas of road totalling 249 square metres at Ferrard Meadow, Antrim consisting of 31 square metres of footway and grass verge on the north-east side and 218 square metres of carriageway, footway and grass verge on the south-east side.
- 2.2. On the coming into operation of the rule, the areas of road in question shall cease to be maintainable by the Department and the public right of way over them shall be extinguished.

#### **3. Background**

- 3.1. The abandonment has been requested by Pendale Investments Limited, who are the contractors developing the area and the current owners of the areas of land to be abandoned.
- 3.2. The abandonment is required to facilitate a housing development that is already in progress and well advanced.
- 3.3. The developer requires the abandonment in order to alter the road layout to construct a new street and provide access to the new houses. The work has already been carried out and the abandonment will rectify the situation on the ground.
- 3.4. The Department is of the opinion that the areas to be abandoned are no longer necessary for road traffic. Following the abandonment the land will revert to the landowners.

#### **4. Consultation**

- 4.1. The PSNI has been consulted and has no objection. Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council has also been advised of the proposed abandonment.
- 4.2. In accordance with the statutory consultation process a notice in respect of the proposed abandonment was published in the local press for two successive weeks. In addition, a notice was posted on site and the statutory undertakers were notified of the proposal.

## **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.