

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Crankill Road Central Reservation, Ballymena (Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2022

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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 Rule will stop-up a gap in the central reservation at Nos. 73 and 80 Crankill Road, Ballymena at a point 171 metres south of its junction with Fenagh Road for a distance of 5.7 metres in a southerly direction.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Department is aware that some of the crossover points where residents access their properties are not to standard on this length of Crankill Road which has four lanes. Motorists in the fast lanes have to slow down significantly to make the tight turns into the crossover points. The Department considers that this is dangerous and has been proactive by contacting residents in person to garner their feedback in relation to stopping-up these crossover points.
- 3.2. The residents at the location in question said they did not use the crossover point as they considered the manoeuvre required to be dangerous and are happy for the crossover point to be stopped-up. Other roads are available which provides alternative facilities for road traffic. The length of road will be stopped-up by being grassed over.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. The PSNI has been consulted and no objection has been received. Mid & East Antrim Borough Council have also been advised of the proposed stopping-up, however no comments have been 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.
- 4.3. One objection was received to a proposed stopping-up at No. 100 Crankill Road. The Department removed this stopping-up from the advertised draft Order and do not intend to pursue that stopping-up. No other objections were received to this Order. The draft Order was modified accordingly.

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.