

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO**

### **The Broadway, Larne (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014**

#### **S.R. 2014 No. 312**

#### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Regional Development 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 715 square metres of road adjacent to Broadway, Larne.

#### **3. Background**

- 3.1. The proposed abandonment was requested by Larne Borough Council to facilitate an environmental improvement scheme. The area of road being abandoned will be transferred to the Council which plans to use the area in question for community events in the town centre. The Council will replace the existing Street Lighting columns on the area of road being abandoned as part of the scheme.
- 3.2. The Department is of the opinion that the area of road in question is no longer necessary.

#### **4. Consultation**

- 4.1. The PSNI has advised that it is in agreement with the abandonment. Larne Borough Council has been notified and has no objection to the proposal.
- 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.

#### **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.