

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Hillsborough Road, Moneyreagh (Abandonment and Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018

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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 purpose of the rule is to abandon an area of 155 square metres of road at Hillsborough Road, Moneyreagh and to stop-up Hillsborough Road at the Moneyreagh Road/Hillsborough Road crossroads, Moneyreagh.

3. Background

- 3.1. On the coming into operation of the rule, the area of road to be abandoned shall cease to be maintainable by the Department and the public right of way over it shall be extinguished. The area of road in question will be abandoned after completion of such works as the Department considers necessary. The rule will also stop-up Hillsborough Road at the Moneyreagh Road/Hillsborough Road crossroads, Moneyreagh.
- 3.2. The abandonment has been requested by the contractors J H Price & Sons to facilitate a new housing development. The abandonment and stopping-up of Hillsborough Road is required as part of the new road layout in the development. The contractors will provide an alternative route for vehicular traffic and the area of road being abandoned will be grassed over.
- 3.3. The bed and soil of the area to be abandoned is owned by several members of the public. They have been notified of the proposed abandonment and no objections were received.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. The PSNI has been consulted and no objection has been received. Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council has also been advised of the proposed abandonment and stopping-up but no acknowledgement has been received.
- 4.2. In accordance with the statutory consultation process a notice in respect of the proposed abandonment and stopping-ups were 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.

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.