

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO**

### **The Annesborough Industrial Estate, Annesborough Road, Lurgan (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018**

**S.R. 2018 No. 27**

#### **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 an area of 1093 square metres of road in Annesborough Industrial Estate, Annesborough Road, Lurgan, consisting of 923 square metres of carriageway and 170 square metres of footpath in front of units 20 and 21 Annesborough Industrial Estate, commencing at a point 246.2 metres west of its junction with the U1408 Annesborough Road, Lurgan.
- 2.2. On the coming into operation of the abandonment the area of road in question shall cease to be maintainable by the Department and the public right of way over it shall be extinguished.

#### **3. Background**

- 3.1. The area of road proposed to be abandoned has been fenced off for more than 10 years. It is used solely by the adjacent business at Unit 20/21, Prime Stock Meats.
- 3.2. The abandonment has been requested by the business owner in order to regularise the situation on the ground.
- 3.3. The owner of the bed and soil of the area to be abandoned is Oakdale Meats (Northern Ireland) Limited.

#### **4. Consultation**

- 4.1. The PSNI has been informed and has no objection to the abandonment. Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council has been advised but no acknowledgement has been received.
- 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.