

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO**

### **The A1 Dual Carriageway (between Springwell Loanin and Castlewellan Road Bridge), Banbridge (Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018**

**S.R. 2018 No. 30**

#### **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 stop-up lengths of the central reservation of the Dual Carriageway of the A1 Newry Road and the A1 Banbridge Bypass, between Springwell Loanin and Castlewellan Road Bridge, Banbridge.

#### **3. Background**

- 3.1. The proposed stopping-ups are part of a larger scheme which involves the construction of four grade separated junctions to facilitate the closing up of all openings in the central median and installation of a continuous central safety barrier between Hillsborough Roundabout and Loughbrickland improving road safety for road users on the A1.
- 3.2. This Order will stop-up all the accommodation and maintenance crossings between Springwell Loanin and Castlewellan Road, Banbridge. One private access and three field accesses will also be closed by a separate Order as part of this phase of the overall scheme.

#### **4. Consultation**

- 4.1. The PSNI has been informed and has no objection to the stopping-ups. 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 stopping-ups 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.