

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO
The Crescent Link, Londonderry (Abandonment) 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) 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 road comprising 263 square metres of grass verge adjacent to the northern footway of Crescent Link, Londonderry extending from a point 9 metres east of Lisnagelvin Road for a distance of 120 metres in a north-easterly direction.
- 2.2. On the coming into operation of the rule, 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.
- 2.3. The Department is of the opinion that the area of road is not necessary for road traffic.

3. Background

- 3.1. The abandonment has been requested by the PSNI to facilitate the provision of a new custody suite with accompanying security cameras.
- 3.2. The Department is the owner of the bed and soil of the area of road to be abandoned. Following the abandonment the land will revert to the Department and be declared surplus. The land will then be disposed of in accordance with the statutory procedures laid down for the disposal of government owned land and subsequently be incorporated into PSNI ownership.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. The PSNI has been consulted and has no objection. Derry City and Strabane District Council has also been advised of the proposed abandonment.
- 4.2. In accordance with the statutory consultation process a notice in respect of the proposed abandonment was published in the local press for two successive weeks. In addition, a notice was posted on site and the statutory undertakers were notified of the proposal.

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.