

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The U1371 (unnamed Road) off Long Lane, Portadown (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2018

S.R. 2018 No. 75

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 364 square metres of road beginning at the junction of the U1371(unnamed road) with Long Lane, Portadown and extending for a distance of 50.83 metres in a north-westerly direction, after the completion of such works as the Department considers necessary for the provision of alternative facilities for road traffic.
- 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 abandonment has been requested by WSC Consulting on behalf of WGK Construction Limited in order to facilitate the construction of a housing development.
- 3.2. The majority of the road is registered to JJJ Developments Limited. The remainder of the road is unregistered and the Developer has been unable to identify the owner.
- 3.3. Following the abandonment the road will be realigned and the abandoned section of road will be grassed over.

4. Consultation

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