

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The U7200 Ballygowan Road, Dromore (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019

S.R. 2019 No. 228

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 316.667 square metres of the U7200 Ballygowan Road, Dromore commencing at a point 24 metres south-east of its junction with the C359 Ballygowan Road, Dromore for a distance of 50 metres in a south-easterly direction.
- 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 MPM Specialist Vehicles Limited who wish to acquire the land in question.
- 3.2. The bed and soil of the area of road in question is owned by the Department.
- 3.3. The Department is of the opinion that the area of road is no longer necessary for road traffic.
- 3.4. The abandonment will facilitate the disposal of the land.
- 3.5. Following the abandonment, the land will be declared surplus and disposed of in accordance with the statutory procedures laid down for the disposal of government owned land.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. The PSNI has been informed and has no objection to the abandonment. Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council has been advised and no objection 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.