

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Mount Pleasant, Townhill Road, Portglenone (Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2020

S.R. 2020 No. 271

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 Mount Pleasant, Portglenone at its northern junction with Townhill Road at a line commencing at a point on the northern edge of the carriageway of Mount Pleasant and extending for a distance of 10 metres in a southerly direction.

3. Background

- 3.1. The stopping-up is proposed by Departmental officials to eliminate road traffic collisions at this location.
- 3.2. Following the stopping-up the junction in question will be grassed over. The southern junction of Mount Pleasant with Townhill Road provides alternative facilities for road traffic.
- 3.3. Departmental officials are of the view that the road is no longer necessary and may be stopped-up.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. The PSNI has been informed and has no objection to the abandonment. Mid & East Antrim Borough Council has been advised and no objection has been received.
- 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, a notice was posted on site and the statutory undertakers were notified of the proposal.
- 4.3. Following completion of the statutory consultation process 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.