

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The A26 Crankill Road Central Reservation, Ballymena (Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2020

S.R. 2020 No. 273

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 a gap in the central reservation of the A26 Crankill Road, Ballymena dual carriageway at a point 352 metres south of its junction with Kildowney Road for a distance of 10 metres in a southerly direction.

3. Background

- 3.1. The stopping-up has been requested in order to prevent road traffic collisions at this location. Other roads are available which provides alternative facilities for road traffic. The length of road comprising the gap in the central reservation will be stopped-up by being grassed over.
- 3.2. Departmental officials are of the view that the road is not necessary and may be stopped-up as other roads are available which provides alternative facilities for road traffic. These include a grade-separated junction 3 miles away, for northerly traffic to cross over (other closer crossovers also exist) and a wider gap in the central reservation at the nearby junction with Loughmagarry Road or at the Teehan Road junction 4 miles away for southerly traffic to cross over.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. The PSNI has been consulted and has no objection. Mid & East Antrim Borough Council has also been advised but no comments have been received.
- 4.2. In accordance with the statutory consultation process a notice in respect of the proposed stopping-up was published in the local press for two successive weeks. In addition, a notice was posted on site and the statutory undertakers, neighbouring landowners and frontagers were consulted as part of the formal consultation process.
- 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.