

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Ballyboley Road, Larne (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021

S. R. 2021 No. 49

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 2650 square metres of Ballyboley Road, Larne. 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.

3. Background

- 3.1. The abandonment has been requested by WSC Consulting on behalf of the developer, Nuport Developments Limited. The developer has requested that an area of Ballyboley Road is abandoned to allow for the realignment and upgrade of the road. The abandonment is subject to the provision of the realignment of Ballyboley Road through the planning process. A planning application has been approved.
- 3.2. The developer shall carry out works as the Department considers necessary for provision of road realignment and alternative facilities for road traffic, and on completion of the works the area of road shall be abandoned.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. The PSNI has been consulted and has no objection. Mid & East Antrim Borough 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. Following the advertising of the Notice in the local press, 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 businesses, charities or 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.