

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO**

### **The Lurgan Road, Portadown (Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2024**

#### **S. R. 2024 No. 134**

#### **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 Lurgan Road, Portadown at two locations.

#### **3. Background**

- 3.1. The stopping-ups have been requested by a property consultant on behalf of a developer to comply with approved planning applications for redevelopment in the area.
- 3.2. The developer shall carry out such works as the Department considers necessary for the provision of alternative facilities for road traffic and on completion of works Lurgan Road, Portadown shall be stopped-up to motor vehicles at the lines described in the Rule. The stopped-up road will be reconfigured into a cycleway/footpath with wide verges on either side.

#### **4. Consultation**

- 4.1. The PSNI has been consulted and no objection has been received. Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council has also been advised of the proposed stopping-ups and its content.
- 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. 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. The applicant has signed an undertaking to reimburse the Department's costs and expenses and to pay any compensation due as a result of making the Rule.

## **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.