

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Carrickmannon Road, Crossgar (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2024

S. R. 2024 No. 34

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 The purpose of the Rule is to abandon an area of 231 square metres of superseded road at Carrickmannon Road, Crossgar commencing at a point 26 metres east of its junction with Manse Road and continuing for a distance of 35 metres in a northerly direction.
- 2.2. The Department is of the opinion the road is no longer required for road traffic purposes and another road is available which provides alternative facilities.
- 2.3. The bed and soil of the majority of the area is registered to the Trustees of Raffrey Presbyterian Church while the remainder of the land is registered to two private individuals.
- 2.4. On the coming into operation of the Rule, the land will revert to Raffrey Presbyterian Church who have agreed to give a Right of Way to the registered owners of the remainder of the land.

3. Background

- 3.1. The abandonment has been requested by the Trustees of Raffrey Presbyterian Church who wish to take control of the area.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. The PSNI has been consulted and has no objection to the abandonment. Newry, Mourne and Down District Council has also been notified of the proposed abandonment but has not commented.
- 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 advertisement 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 business, 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.