EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The A29 Armagh Road, Moy (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

S.R. 2014 No.311

1. Introduction

1.1. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Regional Development 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 The purpose of the rule is to abandon an area of 2345 square metres of superseded road at the A29 Armagh Road, Moy.

3. Background

3.1. The proposed abandonment was requested by Solicitors acting on behalf of the adjacent landowner. The area to be abandoned was acquired by the Department for the reconstruction of Route A29 Drumarn to Charlemont but has been fenced into the curtilage of the adjacent property. The abandonment is required to regularise the situation on the ground and to facilitate the sale of the adjacent property.

3.2. Following the abandonment the land will be declared surplus and disposed of in accordance with the procedures laid down for the disposal of government owned land.

3.3. The Department is of the opinion that the area of road in question is no longer necessary.

4. Consultation

4.1. The PSNI has advised that it is in agreement with the abandonment. Armagh City and District Council has been notified and is also in agreement with the abandonment.

4.2. 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. 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.