EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The A29 Moy Road and U7004 Drumcairn Road, Armagh (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

S. R. 2015 No. 306

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 The purpose of the rule is to abandon an area of 667 square metres of superseded road at the junction of Moy Road and Drumcairn Road, Armagh.

3. Background

3.1. The bed and soil of the area to be abandoned is owned by the Department. It was retained by the Department when the original road was superseded to facilitate a left turning feeder lane from Drumcairn Road on to Moy Road. The Department no longer wishes to pursue this scheme.

3.2. The area to be abandoned has been included within the curtilage of No. 1 Drumcairn Road by the owner of that property.

3.3. Following the abandonment, the land will be disposed of in accordance with the statutory procedures laid down for the disposal of government owned land.

3.4. The Department is of the opinion that the road is not necessary for road traffic.

4. Consultation

4.1. The PSNI has been consulted and has no objection. Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council has also been advised of the proposed abandonment but no acknowledgement was received.

4.2. 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, 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. 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.