EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The A6 Castledawson By-Pass (Abandonment and Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2022

S.R. 2022 No. 113

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 Rule will abandon 2 lengths of road at Bellshill Road, Annaghmore and stop-up 3 lengths of Bellshill Road and 1 length of Annaghmore Road, Annaghmore to road traffic on the A6 Castledawson By-Pass between Castledawson and Toome.

2.2. The Department for Infrastructure owns the bed and soil and following the abandonment the land will form part of the roads verge, and permanent fencing will be erected across the existing road to stop-up access to road traffic. This will form part of the upgrade to the A6 between Castledawson and Toome.

3. Background

3.1. The abandonments and stopping-ups have been requested by Roads and Rivers Northern Division following the upgrade of the A6 between Castledawson and Toome.

4. Consultation

4.1. The PSNI has been consulted and no objection has been received. Mid Ulster District Council has also been advised of the proposed stopping-ups but no acknowledgement has been received.

4.2. A notice in respect of the proposed stopping-ups 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.