EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Ardmillan Gardens, Bangor (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2022

S.R. 2022 No. 21

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 1.85 square metres of road comprising footway directly adjacent to No. 15 Ardmillan Gardens.

2.2. On the coming into operation of the rule, the area of road in question shall cease to be maintainable by the Department and the public right of way over it shall be extinguished

3. Background

3.1. The abandonment has been requested by an adjacent landowner in order to extend their boundary wall slightly to facilitate more parking in their driveway. There is still a wide footway which serves the public. Following the abandonment the resident will extend their boundary wall over the abandoned piece of land.

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

4. Consultation

4.1. The PSNI has been consulted and no objection has been received. Ards and North Down Borough Council has also been advised of the proposed abandonment but no acknowledgement has been received.

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.