EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Back Street at Carrick Hill and Library Street, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2011

S. R. 2011 No. 33

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 89 square metres of road to the rear of Nos. 35-37 Carrick Hill (previously known as Upper Library Street), to the side of No. 38 Library Street and to the rear of No. 12 Stephen Street, Belfast.

3. Background

3.1. The abandonment has been requested by the Department for Social Development who wish to incorporate the area of road in question into a new development. The bed and soil of the area to be abandoned is unregistered. The Department is of the opinion that the area of road is no longer necessary.

4. Consultation

4.1. The PSNI has been consulted and has no objection. Belfast City Council was notified about the proposal. A Notice in respect of the proposed abandonment was published in the local press for two successive weeks and statutory undertakers notified of the proposal.

4.2. No objection was received following publication of the notice.

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.