EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Belsize Gardens and Belsize Way, Lisburn (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2025

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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 two areas of land totalling 340.76 square metres, comprising a turning head measuring 165.92 square metres adjacent to No. 9 Belsize Gardens, Lisburn and a turning head measuring 174.84 square metres adjacent to No. 3 Belsize Way, Lisburn, after completion of such works as the Department considers necessary to provide alternative facilities.

3. Background

3.1. The abandonment has been requested by Blue Horizon Developments Limited to facilitate phase two development of the site. The abandonment of the turning heads was a planning requirement for phase one of the development and will no longer be required when phase two has been completed. A new road layout will be adopted under the Private Streets Order when the construction works are completed.

3.2. The bed and soil of the areas to be abandoned is owned by Blue Horizon Developments Limited and following the abandonment the land will be incorporated into the footprint of the new properties being constructed.

4. Consultation

4.1. The PSNI has been consulted and has no objection to the abandonment. Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council has also been advised of the proposed abandonment and no objection has been received.

4.2. In accordance with the statutory consultation process, 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 were notified of the proposal. Following the advertisement of the notice in the local press, 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 businesses, charities or voluntary bodies.

7. Financial Implications

7.1. None. The applicant has signed an undertaking to reimburse the Department and to pay any compensation due as a result of making the Order.

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.