EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Bramble Road, Newtownabbey (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2019

S.R. 2019 No. 98

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 296 square metres of road comprising a turning head between No. 10 Berryfields Road and No. 3 Berry Drive, Newtownabbey commencing at the junction of Berryfields Road and Bramble Road and extending for a distance of 22 metres in an easterly direction.

2.2. The Department is of the opinion that another road is available which provides alternative facilities for road traffic.

2.3. On the coming into operation of the abandonment 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 to facilitate construction of a new single dwelling at this location.

3.2. The developer is the owner of the bed and soil of the area of road to be abandoned.

4. Consultation

4.1. The PSNI has been informed and has no objection to the abandonment. Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council has been advised and has no objection.

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.