EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Bramblewood Grove, Banbridge (Footway) (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2011

S.R. 2011 No. 37

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 4 square metres of footway adjacent to No. 23 Bramblewood Grove, Banbridge.

3. Background

3.1. The abandonment has been requested by the owner of No. 23 Bramblewood Grove, who wishes to provide additional disabled access to his property.

3.2. The land is owned by a third party, and the owner of No. 23 has reached an agreement with the third party to purchase the land and incorporate it into his property.

4. Consultation

4.1. The PSNI has been consulted and has no objection. Banbridge District Council 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.