EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Curran Street and Obins Street, Portadown (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2013

S.R. 2013 No. 41

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 three areas of road totalling 443.1 square metres at Curran Street and Obins Street. Portadown.

3. Background

3.1. On completion of the abandonment of the areas of road in question the land involved will revert to the Department for Social Development (DSD) as the registered owner.

3.2. The areas of road in question form part of a larger site which DSD has agreed to sell to the South Ulster Housing Association for redevelopment purposes.

3.3. The Department is of the opinion that the areas of road in question are no longer necessary.

4. Consultation

4.1. The PSNI has been notified and has no objection. Craigavon Borough Council has been notified 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

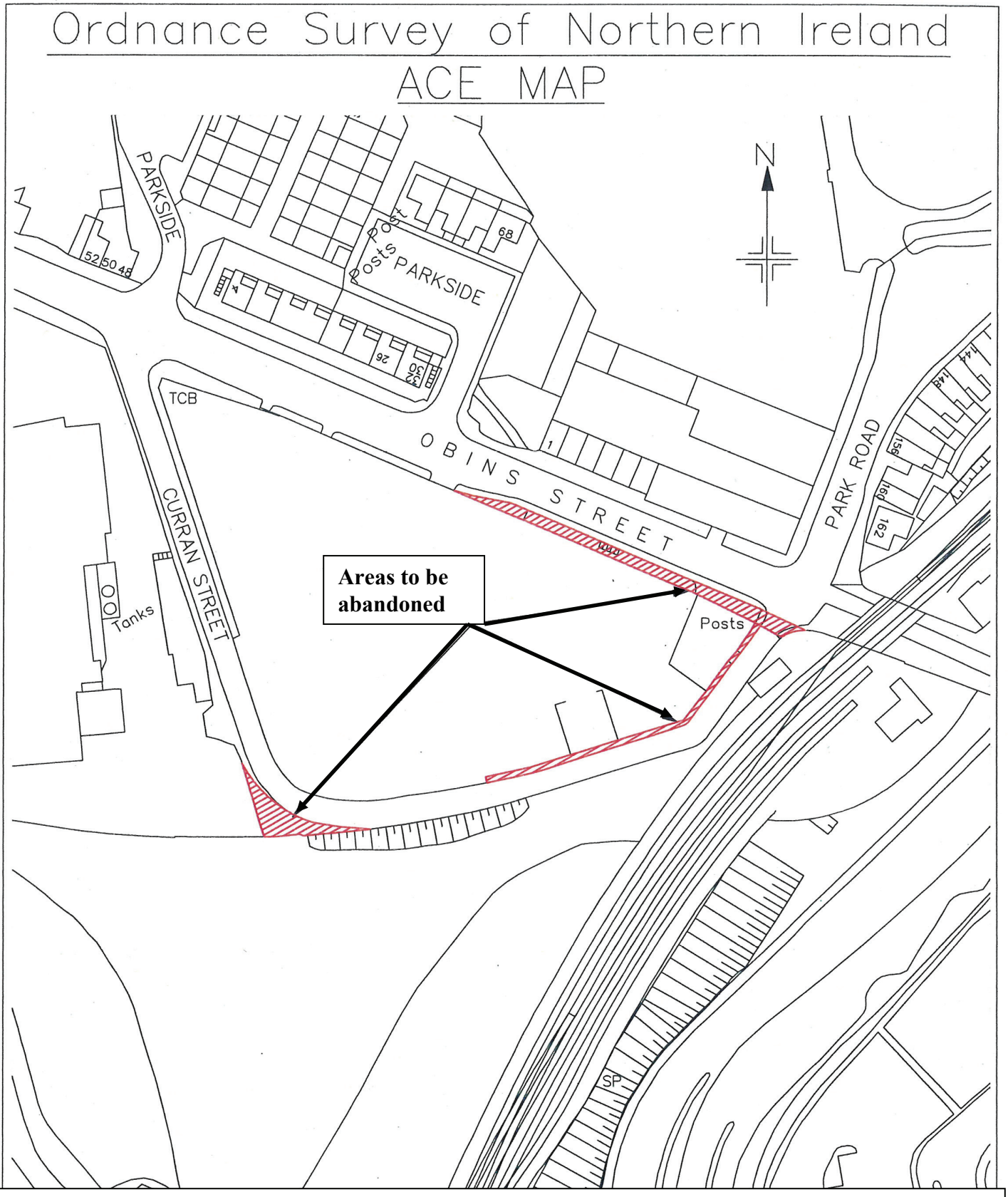
9.1. Not applicable.

10. Parity or Replicatory Measure

10.1. Not applicable.

11. Additional Information

11.1. Not applicable.



DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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