EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Dill Road, Castlereagh (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2010

S. R. 2010 No. 35

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 a length of Dill Road, Castlereagh, from its junction with Alexander Road for a distance of 108 metres in a southerly direction.

3. Background

3.1. The abandonment has been requested by a developer who will be required to construct a turning head at the southern end of the length of road to be abandoned. The bed and soil of the length of road to be abandoned is unregistered and following the abandonment the land will be incorporated into a new development in the area.

4. Consultation

4.1. The PSNI has been consulted and has no objection. Castlereagh Borough Council was notified about the proposal. A Notice in respect of the proposed abandonment was published in the local press for 2 successive weeks and statutory undertakers notified of the proposal.

4.2. Two objections were received from two neighbouring businesses who were concerned: that access to their sites will be severely hampered, causing vehicles to reverse back down an already congested Dill Road; about the location of alternative parking for their own employees and those of other businesses in the area; and that the road is well used by road traffic and pedestrians.

4.3. The Department has considered these objections and is of the view that access to these neighbouring properties will be retained and that the construction of a turning head will ensure that turning movements on Dill Road will be catered for. The Department is satisfied that there is sufficient alternative on-street car parking in the area to cater for vehicles which currently park on Dill Road and that there is a suitable alternative route for road traffic and pedestrians.

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.