EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Drumnagoon Road, Portadown (Abandonment) Order (Northern Irelnad) 2026

S. R. 2026 No. 41

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, after completion of such works as the Department considers necessary for the provision of alternative facilities for road traffic, to abandon an area of road to the front of No. 48 Drumnagoon Road, Portadown.

3. Background

3.1. The Rule will abandon an area of 87 square metres of road to the front of No. 48 Drumnagoon Road, Portadown commencing at a point 13.8 metres south-east of the junction of the realigned road with the former Drumnagoon Road and continuing for 17.1 metres in a north-easterly direction .

3.2. The abandonment has been requested by Sheehy Consulting, on behalf of Ardmore Ltd, to facilitate a planning application involving the construction of 48 dwellings and associated road realignment.

4. Consultation

4.1. The PSNI has been informed and has no objection to the proposals. Armagh City Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council has also been advised of the proposed abandonment but has not commented.

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, neighbouring landowners and frontagers were consulted as part of the formal consultation process.

4.3. Following completion of the statutory consultation process, 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 the voluntary bodies.

7. Financial Implications

7.1. The applicant has signed an undertaking to reimburse the Department and to pay 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.