EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Eskragh Road (U1104), Granville, Dungannon (Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2011

S.R. 2011 No. 275

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), (3) 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 stop-up Eskragh Road (U1104), Granville, Dungannon at a line 340 metres north-west of its junction with the A45 Granville Road, Dungannon.

3. Background

3.1. This road is a narrow unclassified rural road and as such is unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles. With the new A4 Dual Carriageway open and the construction of a new business park adjacent to the new road, this minor road could be used by traffic wishing to make a quick exit from Granville Industrial Estate or for easy access from the A4 Dual Carriageway. This would create a very unsafe environment for other road users, particularly pedestrians or cyclists in the area. An alternative route is available for vehicular traffic.

4. Consultation

4.1. The PSNI has been consulted and has no objection. Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council was notified of the proposal but made no comment.

4.2. A notice in respect of the proposed abandonment was published in the local press for 2 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.