EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Hanover Glen, Bangor (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2011

S. R. 2011 No. 344

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 72 square metres of road comprising a turning head, in front of No. 4 Hanover Glen, Bangor on completion of works to provide alternative facilities in the form of a new footway across the front of the area to be abandoned. The rule also requires the retention of any equipment belonging to statutory undertakers in the area to be abandoned and preserves their right to maintain such equipment there.

3. Background

3.1. The proposed abandonment has been requested by a developer who wishes to incorporate part of the area to be abandoned into the garden of a new dwelling. The remainder of the area to be abandoned will be incorporated into the garden of No. 4 Hanover Glen.

4. Consultation

4.1. The PSNI has been consulted and has no objection. North Down Borough Council was notified about the proposal. The proposal was considered at a recent meeting of the council and the Department has been advised that the council support the proposal.

4.2. 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. No objections have been 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.