EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The M3 Motorway at Titanic Quarter Railway Station, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012

S. R. 2012 No. 274

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 1151 square metres of road situated between the south-eastern side of the M3 motorway and Titanic Quarter Railway Station.

3. Background

3.1. The abandonment has been requested by Translink/Northern Ireland Transport Holding Co. to allow for the extension of Titanic Quarter Railway Station and the construction of extended platforms. The area of road in question is owned by the Department and following the abandonment, it will be declared surplus and disposed of in accordance with the procedures laid down for the disposal of government owned land.

4. Consultation

4.1. Belfast City Council has been advised of the proposed abandonment. 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. NIE initially objected to the scheme, but subsequently withdrew its objection in writing. BT Telecommunications plc has requested an easement which will be dealt with as part of the disposal process.

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.

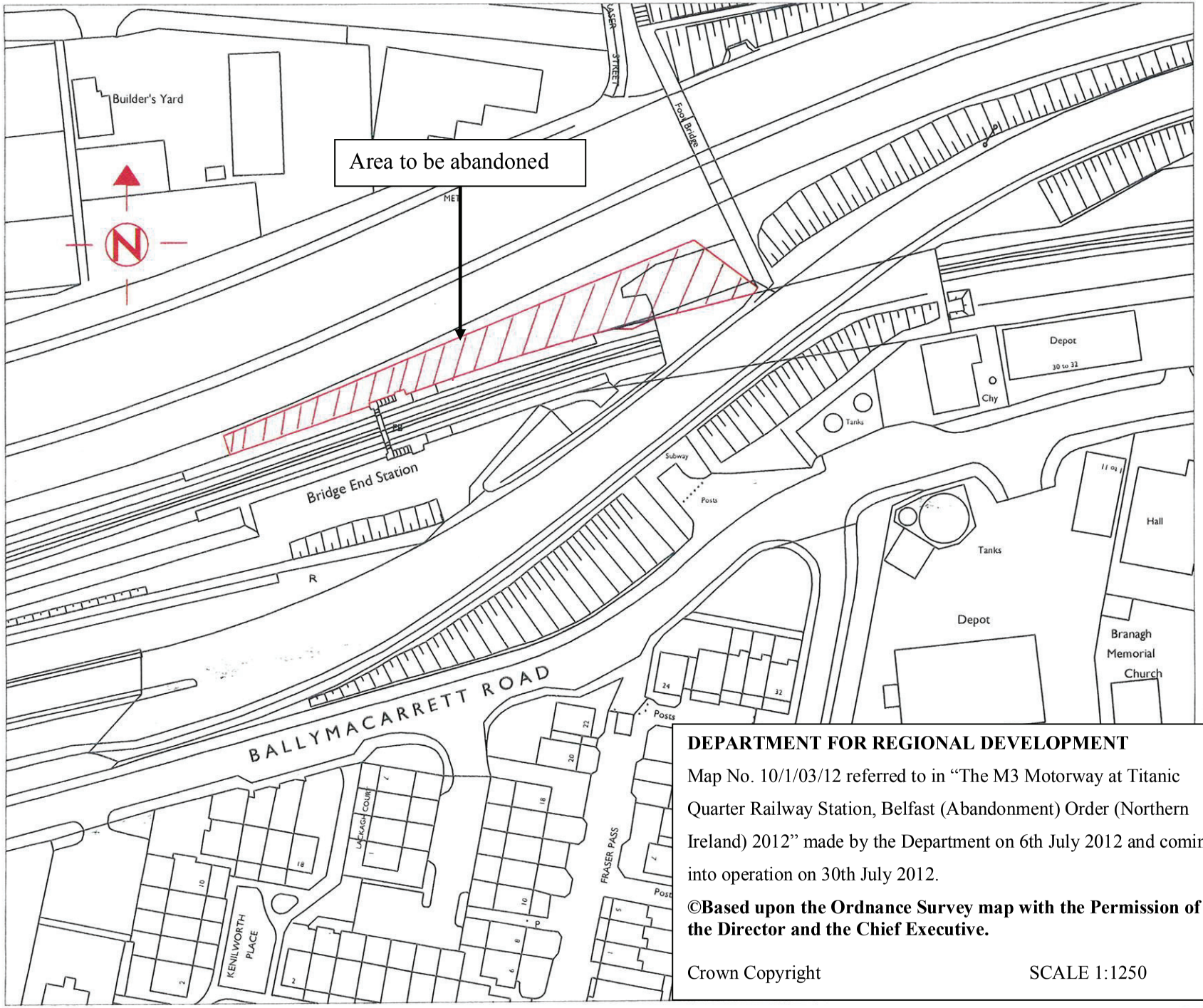
10. Parity or Replicatory Measure

10.1. Not applicable.

11. Additional Information

11.1. Not applicable.

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