EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Rathdown Walk, Lisburn (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

S. R. 2015 No. 30

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 5577.481 square metres of road at Rathdown Walk, Lisburn. On the coming into operation of the rule, the area of road in question shall cease to be maintainable by the Department and the public right of way over it shall be exinguished. The Department is of the opinion that the road is no longer necessary for road traffic.

3. Background

3.1. The abandonment has been requestd by Warmflow Holdings Limited who are the owners of the bed and soil of the area of road to be abandoned. Following the abandonment a gate will be erected to control access to the site.

4. Consultation

4.1. The PSNI has been consulted and has no objection. Lisburn City Council has also been advised of the proposed abandonment but made no comment.

4.2. 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. 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.