EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Rathenraw Industrial Estate, Antrim (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2025

S.R. 2025 No. 86

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 to abandon an area of 1453 square metres of turning head located between Unit 11D Rathenraw Industrial Estate and 15 Rathenraw Industrial Estate, Antrim commencing at a point 22 metres east of Unit 8 Rathenraw Industrial Estate and continuing for a distance of 60.15 metres, after completion of such works as the Department considers necessary to provide alternative facilities.

3. Background

3.1. The abandonment has been requested by an adjacent landowner to allow them to have better control over the area as it is already in their ownership. It will also relieve the Department of the responsibility of its ongoing maintenance.

3.2. The bed and soil of the area to be abandoned is owned by Robinson Property Group Limited and following the abandonment the area will be incorporated into the adjacent premises.

4. Consultation

4.1. The PSNI has been informed and has no objection to the abandonment. Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council has been advised and no objection has been received.

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 business, charities or the voluntary bodies.

7. Financial Implications

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