**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO**

**The Shore Road, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2010**

**S. R. 2010 No. 215**

## 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) 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 373.8 square metres of grass verge at the junction of Shore Road and Skegoneill Avenue, Belfast.

## 3. Background

3.1. The area to be abandoned is owned by the Department and following the abandonment it will be disposed of as surplus to requirements. The abandonment has been requested by Grove Housing Association who wish to incorporate the area of land in question into a new housing development. The Department is of the opinion that the area of road is not necessary for road traffic.

## 4. Consultation

4.1. The police have been consulted and have no objection. Belfast City Council was notified about the proposal. 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.

## 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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