EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Traffic Signs (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009

SR 2009 No. 221

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 under Article 28(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 and is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

2. Purpose

2.1. This Statutory Rule further amends the Traffic Signs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997. Regulation 2 amends diagram 670 in Schedule 2 by inserting "(1300)" under "(1200)" in the list of numbers to the left of the diagram.

2.2. It is proposed that the revised sign will be used as part of a traffic control system which Roads Service intends to introduce on part of the M1 / Westlink.

3. Background

3.1. Article 28(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 provides that traffic signs shall be of a prescribed size, colour and type. The Traffic Signs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997 prescribe the size, colour and type of various traffic signs.

4. Consultation

4.1. The police were consulted and are in agreement with the proposal. EU Member States were consulted and had no comments to make.

5. Equality Impact

5.1. Consideration has been given to compliance with Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998. The Department carried out an equality of opportunity screening analysis and no equality issues have been identified.

6. Regulatory Impact

6.1. A Regulatory Impact Assessment was not considered necessary as the proposal does not result in any costs or savings on 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. The Department has carried out a Human

Rights Act impact assessment and has concluded that the proposal does not engage any Convention rights.

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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