**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO**

**The U324 Cannyreagh Road, Donaghadee (Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2025**

**S. R. 2025 No. 154**

## 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), (3) 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 stop-up a length of Cannyreagh Road, Donaghadee.

## 3. Background

3.1. The stopping-up has been requested by a developer to comply with an approved planning application to facilitate a new residential housing development.

3.2. The developer shall carry out such works as the Department considers necessary for the provision of alternative facilities for road traffic and on completion of works Cannyreagh Road, Donaghadee shall be stopped-up to motor vehicles at the line described in the Rule. The road will be stopped-up by means of installation of end of road pre-cast concrete kerb and a new anti-dazzle fence behind the kerbline.

## 4. Consultation

4.1. The PSNI has been consulted and no objection has been received. Ards & North Down Borough Council has also been advised of the proposed stopping-ups but has not commented.

4.2. In accordance with the statutory consultation process a notice in respect of the proposed stopping-up 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 two objections were received and duly considered. The Department responded to the objectors but the objections were not withdrawn.

4.4. The Department is satisfied the the appropriate processes were followed in relation to the proposed stopping-up and that the issues raised by the objectors were fully addressed.

## 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. Spend will be incurred in 2025-26 and relates to departmental staff costs as well as any physical infrastructure costs, for which there is sufficient budget. The applicant has signed an undertaking to reimburse the Department's costs and expenses and to pay any compensation due as a result of making the Rule.

## 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.