EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The U6007 Meadowlands, Downpatrick (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

S. R. 2014 No. 199

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 352 square metres of former road, footway and footpath at the Quoile Crescent development, Meadowlands, Downpatrick.

3. Background

3.1. The abandonment has been requested by solicitors acting on behalf of the receiver for the former developer of the site. Part of the bed and soil of the area to be abandoned is owned by the Department and part is owned by the former developer. Following the abandonment, the land owned by the Department will be disposed of in accordance with the statutory procedures laid down for the disposal of government owned land.

3.2. Development in the area is substantially complete and there are now houses built on the area to be abandoned. The abandonment is necessary to regularise the situation on the ground.

4. Consultation

4.1. The PSNI has been consulted and has no objection. Down District Council has also been advised of the proposed abandonment and confirmed that they are in agreement with the proposal.

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.

4.3. Northern Ireland Electricity Ltd initially objected to the proposed abandonment but that objection was subsequently withdrawn.

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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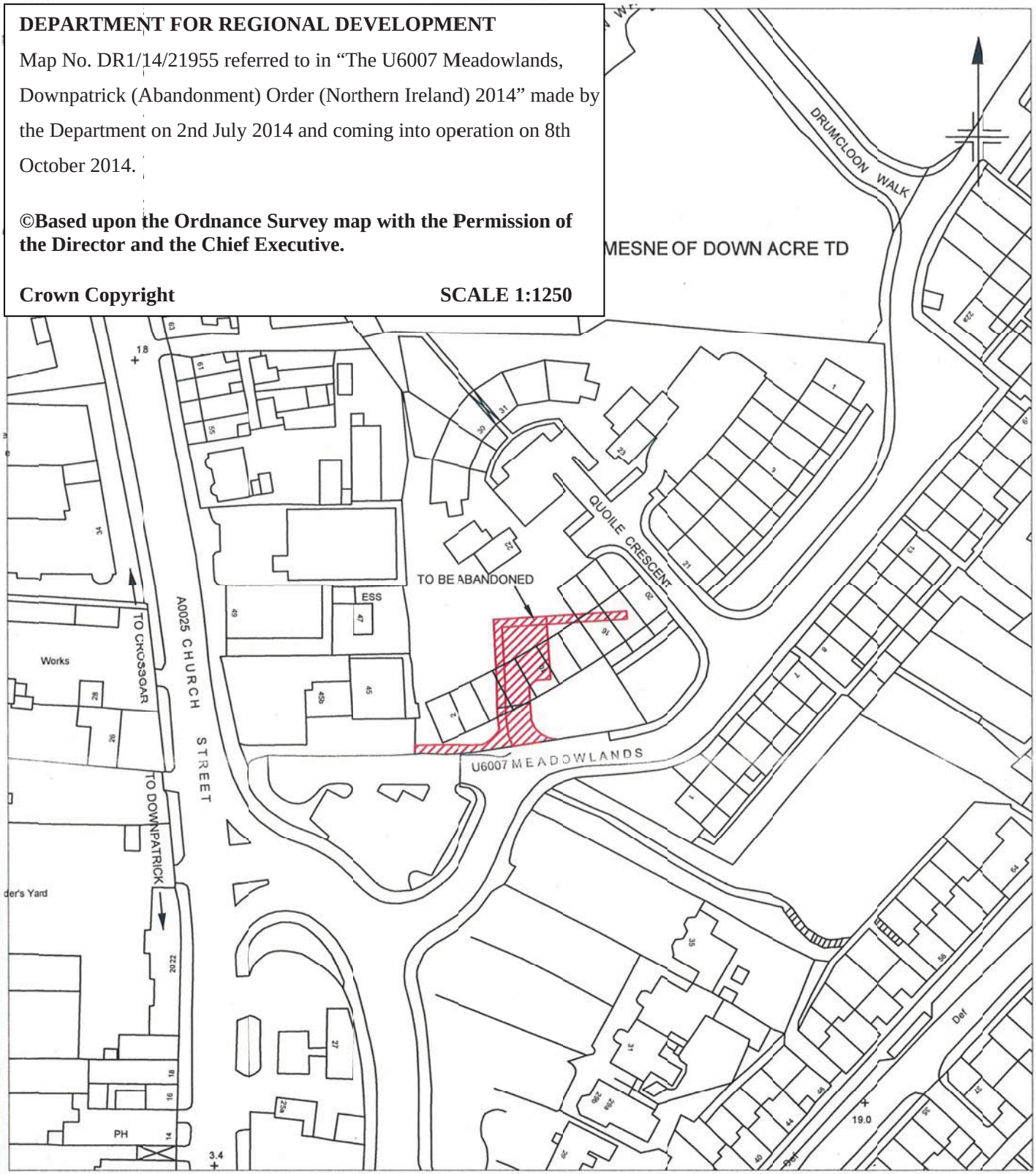
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Abandonment of of former road, footpath and footway at

Quoile Crescent, Meadowlands Downpatrick

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