EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The University Terrace, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012

S.R. 2012 No. 57

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 an area of 352 square metres of road at University Terrace, Belfast, extending in a north-westerly direction from its junction with University Road. On the coming into operation of the rule, the area of road in question shall cease to be maintainable by the Department and the public right of way over it will be extinguished.

3. Background

3.1. The abandonment has been requested by Queen's University Belfast (QUB), the owner of the bed and soil of the area of road in question.

3.2. The abandonment has been requested by QUB to facilitate the construction of a new plaza which will form part of its plans for an East-West Pedestrian Link across the University's main campus.

4. Consultation

4.1. The PSNI and Belfast City Council have been notified of the proposal.

4.2. A notice in respect of the proposed abandonment was published in the local press for 2 successive weeks, a notice was posted on site and the statutory undertakers were notified of the proposal. 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. 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

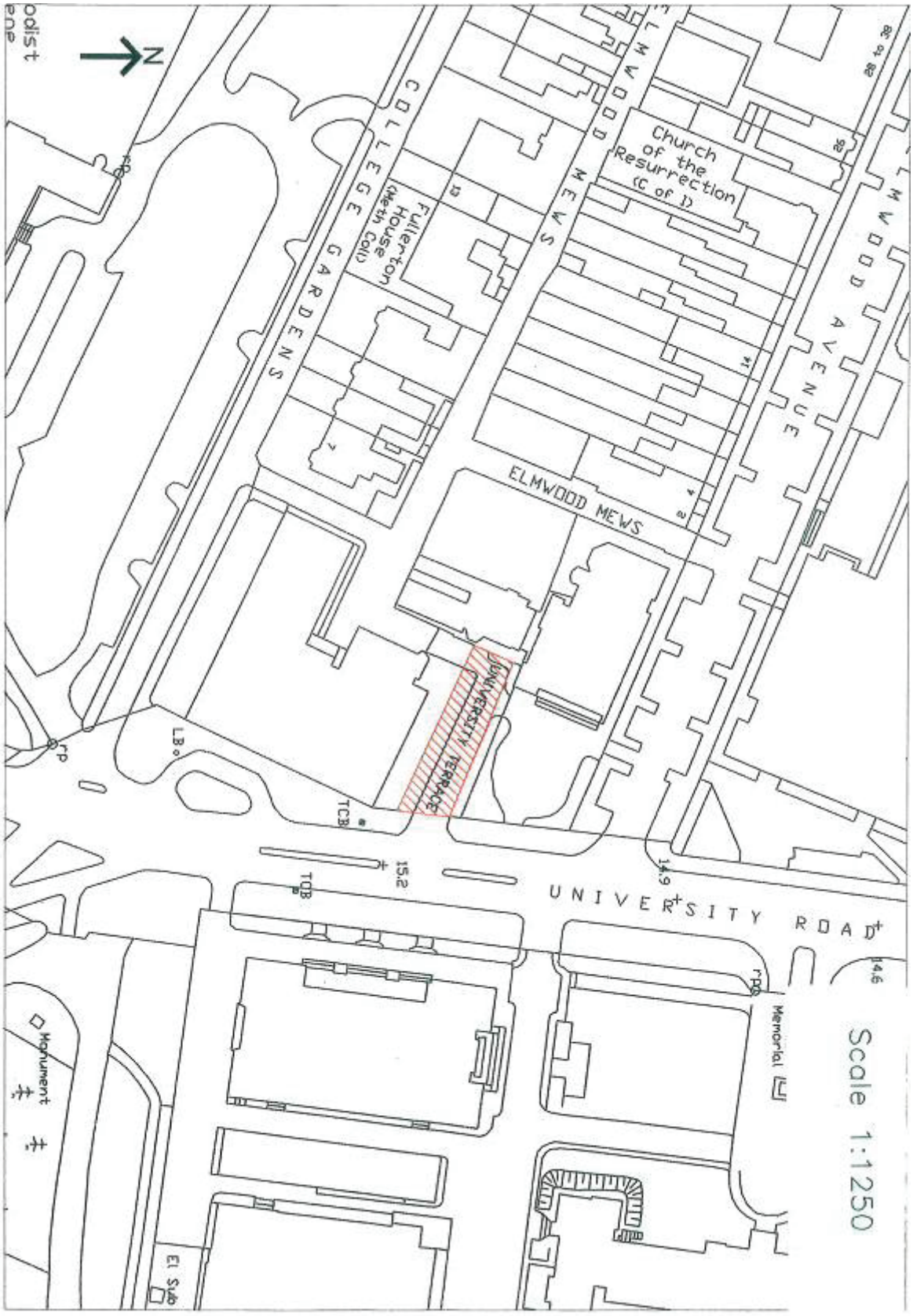
9.1. Not applicable.

10. Parity or Replicatory Measure

10.1. Not applicable.

11. Additional Information

11.1. Not applicable.



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