

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The T8 Moira-Antrim-Magherafelt-Moneymore Trunk Road Order (Northern Ireland) 2009

S.R. 2009 No. 406

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 14(1) of the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 and is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

2. Purpose

- 2.1. To provide for lengths of the A6, A26 and A31 to become trunk road and part of the Moira-Antrim-Magherafelt-Moneymore Trunk Road T8 and for 10125 metres of the present Trunk Road T8 to cease to be trunk road.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Trunk Road Network is a network of strategic roads in Northern Ireland which, because of their significance in Transportation delivery, are given priority in the allocation of maintenance and development funding. Amendment to existing routes is an ongoing exercise providing for the designation as trunk road of newly constructed or realigned roads and for the detrunking of roads and lengths of road which have, in consequence, been superseded as main traffic routes.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. A notice in respect of the proposed order was published in the local press for 2 successive weeks. Local councils and statutory undertakers were notified of the proposals. No objection was 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 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. 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. None

11. Additional Information

11.1. Not applicable

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