

DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

York Street Interchange

ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT: NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

The Department for Regional Development hereby gives notice, in accordance with Article 67A(1) and (9) of the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 ("the 1993 Order"), that it considers the proposal for the provision of a grade-separated junction at York Street to provide direct links between the Westlink and the M2 and M3 motorways a relevant project within the meaning of Article 67(1) of the 1993 Order and falls within Annex I of Council Directive 85/337/EEC on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment, as amended by Directive 97/11/EC and Directive No. 2003/35/EC of the European Parliament and Council ("the Directive").

The Department has determined that this proposal should be made subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment in accordance with the Directive.

ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT: NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

The Department for Regional Development hereby gives notice in accordance with Article 67A(3) and (9) of the 1993 Order that it has prepared an Environmental Statement on the effects of the proposed provision of a grade-separated junction at York Street

The aim of the project is to improve conditions for road users by improving safety and reducing and improving the reliability of journey times for vehicular travellers.

In addition to earthworks and drainage, landscaping will be carried out to improve the appearance of the road and lessen the visual impact of the proposed project.

TRUNK ROAD ORDER

The Trunk Roads T1, T3 And T7 (York Street Interchange) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

The Department for Regional Development hereby gives notice in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 8 to the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 that it proposes to make an order under Articles 14(1), 15(1) and 68(1), (3) and (5) of that Order. The proposed Order will provide that —

1. 1177 metres of new and upgraded road described in Part I of the Schedule, become special and trunk road and be part of the Belfast-Bangor Trunk Road T1;
2. 2373 metres of new and upgraded road described in Part II of the Schedule, become special and trunk road and be part of the Belfast-Ballygawley-Londonderry-Land Frontier Trunk Road T3; and
3. 1718 metres of new and upgraded road described in Part III of the Schedule, become special and trunk road and be part of the Belfast-Coleraine-Londonderry Trunk Road T7.
4. The Order also provides for the stopping-up of certain roads.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE A VESTING ORDER

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The Department for Regional Development proposes to make an order vesting certain lands in the Department under the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 and The Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993.

The Department proposes to acquire the lands for the construction of a grade-separated junction at York Street that would provide links between the Westlink and the M2 and M3 motorways.

All documents and maps relating to the scheme may be inspected and further information relating to the proposals may be obtained by any person, free of charge, at all reasonable hours from 28 January to 10 March 2015 at the TransportNI offices of the Department for Regional Development, Headquarters, Clarence Court, 10-18 Adelaide Street, Belfast BT2 8GB and Eastern Division, Hydebank, 4 Hospital Road, Belfast BT8 8JL.

Alternatively, an electronic version of the Environmental Statement (Non Technical Summary) is available for viewing at

www.drdni.gov.uk/index/publications/publications

Any person who wishes to express an opinion on the Environmental Statement or to object to the making of The Trunk Road T1, T3 and T7 (York Street Interchange) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015, or the proposed Vesting Order must, on or before 10 March 2015, write to the Divisional Manager, Department for Regional Development, TransportNI – Eastern Division, Hydebank, 4 Hospital Road, Belfast BT8 8JL, stating their opinion on the Environmental Statement and/or the grounds of their objection to the proposed Orders. The Department will take into consideration any representations made before deciding whether or not to proceed with the project with or without modifications.

Information you provide in your response, including personal information, could be published or disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). For further details on confidentiality and FOIA/EIR please refer to <http://www.ico.org.uk>



Authorised Officer

Date 17 January 2015