

Northern Key Transport Corridor

T7/M2 (A26) Ballee Road East to (M2) Ballymena Bypass Dualling Scheme

(in the townlands of Ballylesson, Ballycreggy and Ballykeel, County Antrim)

The Department for Regional Development having complied with Article 67A(7) of the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 ("the 1993 Order") hereby gives notice in accordance with the provisions of Article 67A(8) and (9) of its intention to proceed with the proposed T7/M2 (A26) Ballee Road East to (M2) Ballymena Bypass Dualling Scheme.

The general effect of the project will be to provide a new dual carriageway/motorway underneath the Larne Road Roundabout to connect the present (A26) Ballee Road East dual carriageway to the southern end of the present (M2) Ballymena Bypass. New merge and diverge facilities will be constructed south of the Larne Road Roundabout to connect the new dual carriageway/motorway to the Larne Road Roundabout. East of the new dual carriageway/motorway, Limentary Road will be realigned to connect directly to the Larne Road Roundabout. In addition to earthworks and drainage, landscaping will be carried out to lessen the visual impact of the proposed project.

Documents containing –

- (a) the content of the decision;
- (b) the main reasons and considerations on which the decision is based;
- (c) a description of the main measures to avoid, reduce and, if possible, offset the major adverse effects of the project; and
- (d) information about the consultation carried out in compliance with Articles 67A and 67B, the representations received on consultation, and any changes made as a result of those representations,

may be inspected by any person, free of charge, at all reasonable times during the period from 12 March 2008 to 25 April 2008 at the following offices of the Department:

- Roads Service – Northern Division, County Hall, Castlerock Road, Coleraine BT52 3HS;
- Roads Service – Northern Division, County Hall, 182 Galgorm Road, Ballymena BT42 1QG;
- Roads Service – Northern Division, Ballymena & Larne Section Office, 190 Larne Link Road, Ballymena BT42 3HA; and
- Roads Service - Headquarters, Room 2-01, Clarence Court, 10-18 Adelaide Street, Belfast BT2 8GB

and at the offices of Ballymena Borough Council, Ardeevin, 80 Galgorm Road, Ballymena BT42 1AB. Alternatively, an electronic version of the Departmental Decision may be viewed at www.drdni.gov.uk/index/publications.htm.

In accordance with Article 67BA(1) of the 1993 Order, anyone who wishes to question the validity of the Department's decision to proceed with the scheme on the ground that—

- (a) it is not within the powers of the 1993 Order; or
- (b) any requirement of Part V of the 1993 Order has not been complied with in relation to the decision;

may, within 6 weeks from the date of publication of this notice, make an application for the purpose to the High Court.

Notice of Making of Vesting Order

The Department for Regional Development today made an order vesting certain lands in the townlands of Ballylesson and Ballycreggy, County Antrim in the Department under The Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 and The Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993.

A copy of the vesting order and related map may be inspected at all reasonable hours at the Roads Service offices of the Department, Clarence Court, Room 201, 10-18 Adelaide Street, Belfast BT2 8 GB, Northern Division, County Hall, Castlerock Road, Coleraine BT51 3HS, Northern Division, County Hall, 182 Galgorm Road, Ballymena BT42 1QG, Ballymena and Larne Section Office, 190 Larne Road Link, Ballymena BT42 3HA or at the offices of Ballymena Borough Council, Ardeevin, 80 Galgorm Road, Ballymena BT42 1AB.

M2/A26 (Ballee Road East Link) Order (Northern Ireland) 2008

Notice is given that the Department for Regional Development made on 6 March 2008 the M2/A26 (Ballee Road East link) Order (Northern Ireland) 2008 (S.R. 2008 No. 14) which will come into operation on 18 April 2008. The Order provides that –

1. 680 metres of new road described in Part I of the Schedule, shall be constructed as special and trunk road and be part of the M2 Motorway and Belfast-Coleraine-Londonderry Trunk Road T7;
2. 1685 metres of new roads described in Part II of the Schedule are to be constructed as trunk roads and form part of the Belfast-Coleraine-Londonderry Trunk Road T7; and
3. Larne Road Roundabout (863 metres), presently part of the Belfast-Coleraine-Londonderry T7, shall become part of the Ballymena-Kilwaughter Trunk Road T19.
4. The Order also provides for the stopping-up of certain roads.

Copies of the Order are available from The Stationery Office Bookshop, 16 Arthur Street, Belfast BT1 4GD.

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