

**T7/M2 (A26) BALLEE ROAD EAST TO (M2) BALLYMENA BYPASS DUALLING
SCHEME**

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

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT BY THE
DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT UNDER ARTICLE 67A(3) OF THE
ROADS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1993**

The Department for Regional Development hereby gives notice in accordance with Article 67A(3) and (9) of the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 that it has prepared an Environmental Statement on the effects of 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 to 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, Liminary 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.

The Environmental Statement may be inspected by any person, free of charge, at all reasonable hours during the period from 20 September to 27 October 2006 at the offices of the:

- Department for Regional Development, Roads Service - Northern Division, County Hall, Castlerock Road, Coleraine BT52 3HS;
- Department for Regional Development, Roads Service - Northern Division, County Hall, 182 Galgorm Road, Ballymena BT42 QG;
- Department for Regional Development, Roads Service - Northern Division, Ballymena & Larne Section Office, 190 Larne Link Road, Ballymena BT42 3HA;
- Department for Regional Development, Roads Service - Headquarters, Room 2-01, Clarence Court, 10-18 Adelaide Street, Belfast BT2 8GB; and
- Ballymena Borough Council, Ardeevin, 80 Galgorm Road, Ballymena BT42 1AB.

Alternatively, an electronic version of the Environmental Statement (Non Technical Summary) is available for viewing at www.drdni.gov.uk/DRDwww_FOI.

Any person may within the said period, express in writing an opinion on the Environmental Statement to the Divisional Roads Manager, Roads Service - Northern Division, County Hall, Castlerock Road, Coleraine BT51 3HS.

A senior officer of the Department
for Regional Development
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**T7/M2 (A26) BALLEE ROAD EAST TO (M2) BALLYMENA BYPASS DUALLING
SCHEME**

**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT UNDER ARTICLE 67A OF THE ROADS (NORTHERN IRELAND)
ORDER 1993**

The Department for Regional Development hereby gives notice in accordance with Article 67A(1) and (9) of the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 that it considers that its proposal 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 is a relevant project within the meaning of Article 67(1) of the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 and falls within Annex II of Council Directive 85/337/EEC as amended by Directive 97/11/EC.

The Department has determined after having regard to the selection criteria contained in Annex III of the directive that this proposal should be made subject to an environmental impact assessment in accordance with the Directive.

A senior officer of the Department
for Regional Development
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