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6th March 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

The Malone Road, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026 (S.R. 2026 No. 40)

This Order was made today by the Department for Infrastructure.

Please find enclosed a copy of the above Statutory Rule, Map, Explanatory Memorandum, together with a SL5. The rule is subject to negative resolution and is required to be laid before the Assembly.

Yours faithfully

Lynsey Wilson

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SL5 – To the Assembly Business Office – (Laying before Assembly and Technical Scrutiny)

THE ROADS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1993

The Malone Road, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026

Date of Making: 6th March 2026

S.R. 2026 No. 40

DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

Dear Sirs

I enclose for laying before the Assembly a copy of the above-named Statutory Rule, Explanatory Memorandum, and Associated Map. The Rule is subject to the negative resolution procedure.

I am also sending you a separate email with electronic copies of this form, the Rule, Explanatory Memorandum and Map.

There have been no changes to policy content since the SL1 was submitted to the Committee.

Mr. Ronnie Balfour will attend when requested, in order to give any further information required by the Committee. Contact details are Mr. Ronnie Balfour, Department for Infrastructure, Road Asset Development, Transport Legislation Branch, James House, 2-4 Cromac Avenue, Belfast, BT7 2JA. Telephone 02890 541000.

Yours faithfully

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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2026 No. 40

ROADS

The Malone Road, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026

Made - - - - - *6th March 2026*

Coming into operation - *28th April 2026*

The Department for Infrastructure^(a) makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 68(1) and (5) of the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993^(b) and now vested in it^(c).

The Department in accordance with Article 68(4) of that Order, proposes to abandon the area of road described in the Schedule as it is not necessary for road traffic.

Notice has been published, served and displayed in compliance with paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 8 to that Order.

No objection has been received.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Malone Road, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026 and shall come into operation on 28th April 2026.

Application

2. The area of road described in the Schedule is abandoned.

3.—(1) All existing cables, wires, mains, pipes or other apparatus placed along, across, over or under the abandoned area of road shall be retained.

(2) All existing rights as to the use or maintenance of such cables, wires, mains, pipes or other apparatus shall be preserved.

(a) Formerly the Department for Regional Development; see section 1(6) and (11) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (2016 c. 5 (N.I.))
(b) S.I. 1993/3160 (N.I. 15)
(c) S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 6(d) and Schedule 4 Part IV

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Infrastructure on 6th March 2026

(L.S.)

R Balfour

A senior officer of the Department for Infrastructure

SCHEDULE

Article 2

AREA OF ROAD TO BE ABANDONED

An area of 1572.54 square metres of roadbed at the former line of Malone Road, Belfast commencing at its junction with the Malone Road and extending for a distance of 90 metres in a southerly direction and then for a distance of 110 metres in a south-westerly direction, more particularly delineated and shown hatched and coloured red on map number IN1/25/813694.

A copy of the map has been deposited at the Department's Headquarters, 3rd Floor Area A, James House, Gasworks Site, 2-4 Cromac Avenue, Belfast and at DfI TRAM Eastern Division, Lands Section, Hydebank House, 4a Hospital Road, Ballydollahgan, Belfast.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order abandons the area of road described in the Schedule.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The Malone Road, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026

S. R. 2026 No. 40

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Infrastructure 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 1572.54 square metres of roadbed at the former line of Malone Road, Belfast commencing at its junction with the Malone Road and extending for a distance of 90 metres in a southerly direction and then for a distance of 110 metres in a south-westerly direction.

3. Background

- 3.1. The abandonment has been requested to facilitate the transfer of car parks that were previously owned by the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) to local councils.
- 3.2. The bed and soil of the area to be abandoned is owned by DfI and following the abandonment the land will transfer to Belfast City Council.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. The PSNI and Belfast City Council have both been informed and have no objections to the proposal.
- 4.2. In accordance with the statutory consultation process a notice in respect of the proposed abandonment was published in the local press for two successive weeks. In addition, a notice was posted on site and the statutory undertakers, neighbouring landowners and frontagers were consulted as part of the formal consultation process.
- 4.3. Following completion of the statutory consultation process, 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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Key/Notes:

 **Total Area = 1,572,540 m²**

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Purpose of Issue
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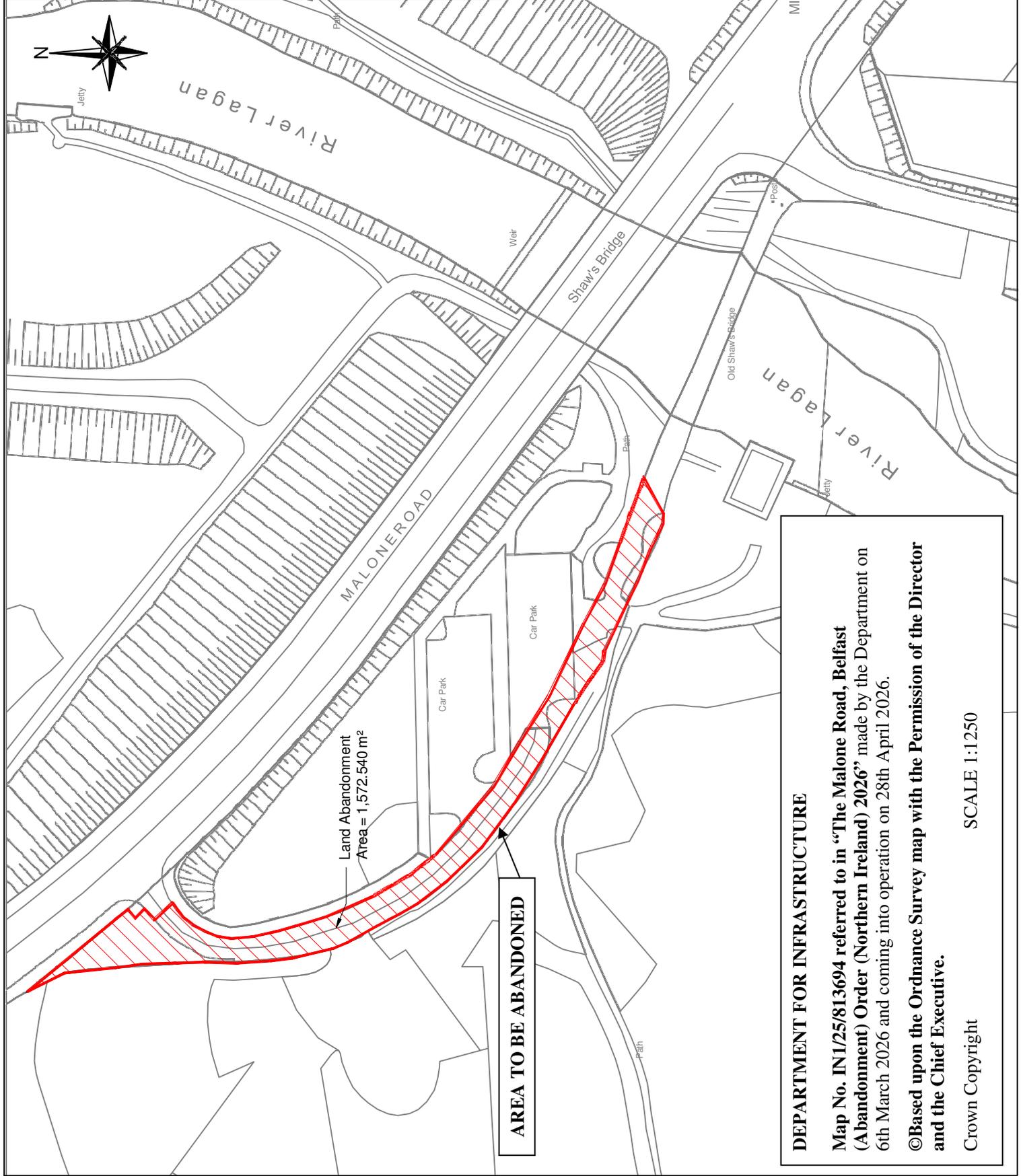
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Drawing Title
Abandonment at Shaws Bridge

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 Map No. IN1/25/813694 referred to in "The Malone Road, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026" made by the Department on 6th March 2026 and coming into operation on 28th April 2026.
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