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25th February 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

### **The Glencairn Road, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026 (S.R. 2026 No. 26)**

#### **This Statutory Rule was made on 25th February 2026 by the Department for Infrastructure**

Please find attached a copy of the above Statutory Rule, related map and Explanatory Memorandum together with a SL5. The Rule is subject to negative resolution and is required to be laid before the Assembly. There have been no changes to policy content since the SL1 was considered by the Committee for Infrastructure on 18th February 2026.

Yours sincerely

*Alex Ferguson*

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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2026 No. 26**

**ROADS**

**The Glencairn Road, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026**

*Made* - - - - - *25th February 2026*

*Coming into operation* *15th April 2026*

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

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 Glencairn Road, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026 and shall come into operation on 15th 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.

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(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 25th February 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 16,948 square metres at Glencairn Road, Belfast extending from its junction with Wolfhill Road for a distance of 950 metres in a westerly and then northerly direction, more particularly delineated and shown hatched and coloured red on map no. IN1/25/813175.

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, 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 Glencairn Road, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026**

#### **S.R. 2026 No. 26**

#### **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 16,948 square metres of road at Glencairn Road, Belfast extending from its junction with Wolfhill Road for a distance of 950 metres in a westerly and then northerly direction.
- 2.2. The area of road in question will be abandoned as the Department is of the opinion that it is no longer necessary.
- 2.3. On the coming into operation of the rule, the area of road in question shall cease to be maintainable by the Department and the public right of way over it shall be extinguished.

#### **3. Background**

- 3.1. The abandonment has been requested by the National Trust, who is the owner of the bed and soil of the area to be abandoned, to facilitate a project to improve access to the Belfast Hills.
- 3.2. Following the abandonment the land will revert to the owner of the bed and soil.

#### **4. Consultation**

- 4.1. The PSNI has been consulted and has no objection. Belfast City Council has also been advised of the proposed abandonment.
- 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 were notified of the proposal. Following the advertisement of the notice in the local press, 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. The applicant has signed an undertaking to reimburse the Department's costs and expenses and to pay any compensation due as a result of making the Rule.

**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.

**DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE**

Map No. IN1/25/813175 referred to in "The Glencairn Road, Belfast (Abandonment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026" made by the Department for Infrastructure on 25th February 2026 and coming into operation on 15th April 2026.

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