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25th February 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

The St Andrews Square West, Belfast (Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026 (S.R. 2026 No. 27)

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 St Andrews Square West, Belfast (Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026

Date of Making: 25th February 2026

S.R. 2026 No. 27

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. 27

ROADS

**The St Andrews Square West, Belfast (Stopping-Up) Order
(Northern Ireland) 2026**

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

Coming into operation - *20th April 2026*

The Department for Infrastructure^(a) makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 68(1), (3) 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, being of the opinion that another road is available which provides alternative facilities for vehicular traffic, proposes to stop-up the length of road described in the Schedule.

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 St Andrews Square West, Belfast (Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026 and shall come into operation on 20th April 2026.

Application

2.—(1) The length of road described in the Schedule shall be stopped-up to vehicular traffic at the line specified therein.

(2) The Department shall carry out such works as it considers necessary to prevent or restrict to such extent as the Department thinks fit, access to the road described in the Schedule by vehicular traffic.

3.—(1) All existing cables, wires, mains, pipes or other apparatus placed along, across, over or under the road to be stopped-up 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 25th February 2026

(L.S.)

R Balfour

A senior officer of the Department for Infrastructure

SCHEDULE

Article 2(1)

LENGTH OF ROAD TO BE STOPPED-UP

St Andrews Square West, Belfast at a line 32 metres south of St Andrews Square North for a distance of 10.35 metres in an easterly direction more particularly delineated and shown by the line marked A-B on map number IN1/25/759193.

A copy of the map has been deposited at the Department's Headquarters, 3rd Floor Area A, James House, The Gasworks, 2-4 Cromac Avenue, Belfast and DfI TRAM Eastern Division, 1st Floor, Hydebank House, 4a Hospital Road, Ballydollahan, Belfast.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order stops-up the length of road described in the Schedule.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

The St Andrews Square West, Belfast (Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026

S.R. 2026 No. 27

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), (3) 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 stop-up a length of St Andrews Square West, Belfast.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Rule will stop-up a length of St Andrews Square West, Belfast to vehicular traffic at a line 32 metres south of St Andrews Square North for a distance of 10.35 metres in an easterly direction.
- 3.2. The stopping-up has been requested by the Department for Infrastructure to facilitate redevelopment of the roads network around Durham Street and Hope Street.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. The PSNI has been informed and has no objection to the proposals. Belfast City Council has also been advised of the proposed stopping-up and no objection has been received.
- 4.2. In accordance with the statutory consultation process a notice in respect of the proposed stopping-up 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. The costs relating to the provision of stopping-up orders mainly consist of staff costs and advertising. There will also be some small capital costs for signage and works to construct kerbs, which are expected to be managed within the current year's budget allocation.

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.

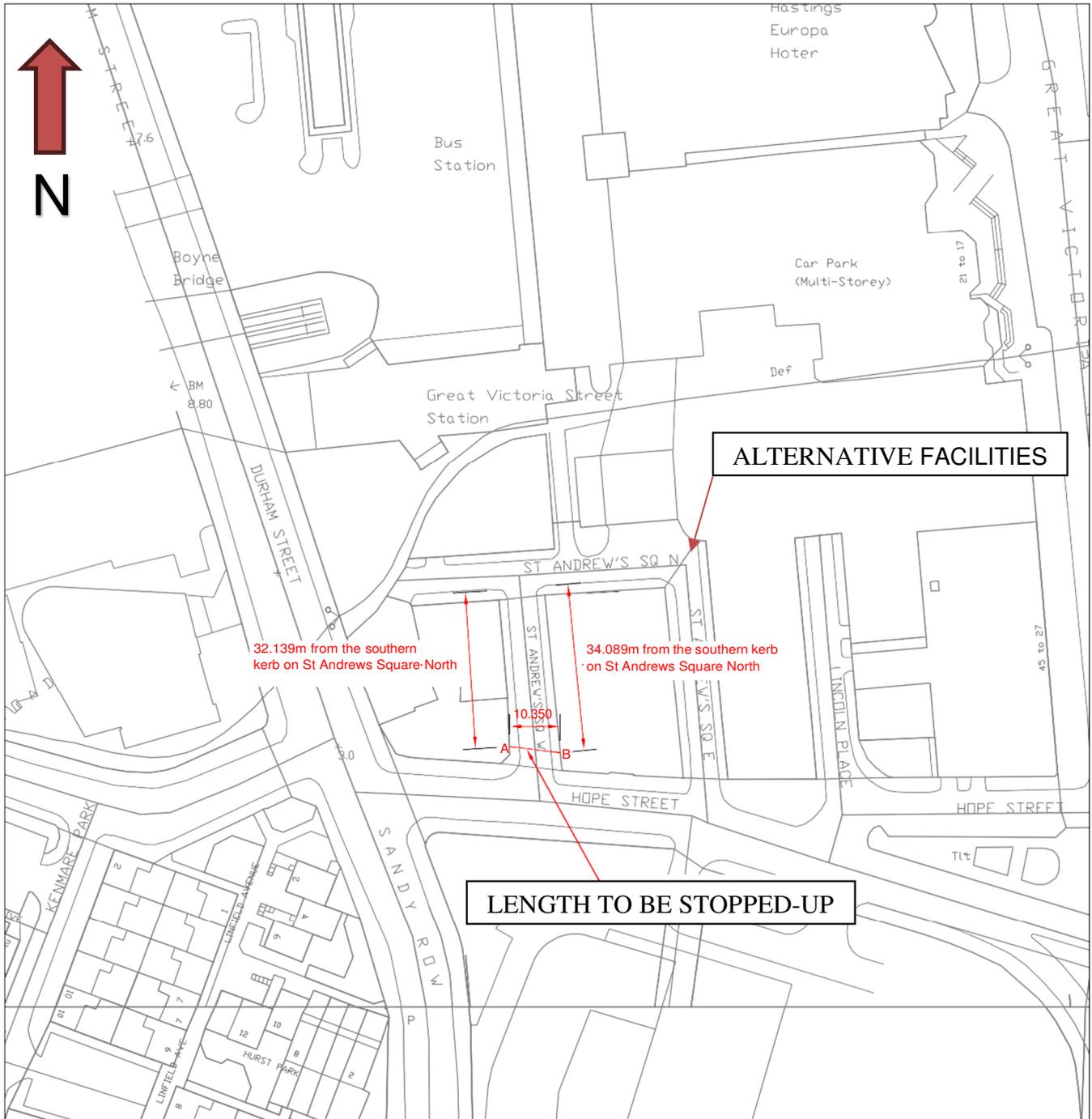
10. Parity or Replicatory Measure

- 10.1. Not applicable.

11. Additional Information

- 11.1. Not applicable.

St Andrews Square West, Proposed Stopping Up



DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE

Map No. IN1/25/759193 referred to in “The St Andrews Square West, Belfast (Stopping-Up) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026” made by the Department on 25th February 2026 and coming into operation on 20th April 2026.

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