

SL1 – To Departmental Committee Clerk

Dear Michael,

The Urban Clearways (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026

The Department for Infrastructure proposes to make a Statutory Rule under powers conferred by Article 4 of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (the 1997 Order”).

Article 4 of the 1997 Order enables the Department, by Order, to provide control of traffic measures including introducing clearway restrictions on any public road.

The Statutory Rule is not subject to any procedure before the Assembly.

Purpose of the Statutory Rule

The Order will create a clearway on stretches of both sides of Mountjoy Road, Strathroy Road and Gortin Road, Omagh on Monday to Friday between 8.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. and between 2.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. Vehicles are excepted from the restriction in certain circumstances.

The proposal is being introduced in response to a request from Mid Ulster District Council to enhance road safety and facilitate traffic progression for all road users, upon the opening of the Strule Campus. Vehicles are excepted from the prohibition in certain circumstances.

Previous Engagement with the Committee

None.

Consultations

The PSNI has been informed and has no objection to the proposal. Mid Ulster District Council was also notified of the proposal but has not commented.

Following completion of the required statutory consultation process which opened on 11 June 2026 and closed 3 July 2026 and included advertising of the Notice of Intention in the local press, no objections or other representations were received. A copy of the Notice of Intention is attached.

Equality Impact

There are no known Section 75 implications. Following publication of the Notice of Intention in the local press, no Section 75 issues were raised.

Regulatory Impact

A regulatory impact assessment was not considered necessary as the proposals do not result in any costs or savings for businesses, charities or voluntary bodies.

Rural Needs Impact

A rural needs impact assessment was not considered necessary.

Data Protection Impact

A data protection impact assessment was not considered necessary.

Child Rights Impact

A separate child rights impact assessment was not considered necessary as impacts on children and young people have been captured in the appropriate section of the Section 75 screening form.

Position in Great Britain (if appropriate).

Not applicable.

Any other information

None.

Financial Implications

Spend will be incurred in 2026-27 and relates to departmental staff costs and advertising costs as well as a small amount of capital costs for signage for which there is sufficient budget.

Compliance with Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998

The Department has carried out a Human Rights Screening Analysis, and no human rights issues have been identified.

Consideration by the Executive

Not required.

Proposed timing of consideration of the SL1

This SL1 has been submitted in accordance with the minimum four-week timeframe, and it is proposed the Committee considers the SL1 as soon as possible.

Proposed Operational Date

It is proposed that the Rule will come into operation on approximately one month after its consideration by the Committee.

A draft of the proposed Statutory Rule along with the related map are attached and you will wish to bring this matter to the attention of the Committee for Infrastructure.

Yours sincerely,



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Signed for the Department for Infrastructure

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**cc: Human Rights Commission
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