SL1 – To Departmental Committee Clerk

Dear Michael,

The Taxis (Ballymoney) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026

The Department for Infrastructure proposes to make a Statutory Rule under powers conferred by Article 27A of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 ("the 1997 Order").

Article 27A of the 1997 Order enables the Department, by Order, to provide or remove taxi stands; determine the number of taxis that can use the stand and regulate the time that the stand is available for taxi use.

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

Purpose of the Statutory Rule
The Statutory Rule will relocate an existing taxi stand on High Street, Ballymoney. The Rule will also remove another existing taxi stand on High Street by revoking the current taxi bye-laws for Ballymoney.

The measures are being introduced to coincide with the completion of a Public Realm Scheme which necessitates the relocation and removal of the existing taxi stands due to changes to the dimensions of the kerbline.

Previous Engagement with the Committee
None.

Consultations
The PSNI has been informed and has no objection to the proposal. Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council has also been notified of the proposal but has not commented.

Following completion of the required statutory consultation process which opened on 8 September 2026 and closed on 1 October 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 relates primarily to departmental staff costs as well as any physical infrastructure costs and will be funded from indicative allocations.

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 approximately six weeks following 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
Equality Commission