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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT UNDER ARTICLE 67A OF THE ROADS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1993

The Department for Regional Development hereby gives notice in accordance with Article 67A(1) and (9) of the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 that it considers that its proposal to provide a new dual carriageway from the western end of the M22 Motorway at Randalstown to the Drumderg Roundabout at the eastern end of the Toome Bypass is a relevant project within the meaning of Article 67(1) of the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 and falls within Annex II of Council Directive 85/337/EEC as amended by Directive 97/11/EC.

The Department has determined after having regard to the selection criteria contained in Annex III of the Directive that this proposal should be made subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment in accordance with the Directive.

R Sherman A senior officer of the Department for Regional Development 16 March 2007

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(in the townlands of Drumderg, Ballydugennan, Gortgarn, Drumcullen, Ranaghan, Moneynick, Greenan, Derryhollagh, Aghaloughan, Clonboy and Artresnahan, in the County of Antrim)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT UNDER ARTICLE 67A(3) OF THE ROADS (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 1993

The Department for Regional Development hereby gives notice in accordance with Article 67A(3) and (9) of the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 that it has prepared an Environmental Statement on the effects of the proposed T8/M22 (A6) Randalstown to Toome Dualling Scheme.

The general effect of the project will be to provide a new dual carriageway from the western end of the M22 Motorway at Randalstown to the Drumderg Roundabout at the eastern end of the Toome Bypass. Alteration to the local road network includes bridging the Derrygowan Road and Ballynafey Road over the new dual carriageway, realignment of Aghaloughan Road and Ranaghan Road and stopping-up of Greenan Road and Gallagh Road either side of the new dual carriageway. In addition to earthworks and drainage, landscaping will be carried out to improve the appearance of the road and lessen the visual impact of the proposed project.

The Environmental Statement may be inspected by any person, free of charge, at all reasonable hours during the period from 21 March to 30 April 2007 at the offices of the Department:

- Roads Service Northern Division, County Hall, Castlerock Road, Coleraine BT51 3HS;
- Roads Service Northern Division, County Hall, 182 Galgorm Road, Ballymena BT42 1QG;
- Roads Service Northern Division, Antrim Section Office, Crown Buildings, 20 Castle Street, Antrim BT41 4JE:
- Roads Service Western Division, County Hall, Drumragh Avenue, Omagh BT79 7AF;
- Roads Service Western Division, Magherafelt Section Office, 30 Station Road, Magherafelt BT45 5DN
- Roads Service Headquarters, Room 2-01, Clarence Court, 10-18 Adelaide Street, Belfast BT2 8GB;

and at the offices of:

- Antrim Borough Council, Antrim Civic Centre, 50 Stiles Way, Antrim BT41 2UB; and
- Magherafelt District Council, 50 Ballyronan Road, Magherafelt BT45 6EN.

Alternatively, an electronic version of the Environmental Statement (Non Technical Summary) is available for viewing at www.drdni.gov.uk/DRDwww FOI.

Any person may within the said period, express in writing an opinion on the Environmental Statement to the Divisional Roads Manager, Roads Service - Northern Division, County Hall, Castlerock Road, Coleraine BT51 3HS.

R Sherman A senior officer of the Department for Regional Development 16 March 2007