STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2003 No. 149

ROADS

M1-M2 Link (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003

Made - - - -	*6th March 2003*
Coming into operation	*21st April 2003*

WHEREAS the Department for Regional Development(**1**) in accordance with Article 15(1) of the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993(**2**) has constructed or proposes to construct the roads described in Parts I, II, III and IV of the Schedule and the bridges and embankment described in Part VII of the Schedule and considers it expedient to designate them as special roads;

AND WHEREAS the Department in accordance with Article 15(2) of that Order, in respect of the roads described in Part III of the Schedule, is satisfied that adequate alternative facilities for traffic, other than traffic authorised to use those roads on their being opened for use as special roads, are available or will be made available before the date on which those roads are opened for use as special roads;

AND WHEREAS the Department in accordance with Article 14(1) of that Order considers it expedient for the purpose of improving the trunk system that the roads described in Parts I and II of the Schedule and the bridges and embankment described in Part VII of the Schedule should be designated as trunk roads;

AND WHEREAS the Department in accordance with Article 68(4) of that Order:

(i) proposes on the completion of works providing alternative facilities for road traffic to abandon the road described in Part V of the Schedule; and

(ii) is of the opinion that other roads are available which provide alternative facilities for road traffic and proposes to stop-up the roads described in Part VI of the Schedule;

AND WHEREAS notice has been published, served and displayed in compliance with paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 8 to that Order;

AND WHEREAS 5 objections were received;

AND WHEREAS the Department having caused a local inquiry to be held into the objections to the proposed Order which were made and not withdrawn and having considered the report of the person who held the local inquiry now proposes to make the Order without modifications;

NOW THEREFORE the Department in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 14(1), 15(1), 16(1) and (2) and 68(1), (3) and (5) of the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 and now exercisable by it(**3**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby orders and directs as follows:

(**1**) S.I.1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(1)
(**2**) S.I. 1993/3160 (N.I. 15)
(**3**) S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 6(*d*) and Schedule 4 Part IV

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the M1-M2 Link (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 and shall come into operation on 21st April 2003.

(2) In this Order "the map" means the drawing numbered M1WL/11/1/4 marked "Ml-M2 Link (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003" copies of which have been deposited at the Department's Roads Service offices, Headquarters, Room 2-01, Clarence Court, 10-18 Adelaide Street, Belfast BT2 8GB and Eastern Division, Hydebank, 4 Hospital Road, Belfast BT8 8JL.

Designation of special roads

2. The roads described in Parts I, II, III and IV of the Schedule and the bridges and embankment described in Part VII of the Schedule shall become special roads.

Direction as to trunk roads

3. The roads described in Parts I and II of the Schedule and the bridges and embankment described in Part VII of the Schedule shall become trunk roads and be part of the Belfast-Ballygawley-Londonderry Trunk Road T3.

Abandonment of road

4.—(1) The Department shall carry out such works as it considers necessary for the provision of alternative facilities for road traffic and on completion of the works the length of road described in Part V of the Schedule shall be abandoned.

(2) All existing cables, wires, mains, pipes or other apparatus placed along, across, over or under the abandoned length of road shall be removed.

(3) All existing rights as to the use or maintenance of such cables, wires, mains, pipes or other apparatus shall be extinguished.

Stopping-up of roads

5.—(1) The roads described in Part VI of the Schedule shall be stopped-up to road traffic.

(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 roads by road traffic.

Classification of traffic

6.—(1) The roads described in Parts I and II of the Schedule and the bridges and embankment described in Part VII of the Schedule shall be used only by traffic of Classes I and II as set out in Schedule I to the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993.

(2) The roads described in Parts III and IV of the Schedule shall be used by traffic of all Classes as set out in Schedule I to the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993 except Classes VII and IX.

Amendment

7. The M1-M2 Link (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 1983(**4**) shall be amended as follows:

In Article 6(2) for the words "Class IX" there shall be substituted "Classes VII and IX".

(**4**) S.R. 1983 No. 2

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Regional Development on 6th March 2003.

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Department for Regional Development