1990 No. 318

ROADS

M2–T1 (Belfast Cross Harbour Bridge and Road Link) Order (Northern Ireland) 1990

Made	*29th August 1990*
Coming into operation . .	*8th October 1990*

WHEREAS the Department of the Environment (in this Order referred to as "the Department") proposes to construct the road described in Part I of Schedule 1 and considers it expedient to designate it as a special road;

AND WHEREAS the Department considers it expedient for the purpose of improving the trunk system that the roads proposed to be constructed as described in Part II of Schedule 1 should be designated as trunk road;

AND WHEREAS the Department being of the opinion that the roads described in Part III of Schedule 1 are no longer necessary for road traffic proposes to abandon the said roads;

AND WHEREAS the Department proposes on the completion of works providing alternative facilities for road traffic to stop-up the roads described in Part IV of Schedule 1;

AND WHEREAS the Department proposes to provide for the construction, as part of the cross harbour road link, the bridge described in Schedule 2, over the navigable waters of the River Lagan in the City of Belfast having taken into consideration the reasonable requirements of navigation over the waters affected by the proposal;

AND WHEREAS notice has been published, served and displayed in compliance with paragraph 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 6 to the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1980(**a**);

AND WHEREAS five objections were received and two were not subsequently withdrawn, the Department, after due consideration, dispensed with an inquiry being satisfied that it was unnecessary to hold one;

NOW THEREFORE the Department, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 4(1) and (2), 13(1), 14(1), 18(1) and (2) and 40(1) of the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1980 and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby orders and directs as follows:

(a) S.I. 1980/1085 (N.I. 11)

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the M2–T1 (Belfast Cross Harbour Bridge and Road Link) Order (Northern Ireland) 1990 and shall come into operation on 8th October 1990.

(2) In this Order "the map" means Drawing No. D2/01/25A and marked "M2–T1 (Belfast Cross Harbour Bridge and Road Link) Order (Northern Ireland) 1990", copies of which have been deposited at Roads Service, Belfast Division, Hydebank, 4 Hospital Road, Belfast BT8 8JL; at Roads Service Headquarters, Commonwealth House, 35 Castle Street, Belfast BT1 1GU; and at Belfast Development Office, Clarendon House, 9-21 Adelaide Street, Belfast BT2 8NR.

Designation of special road

2. The road described in Part I of Schedule 1 shall be a special road.

Direction as to trunk road

3. The roads described in Part II of Schedule 1 shall become trunk road and be part of the Belfast-Bangor trunk road T1.

Abandonment of roads

4. The roads described in Part III of Schedule 1 are hereby abandoned.

Stopping-up of roads

5. 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 roads described in Part IV of Schedule 1 shall be stopped-up.

Classification of traffic

6. The road described in Part I of Schedule 1 shall be used only by traffic of Classes I and II as set out in Schedule 1 to the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1980.

Construction of bridge

7. The Department shall construct the bridge described in Schedule 2 as part of the cross harbour road link.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 29th August 1990.

(L.S.) *E. J. Galway*
Assistant Secretary