DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT A5 WESTERN TRANSPORT CORRIDOR (A5WTC)

ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT: NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

The consultation period on the draft Statutory Orders and Environmental Statement for the A5WTC scheme closed on 4 April 2016. During this period the Department for Regional Development became aware that the text of the Non-Technical Summary (which forms part of the Environmental Statement) does not fully reflect the content of the main body of the Environmental Statement. Whilst the content of the main body of the Statement is unchanged, to ensure anyone who may only have read the shorter Non-Technical Summary is appropriately informed, it has been decided to re-consult on the Environmental Statement which includes a revised Non-Technical Summary. The Department for Regional Development therefore hereby gives notice, in accordance with Article 67A(3) and (9) of the Roads NI Order 1993, that it has prepared an Environmental Statement on the effects of the proposed construction of the A5 Western Transport Corridor dual carriageway scheme. The general effect of the project will be to construct 85 kilometres of new trunk road from just south of Londonderry at New Buildings, passing through Strabane and close to Newtownstewart, Omagh, Ballygawley and Aughnacloy.

The Environmental Statement may be inspected by any person, free of charge, at all reasonable hours during the period from 18th April 2016 to 2 June 2016 at the TransportNI offices of:

- Western Division, County Hall, Drumragh Avenue, Omagh.
- Fermanagh & Omagh Section Office, 32 Deverney Road, Arvalee. Omagh.
- Mid-Ulster (South) Section Office, Moygashel Depot, Main Street. Moygashel.
- Londonderry & Strabane Section Office, 20 Derry Road, Strabane.
- Headquarters, Room 2-13, Clarence Court, 10-18 Adelaide Street, Belfast.
- Londonderry & Strabane Section Office, 1 Crescent Road, Londonderry. and at the offices of-
- Mid Ulster District Council, Circular Road, Dungannon.
- Derry City & Strabane District Council, 47 Derry Road, Strabane.
- Derry City & Strabane District Council, 98 Strand Road, Londonderry.
- Fermanagh & Omagh District Council, The Grange, Mountjoy Road, Omagh.

In addition, the Statement may also be inspected during the same period at the offices of Monaghan County Council, Roads Office, MTEK II Office, Armagh Road, Monaghan, Co. Monaghan and Donegal County Council, Public Services Centre, Drumlonagher, Donegal Town, Co. Donegal.

Alternatively, an electronic version of the Environmental Statement (Non Technical Summary) is available for viewing at http://www.a5wtc.com

Any person who wishes to express an opinion on the Environmental Statement must, on or before 2 June 2016, write to the Divisional Manager, Department for Regional Development, TransportNI – Western Division, County Hall, Drumragh Avenue, Omagh, BT79 7AF, or email TransportNI.western@drdni.gov.uk. Note that this new period of consultation allows for any further expressions of opinion to be made. All expressions of opinion made during the initial consultation period between 16 February 2016 and 4 April 2016 will remain valid.

Information you provide in your response, including <u>personal information</u>, could be published or disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). For further details on confidentiality and FOIA/EIR please refer to http://www.ico.org.uk