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Abbreviation List

DTTaS	Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport,
	Republic of Ireland
Dfl	Department for Infrastructure, Northern Ireland
ROI	Republic of Ireland
NI	Northern Ireland
OSNI	Ordnance Survey Northern Ireland
OSi	Ordnance Survey Ireland
LA	Local Authority, Republic of Ireland
RMO	Road Management Office, Republic of Ireland
SO	Section Office, Northern Ireland
NP	National Primary Road, Republic of Ireland
NS	National Secondary Road, Republic of Ireland
R	Regional Road, Republic of Ireland
LP	Local Primary Road, Republic of Ireland
LS	Local Secondary Road, Republic of Ireland
LT	Local Tertiary Road, Republic of Ireland
A	A Class Road, Northern Ireland
В	B Class Road, Northern Ireland
C	C Class Road, Northern Ireland
U	U Class Road, Northern Ireland

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1. Introduction

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTaS) in the Republic of Ireland (ROI) has been working with the Department for Infrastructure in Northern Ireland (NI), to determine and agree on public road border crossings on the island of Ireland.

2. Public Road Border Crossings

Four types of border crossings were identified during the process

1. ROI Public – NI Public

Border crossing points identified at locations where the borderline crosses a public road in both jurisdictions.

- ROI Public NI Private
 Border crossing points identified at locations where the borderline crosses a public road in ROI and a private road in NI
- ROI Private NI Public Border crossings points identified at locations where the borderline crosses a private road in ROI and a public road in NI
- 4. **Border Crossing Lines** Border crossing lines identified at locations where the border runs along or near the centreline of a public road

As the exercise is confined to Public Roads the number of ROI private to NI private border crossings is outside the scope of this report

For the purpose of this exercise, public roads refer to adopted roads and private, refer to those not adopted by the NI or ROI authorities.

It should be noted that the public/private status of a road is correct at the time of publication but subject to change thereafter.

The process involved joint working prior to a final agreement on the number and type of public road border crossings. This is briefly described below.

2.1 Department for Infrastructure (NI) – Summary of Process

- Initial dataset of border crossings created using DfI Road Network, OSNI Orthophotography, OSNI Basemap and OSNI Open Data Largescale County Boundaries.
- Liaise with relevant Dfl Roads section offices in Newry, Armagh, Clogher, Enniskillen, Strabane and Derry to agree on NI border crossings and resolve any queries.
- Meeting with Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTaS) to agree on number and type of public road crossing points.





• Mapping prepared and circulated to each section office for final approval (Mapping is shown in Appendix A).

2.2 DTTaS (ROI) – Summary of Process

- Liaise with the five border local authorities (LA) and the Road Management Office (RMO) to ascertain number of public road crossings along the borderline.
- A comparison study was carried out between border crossings returned by RMO, and border crossings identified by Department for Infrastructure NI. Both datasets were overlaid on Ordnance Survey Ireland (OSI) MapGenie mapping, together with OSi administrative boundary – ungeneralised dataset, to represent the most accurate borderline available for ROI.
- Anomalies identified were returned to RMO for clarification by relevant LA. Clarifications were received and border crossings updated.
- Meeting with Department of Infrastructure NI to agree on number and type of public road crossings.
- Border Crossing dataset created using (OSI) MapGenie mapping, together with OSi administrative boundary (ungeneralised) dataset, to represent the most accurate borderline available for ROI.
- Mapping prepared and circulated to each LA for final approval.

3. Agreed Border Crossings

Border crossings have been identified and agreed by road authorities, north and south. Table 1 details the number of public road border crossings, whether public on both sides or one side only.

	NI Public	NI Private	Total	
ROI Public	198	6	204	
ROI Private	4	n/a	4	
Total	202	6	208	

Table 1 Agreed Border Crossing Numbers

208 public road border crossings were identified in total. A further breakdown of border crossings identified by road class, has been tabulated by the Department for Infrastructure NI (Table 2) and DTTaS (Table 3).

It should be noted that road classification is correct at the time of publication but subject to change thereafter.





3.1 Department for Infrastructure (NI)

County	No. of Road Crossings	A	В	C	U	Border Crossing on un- numbered NI Public Road	NI Private to ROI Public
Londonderry	18	3	1	-	12	-	2
Tyrone	35	2	3	4	26	-	-
Fermanagh	80	11	7	1	58	-	3
Armagh	75	8	5	10	50	1	1
Total	208	24	16	15	146	1	6

Table 2 Border Crossing Numbers by NI Road Class

Table 2 lists the number of crossings on A, B, C and U class NI public roads, in each of the four NI counties along the borderline. Additional columns detail the number of identified crossing points in each county that:

- a) Are identified border crossing points that lie on an un-numbered NI public road
- b) Are identified crossing points on roads that are not taken in charge in NI (Private road no road classification) that meet a ROI public road

County	No. of Road Crossings	NP	NS	R	LP	LS	LT	Border Crossing on un-numbered ROI Public Road	ROI Private to NI Public
Donegal	59	3	-	6	18	19	10	2	1
Leitrim	6	-	-	2	3	1	-	-	-
Cavan	15	2	2	1	2	1	6	-	1
Monaghan	95	2	4	8	17	14	46	2	2
Louth	33	3	1	3	4	18	2	2	-
Total	208	10	7	20	44	53	64	6	4

3.2 DTTaS (ROI)

Table 3 Border Crossing Numbers by ROI Road Class

Table 3 lists the number of crossings on National Primary (NP), National Secondary (NS), Regional (R), Local Primary (LP), Secondary (LS) and Tertiary (LT) public roads, in each of the five ROI Counties / Local Authorities (LAs) along the borderline. Additional columns detail the number of identified crossing points in each county that:

- a) Are identified border crossing points that lie on an un-numbered ROI public road
- b) Are identified crossing points on roads that are not taken in charge in ROI (Private road no road classification) that meet a NI public road

3.3 Note:

• At time of publication, two of the identified road crossings have bollards in place preventing vehicular access.





- It is worth noting that as well as road crossings, two cross-border car and passenger ferry crossings exist from Magilligan (Co.Londonderry) to Greencastle (Co. Donegal) and Greencastle (Co. Down) to Grenore (Co. Louth).
- For the purposes of this report, specific consideration was given to locations where the borderline runs along or near the centreline of a public road. Where this occurs the following applies;
 - 1. A border crossing line is used in place of a point symbol
 - 2. All side roads connecting to the border crossing line will be treated as border crossing points, and represented as a point symbol on mapping





Appendix A

NI Mapping of Public Road Border Crossings Between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland

















































