

1994 No. 304

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Control of Traffic (Portrush) Order (Northern Ireland) 1994

Made 2nd August 1994

Coming into operation 1st October 1994

WHEREAS the Department of the Environment has published a notice in compliance with Article 23(1) and (2) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a) ("the 1981 Order");

AND WHEREAS 1,197 objections have been received and considered;

AND WHEREAS the Department held a public inquiry in accordance with Article 23(4) of the 1981 Order;

NOW THEREFORE the Department, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 21(1) and 22(1) of the 1981 Order and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and in relation to Article 22(1) being satisfied that the area of road specified in Article 1(2) and Schedule 1 is unsuitable for unrestricted use by vehicles, makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Control of Traffic (Portrush) Order (Northern Ireland) 1994 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1994.

(2) In this Order—

"fire lane" means the area of the carriageway of the length of Eglinton Street described in Schedule 1;

"fire vehicle" means a vehicle owned by the Fire Authority for Northern Ireland for the purposes of fire fighting or fire prevention.

Restriction on traffic

2. Subject to Article 4, a person shall not, except upon the direction or with the permission of a constable in uniform or of a traffic warden—

- (a) cause or permit any vehicle other than a fire vehicle to enter, proceed or wait in the fire lane other than for the purpose of crossing it;
- (b) cause or permit any fire vehicle to proceed along the fire lane otherwise than in a southerly direction.

(a) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1) as amended by S.I. 1984/1986 (N.I. 15), Schedule 1, paragraph 3; see Article 2(2) for the definition of "Department"

3. A person shall not, except upon the direction or with the permission of a constable in uniform or of a traffic warden, cause or permit any vehicle to proceed along Eglinton Street, Portrush, in the area of the carriageway west of the fire lane, otherwise than in a northerly direction, provided that the foregoing provision shall not apply so as to prevent any fire vehicle which is proceeding in a southerly direction in the fire lane to cross over the white line if it is necessary to do so in order to overtake a vehicle that is stationary in the fire lane or to avoid roadworks or any other obstruction to traffic in the fire lane.

Exceptions

4.—(1) Nothing in this Order shall render it unlawful for any person to cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in any direction in the fire lane so far as such entry or proceeding is reasonably necessary to enable the vehicle to be used for the purpose of removing any obstruction to traffic in the fire lane or for police, military, fire brigade or ambulance purposes or to wait in the fire lane for so long as may be necessary for any of these purposes.

(2) Nothing in this Order shall render it unlawful for any person to cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in a northerly direction in the fire lane so far as such entry or proceeding is reasonably necessary to enable the vehicle to be used in accordance with any of the purposes specified in paragraph (3), or to wait in the fire lane for so long as may be necessary for any of these purposes.

(3) The purposes referred to in paragraph (2) are—

- (i) the service of a district council or the Department in pursuance of statutory powers or duties;
- (ii) the avoidance of an accident; or
- (iii) in connection with the supply of electricity or any telegraphic line.

Amendment

5. Schedule 2 to the One-Way Traffic (Portrush) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979(a) shall be amended by the addition of the items specified in Schedule 2.

Prohibition of right-hand turn

6. Subject to Article 7 a person shall not cause or permit a vehicle travelling in a southerly direction along Eglinton Street, Portrush, to make a right-hand turn into Kerr Street on any day between 20th March and 30th September in each year.

(a) S.R. 1979 No. 268 to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order

Exemptions

7. Article 6 shall not apply to—

- (a) vehicles being used for fire brigade, ambulance, police or military purposes; or
- (b) a vehicle, the driver of which is acting upon the direction or with the permission of a constable in uniform or of a traffic warden.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 2nd August 1994.

(L.S.)

E. J. Galway

Assistant Secretary

Fire Lane

The area of the carriageway of that length of Eglinton Street, Portrush, which extends from a point approximately 55 metres south of its junction with Eglinton Lane, to its junction with Sandhill Drive, and which is bounded on the east by the eastern kerblines of Eglinton Street, and on the west by the outer edge of a road marking in the form of a longitudinal white line and a kerbed island.

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
Dunluce Avenue, from its junction with Eglinton Street to a point approximately 120 metres south-east of that junction	South-easterly from Eglinton Street
Eglinton Lane, from a point approximately 35 metres east of its junction with Eglinton Street to its junction with Dunluce Avenue	Northerly towards Dunluce Avenue
Eglinton Street, from its junction with Sandhill Drive to its junction with Crocknamack Road	Southerly from Sandhill Drive
Eglinton Street, from a point approximately 55 metres south of its junction with Eglinton Lane to its junction with Kerr Street	Northerly towards Kerr Street
Sandhill Drive	South-westerly from Dunluce Avenue

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order provides for the following traffic measures in Portrush—

- (1) A one-way system of traffic and a contra-flow fire lane on that part of Eglinton Street from its junction with Sandhill Drive to a point approximately 55 metres south of its junction with Eglinton Lane; and
- (2) the prohibition of vehicles travelling in a southerly direction along Eglinton Street from making a right-hand turn into Kerr Street between 20th March and 30th September.

The Order also amends the provisions of the One-Way Traffic (Portrush) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979 by providing for the introduction of one-way traffic in Sandhill Drive, in parts of Dunluce Avenue and Eglinton Lane, and in the parts of Eglinton Street, between Crocknamack Road and Dunluce Avenue, adjoining that part referred to in paragraph (1).

Any person who acts in contravention of the Order shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (£400).

Traffic signs indicating the effect of the Order have been erected on the roads.