

1995 No. 498**ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES****Bus Lanes (Albertbridge Road and Woodstock Link, Belfast)
Order (Northern Ireland) 1995**

Made 28th December 1995

Coming into operation 12th February 1996

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);

AND WHEREAS no objection or representation has been received;

NOW THEREFORE the Department, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 21(1) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Bus Lanes (Albertbridge Road and Woodstock Link, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 and shall come into operation on 12th February 1996.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“bus” means a public service vehicle constructed or adapted to carry 12 or more passengers;

“bus lane” means the area of the carriageway of the lengths of Albertbridge Road and Woodstock Link, Belfast, described in the Schedule.

Restriction on traffic

3. Save as provided in Article 4, a person shall not, during the hours 8.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. on the days Monday to Friday inclusively, except upon the direction or with the permission of a constable in uniform or of a traffic warden, cause or permit any vehicle other than a bus or pedal cycle to enter, proceed or wait in a bus lane.

Exemptions

4. The prohibition in Article 3 shall not render it unlawful for any person to cause or permit any vehicle to enter, proceed or wait in a bus lane so far

(a) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1); see Article 2(2) for the definition of “Department”

as such entry, proceeding or waiting is reasonably necessary to enable the vehicle to be used—

- (a) at a road junction for the purposes of access to or egress from the adjoining road at that junction, a broken white line indicating where the bus lane may be crossed for this purpose; or
- (b) for access to or from premises adjacent to or accessible only by crossing the bus lane; or
- (c) for police, military, fire brigade or ambulance purposes; or
- (d) in the services of the Department in pursuance of statutory powers or duties; or
- (e) in connection with the supply of electricity or any telegraphic line within the bus lane or an area accessible only from the bus lane.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 28th December 1995.

(L.S.)

E. J. Galway

Assistant Secretary

Bus Lanes

1. The area of the westbound carriageway of that length of Albertbridge Road, Belfast, which extends from a point approximately 30 metres west of its junction with The Mount to its junction with the off-slip road from Ravenhill Road, bounded—

- (a) on its northern and southern sides at the junctions with Woodstock Link and Ravenhill Road by the outer edge of a road marking in the form of a broken white line;
- (b) otherwise on its northern side by the outer edge of a road marking in the form of a continuous longitudinal white line; and
- (c) otherwise on its southern side by the kerbline of Albertbridge Road.

(2) The area of the northbound part of the carriageway of that length of Woodstock Link, Belfast, which extends from a point approximately 30 metres north of its southern junction with Mount Street to its junction with Albertbridge Road, bounded on its eastern and north-eastern side by the outer edge of a road marking in the form of a continuous longitudinal white line and on its western and south-western side by the kerbline of Woodstock Link.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order provides for with-flow bus lanes between 8.00 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. from Monday to Friday inclusively on—

1. part of the westbound carriageway of Albertbridge Road, Belfast, from a point approximately 30 metres west of its junction with The Mount, to its junction with the off-slip road from Ravenhill Road; and
2. part of the northbound area of the carriageway of Woodstock Link, Belfast, from a point approximately 30 metres north of its southern junction with Mount Street, to its junction with Albertbridge Road.

Vehicles requiring access are exempted from the provisions of the Order.

Any person who acts in contravention of the Order shall be guilty of an offence under the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (£1,000).

Traffic signs indicating the effect of the Order will in due course be erected on Albertbridge Road and Woodstock Link.