

2015 No. 378

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Parking Places and Waiting Restrictions (Belfast City Centre) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

Made - - - - - *26th November 2015*

Coming into operation - *16th December 2015*

The Department for Regional Development(**a**) makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 4(1), (2) and (3), 10(4), 13(1), (13) and (16) and 15(1) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997(**b**) and now vested in it(**c**).

It appears to the Department to be necessary to provide suitable parking places for vehicles on the lengths of the roads specified in Article 5.

The Department has consulted such persons as it considered appropriate in compliance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedules 1 and 4 to the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997.

The Department has published a notice in compliance with paragraphs 1 and 3 of those Schedules.

The Department, in compliance with paragraph 3(4) of Schedule 4 to that Order, has taken such other steps as appear to the Department reasonably practicable for the purpose of bringing specifically to the knowledge of the occupiers of land adjacent to the parking places the particulars specified in paragraph 3(2) of that Schedule.

No written objection or other representation has been received.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as The Parking Places and Waiting Restrictions (Belfast City Centre) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 and shall come into operation on 16th December 2015.

(2) In this Order—

“medical practitioner” means a registered person within the meaning of the Medical Act 1983(**d**);

(a) S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(1)

(b) S.I. 1997/276 (N.I. 2)

(c) S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 6(d) and Schedule 4 Part IV

(d) 1983 c. 54

“postal packet” means a letter, parcel, packet or other article transmissible by post as defined in section 125 of the Postal Services Act 2000(a);

“universal service provider” has the same meaning as in section 4(3) and (4) of the Postal Services Act 2000.

Restriction of waiting

2. Save as provided in Article 3, a person shall not cause or permit a vehicle to wait at any time on the lengths of road specified in Schedules 1 and 2.

Exceptions to prohibition of waiting

3.—(1) Nothing in Article 2 shall render it unlawful to cause or permit a vehicle to wait at any time on the carriageway of a length of road specified in Schedules 1 or 2 where the person in control of it is prevented from proceeding by circumstances beyond that person’s control or to avoid an accident or for so long as may be reasonably necessary to enable—

- (a) a person to board or alight from a vehicle provided that such boarding or alighting does not cause the vehicle to wait in the same place for more than 2 minutes;
- (b) the vehicle to be used in an emergency by a medical practitioner, or for fire and rescue, ambulance, police or customs purposes or for the purposes of the security forces;
- (c) the vehicle to be used by or on behalf of a universal service provider for the purposes of the delivery to, or collection from, premises situated adjacent to the length of road of postal packets;
- (d) the vehicle, if it cannot conveniently be used for such purposes outside that length of road, to be used—
 - (i) in connection with any building, repair or demolition operations;
 - (ii) in connection with the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
 - (iii) by or on behalf of a district council or a government department in pursuance of statutory powers or duties;
 - (iv) by or on behalf of a sewerage undertaker or a water undertaker in connection with the discharge of that undertaker’s functions;
 - (v) in connection with the discharge of the functions of the holder of a licence granted under Article 10 of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992(b) or of a licence granted under Article 8 of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996(c); or
 - (vi) in connection with the laying, erection, alteration or repair of any electronic communications apparatus as defined in Schedule 2 to the Telecommunications Act 1984(d).

(2) Nothing in Article 2 shall render it unlawful to cause or permit a vehicle to wait on the carriageway of a length of road specified in Schedule 1 for so long as may be reasonably necessary to enable goods to be loaded or unloaded from the vehicle.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a) a vehicle shall be deemed to wait in the same place for more than 2 minutes if any one part of the carriageway is below any part of the vehicle or its load (if any) throughout the period exceeding 2 minutes whether or not the vehicle is moved during that period.

(a) 2000 c. 26

(b) S.R. 1992/231 (N.I. 1)

(c) S.R. 1996/275 (N.I. 2)

(d) 1984 c. 12 as amended by 2003 c. 21 Sch. 3 para. 2(2)

Amendments

4. The On-Street Parking Order (Northern Ireland) 2000(a) is amended by the substitution for item no. 10 relating to Bankmore Street, item no. 65 relating to Linenhall Street and item no. 113 relating to Winetavern Street, in Chapter 1, Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the same descriptions together with new maps.

5. The Parking Places on Roads (Motor Cycles) Order (Northern Ireland) 2010(b) is amended by the addition to the Schedule of the following items—

- “3. Bankmore Street, Belfast (south side) – from a point 26.1 metres east of its junction with Dublin Road for a distance of 14.3 metres in an easterly direction.
4. Linenhall Street, Belfast (east side) – from a point 30.9 metres south of its junction with Donegall Square South for a distance of 13.6 metres in a southerly direction.”

Revocations

6. The provisions specified in column (1) of Schedule 3 are revoked to the extent specified in column (3).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Regional Development on 26th November 2015

(L.S.)

G F McKenna
A senior officer of the Department for Regional Development

(a) S.R. 2000 No. 383: relevant amending Order is S.R. 2014 No. 7
(b) S.R. 2010 No. 268

SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

No Waiting at any Time in Belfast — Loading and Unloading permitted

1. Adelaide Street (east side) – from a point 10 metres south of its junction with May Street to a point 23 metres south of that junction.
2. Bankmore Street, Belfast (south side) – from a point 15 metres east of its junction with Dublin Road for a distance of 11.1 metres in an easterly direction.
3. Bedford Street (west side) – from a point 15 metres south of its junction with Howard Street to a point 31 metres south of that junction.
4. Chichester Street (north side) – from a point 24 metres west of its junction with Montgomery Street to a point 32 metres west of that junction.
5. Chichester Street (north side) – from a point 15 metres west of its junction with Victoria Street to a point 37 metres west of that junction.
6. College Square East (west side) – from a point 15 metres south of its junction with College Square North to a point 74 metres south of that junction.
7. College Square East (west side) – from a point 60 metres north of its junction with Murray Street to a point 72 metres north of that junction.
8. College Square North (north side) – from a point 15 metres west of its junction with College Avenue to a point 44 metres west of that junction.
9. College Square North (north side) – from a point 15 metres west of its junction with College Place North to a point 20 metres west of that junction.
10. College Square North (north side) – from a point 15 metres east of its junction with Durham Street to a point 47 metres east of that junction.
11. College Square North (south side) – from a point 15 metres west of its junction with College Square East to a point 20.5 metres west of that junction.
12. College Square North (south side) – from a point 15 metres east of its junction with Durham Street to a point 76.5 metres west of its junction with College Square East.
13. Donegall Square South (north side) – from a point 15 metres west of its junction with Donegall Square East to a point 70 metres west of that junction.
14. Donegall Square South (north side) – from a point 15 metres east of its junction with Donegall Square West to a point 30 metres east of that junction.
15. Donegall Square South (south side) – from a point 15 metres west of its junction with Linenhall Street to a point 62 metres west of that junction.
16. Fisherwick Place (east side) – from a point 15 metres south of its junction with Wellington Street to a point 15 metres north of its junction with Howard Street.
17. Great Victoria Street (east side) – from a point 15 metres north of its junction with Amelia Street to a point 34 metres north of that junction.
18. Great Victoria Street (east side) – from a point 15 metres north of its junction with Hope Street to a point 32 metres south of its junction with Amelia Street.
19. Great Victoria Street (west side) – from a point 15 metres south of its junction with Grosvenor Road to a point 15 metres north of its junction with Glengall Street.
20. Grosvenor Road (south side) – from a point 26 metres west of its junction with Great Victoria Street to a point 35 metres west of that junction.
21. May Street (north side) – from a point 15 metres west of its junction with Montgomery Street to a point 15 metres east of its junction with Upper Arthur Street.
22. May Street (north side) – from a point 15 metres west of its junction with Seymour Street to a point 15 metres east of its junction with Montgomery Street.
23. May Street (north side) – from a point 15 metres west of its junction with Victoria Street to a point 15 metres east of its junction with Seymour Street.
24. May Street (north side) – from a point 15 metres west of its junction with Upper Arthur Street to a point 15 metres east of its junction with Donegall Square East.

25. Oxford Street (west side) – from a point 50 metres south of its junction with Ann Street to a point 96 metres south of that junction.
26. U626-18 King Street Mews (north side including the turning head) – from a point 30.5 metres east of its junction with College Place North for a distance of 33 metres in an easterly direction and then 9 metres in a north-easterly direction and then 23 metres in a generally south-easterly direction.
27. U626-18 King Street Mews (south side) – from a point 73.3 metres east of its junction with College Place North for a distance of 6.5 metres in an easterly direction.
28. Winetavern Street, Belfast (east side) – from a point 34.9 metres south-west of its junction with North Street for a distance of 18.1 metres in a southerly direction.

SCHEDULE 2

Article 2

No Waiting at any Time in Belfast — Loading and Unloading not permitted

1. College Square East (east side) – from a point 15 metres south of its junction with Wellington Place to a point 19 metres south of that junction.
2. Great Victoria Street (east side) – from a point 15 metres south of its junction with Howard Street to a point 23 metres south of that junction.
3. Grosvenor Road (north side) – from a point 15 metres west of its junction with Fisherwick Place to a point 15 metres east of its junction with Athol Street.
4. Oxford Street (west side) – from a point 96 metres south of its junction with Ann Street to a point 15 metres north of its junction with Chichester Street.
5. Oxford Street (west side) – from a point 15 metres south of its junction with Chichester Street to a point 15 metres north of its junction with May Street.

SCHEDULE 3

Article 6

Revocations

<i>Column (1) Title</i>	<i>Column (2) Reference</i>	<i>Column (3) Extent of Revocation</i>
The Waiting Restrictions (Belfast City Centre) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012	S.R. 2012 No. 199	The whole Order
The Control of Traffic (Belfast City Centre) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014	S.R. 2014 No. 243	Article 10 and Schedules 2 and 3
The Waiting Restrictions (Belfast City Centre) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014	S.R. 2014 No. 251	The whole Order

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order prohibits vehicles waiting (Article 2) on the lengths of road specified in:—

- (a) Schedule 1 at any time (loading or unloading permitted);
- (b) Schedule 2 at any time (loading or unloading not permitted).

Vehicles are excepted from the prohibition in certain circumstances (Article 3).

The Order also amends The On-Street Parking Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 by the substitution of new maps for the items in Bankmore Street, Linenhall Street and Winetavern Street, Belfast (Article 4).

It also authorises the use as parking places for Motor Cycles of the lengths of roads specified in Article 5.

A penalty charge (£90) is payable with respect to a vehicle involved in a contravention of this Order in accordance with the Traffic Management (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 and The Penalty Charges (Prescribed Amounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006.

Traffic signs indicating the effect of the Order will in due course be placed on the roads.