

2015 No. 413

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Control of Traffic (Albert Street / Durham Street / College Square North, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015

Made - - - - - *16th December 2015*

Coming into operation - *7th January 2016*

The Department for Regional Development(a) makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 4(1), (2) and (3) of, and paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to, the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997(b) and now vested in it(c).

The Department has consulted such persons as it considered appropriate in compliance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 1 to that Order.

The Department has published a notice in compliance with paragraphs 1 and 3 of that Schedule.

No written objection or other representation has been received.

The Department has modified the draft Order.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as The Control of Traffic (Albert Street / Durham Street / College Square North, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 and shall come into operation on 7th January 2016.

(2) In this Order—

“cycle” has the same meaning as in the Order of 1995(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) S.I. 1995/2994 (N.I. 18)

Amendments

2. Schedule 1 to the One-Way Traffic (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2009(a) is amended by the addition of the following item—

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>
“238. Albert Street set down area extending from its junction with Durham Street to its junction with the entrance to City Business Park.	westerly”

3.—(1) The Cycle Routes Order (Northern Ireland) 2008(b) is amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In Schedule 1 add the following items—

- “37. The southern carriageway of College Square North, Belfast, from a point 34.4 metres east of its junction with Durham Street for a distance of 195.6 metres in a easterly direction, bounded on its northern side by a white line, and on its southern side by the southern kerbline of College Square North and a gap at its junction with the side road at the side of the Old Museum Arts Centre.
38. The western carriageway of Durham Street, Belfast, from a point 50.2 metres north of its junction with Grosvenor Road for a distance of 142 metres in a northerly direction, bounded on its eastern side by a white line, and on its western side by the western kerbline of Durham Street and gaps adjacent to its junctions with the side gate to Grosvenor Road PSNI Station and the Durham Street entrance to the Albert Street set down area.”

(3) In Schedule 2 add the following items—

- “474. The northern footway of College Square North, Belfast, from its junction with Durham Street for a distance of 11.5 metres in an easterly direction.
475. The southern footway of College Square North, Belfast, from its junction with Durham Street for a distance of 34.4 metres in an easterly direction.
476. The western footway of Durham Street, Belfast, from its junction with Grosvenor Road for a distance of 66.5 metres in a northerly direction.
477. The western footway of Durham Street, Belfast, from its junction with Albert Street for a distance of 37.2 metres in a northerly direction.”

4.—(1) The Parking Places and Waiting Restrictions (Belfast City Centre) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015(c) is amended in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3.

(2) In Schedule 1—

- (a) Delete item nos. 10 and 12 relating to College Square North.
- (b) Add the following items—

- “29. College Square North (north side) – from a point 25.5 metres east of its junction with Durham Street to a point 41.2 metres east of that junction.
30. College Square North (south side) – from a point 24.6 metres east of its junction with Durham Street to a point 132.7 metres east of that junction.
31. College Square North (south side) – from a point from a point 174.6 metres east of its junction with Durham Street to a point 222.6 metres east of that junction.

(a) S.R. 2009 No. 49: relevant amending Order is S.R. 2015 No. 217

(b) S.R. 2008 No. 317: relevant amending Orders are S.R. 2010 No. 400 and S.R. 2015 No. 377

(c) S.R. 2015 No. 378

32. Durham Street (east side) – from a point 5.6 metres north of its junction with Athol Street to a point 146 metres north of that junction.
33. Durham Street (west side) – from a point 26.1 metres north of its junction with Grosvenor Road to a point 66.5 metres north of that junction.
34. Durham Street (west side) – from a point 83.6 metres north of its junction with Grosvenor Road to a point 177.2 metres north of that junction.”

(3) In Schedule 2 add the following items—

- “6. Albert Street (north side) – from a point 15 metres west of its junction with Durham Street to a point 68 metres west of that junction.
7. Albert Street (south side) – from a point 15 metres west of its junction with Durham Street to a point 42.4 metres west of that junction.”

Prohibition of right-hand turn

5. Subject to Article 6, a person shall not cause or permit any vehicle proceeding in an easterly direction along College Square North to make a right-hand turn into College Square East.

Exceptions to prohibition of right-hand turn

6. The prohibition in Article 5 shall not apply to—
- (a) a vehicle being used for fire and rescue, ambulance, police or military purposes; or
 - (b) a vehicle, the driver or rider of which is acting upon the direction or with the permission of a constable in uniform; or
 - (c) a cycle.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Regional Development on 16th December 2015

(L.S.)

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A senior officer of the Department for Regional Development

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order) This order

This Order introduces a one-way traffic system on a length of the Albert Street set down area, Belfast so that vehicles can only proceed in a westerly direction (Article 2).

It also provides cycle lanes on lengths of carriageway and cycle tracks on lengths of footway at Durham Street and College Square North, Belfast (Article 3).

It amends The Parking Places and Waiting Restrictions (Belfast City Centre) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 by deleting 2 items relating to College Square North and adding no waiting at any time restrictions (loading and unloading permitted) on lengths of College Square North and Durham Street and no waiting at any time restrictions (loading and unloading not permitted) on lengths of Albert Street, College Square North and Durham Street, Belfast (Article 4).

It also prohibits vehicle making a right-hand turn from College Square North into College Square East, Belfast (Article 5). Vehicles are excepted from the prohibition under certain circumstances (Article 6).

Any person who acts in contravention of Article 3 of the Order by causing or permitting any vehicle other than a cycle to wait in a cycle lane or the waiting restrictions in Article 4 shall be liable to a penalty charge (£90) payable in accordance with the Traffic Management (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 and The Penalty Charges (Prescribed Amounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006.

Any person who contravenes any other provision of the Order shall be guilty of an offence under the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (“the Regulation Order”) and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (£1,000) in accordance with the Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 as amended by the Regulation Order.

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