

**2017 No. 209**

**ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES**

**The Control of Traffic (Belfast City Centre) Order (Northern  
Ireland) 2017**

*Made* - - - - - *5th October 2017*

*Coming into operation* - *30th October 2017*

The Department for Infrastructure<sup>(a)</sup> makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 4(1), (2) and (3) of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997<sup>(b)</sup> and now vested in it<sup>(c)</sup>.

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.

Eight written objections were received and duly considered. Three of the objections were subsequently withdrawn. Four representations in support have been received.

**Citation and commencement**

**1.** This Order may be cited as The Control of Traffic (Belfast City Centre) Order (Northern Ireland) 2017 and shall come into operation on 30th October 2017.

**Amendments**

**2.—(1)** The Cycle Routes Order (Northern Ireland) 2008<sup>(d)</sup> is amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In Schedule 1 after item no. 38 add the following items—

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(a) 2016 c. 5 (N.I.)

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

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

(d) S.R. 2008 No. 317: relevant amending Orders are S.R. 2015 No. 413 and S.R. 2017 No. 136

- “39. The southern carriageway of Middlepath Street, Belfast, from a point 15.1 metres east of its junction with Queens Quay for a distance of 222.1 metres in an easterly direction, bounded on its northern side by 300 mm wide preformed kerb cycle segregation units and by gaps at its junction with Station Street and opposite the access to a former car park, and on its southern side by the southern kerblines of Middlepath Street, its junction with Station Street and the access to a former car park.
- 40. The southern carriageway of Middlepath Street, Belfast, from its junction with the northbound carriageway of Dalton Street for a distance of 55.1 metres in an easterly direction, bounded on its northern side by 300 mm wide preformed kerb cycle segregation units, and on its southern side by the kerblines of Middlepath Street.”

(3) In Schedule 2 after item no. 497 add the following items—

- “498. The southern footway of Middlepath Street, Belfast from its junction with Queen’s Quay for a distance of 15.1 metres in an easterly direction.
- 499. The southern footway of Middlepath Street, Belfast from a point 55.1 metres east of its junction with the northbound carriageway of Dalton Street for a distance of 266.7 metres in an easterly direction.”

**3.** The Parking Places and Waiting Restrictions (Belfast City Centre) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015(a) is amended by the addition to Schedule 2 of the following items—

- “8. Dalton Street (east side of the northbound carriageway) – from a point 15 metres south of its junction with Middlepath Street for a distance of 7.9 metres in a southerly direction.
- 9. Dalton Street (north side of the road linking the northbound and southbound carriageways) – from a point 22.9 metres south of its junction with Middlepath Street for a distance of 10.6 metres in an easterly direction.
- 10. Dalton Street (west side of the southbound carriageway) – from a point 15 metres south of its junction with Middlepath Street for a distance of 7.5 metres in a southerly direction.
- 11. Dalton Street (south side of the road linking the northbound and southbound carriageways) – from a point 32 metres south of its junction with Middlepath Street for a distance of 16.8 metres in a westerly direction.
- 12. Middlepath Street (south side) – from a point 90.4 metres east of its junction with Queen’s Quay for a distance of 116.7 metres in an easterly direction.
- 13. Middlepath Street (south side) – from a point 15 metres east of its junction with the northbound carriageway of Dalton Street for a distance of 40.1 metres in an easterly direction.
- 14. Middlepath Street (south side) – from a point 119.4 metres east of its junction with the northbound carriageway of Dalton Street for a distance of 7 metres in an easterly direction.
- 15. Middlepath Street (south side) – from a point 131.3 metres east of its junction with the northbound carriageway of Dalton Street for a distance of 72.1 metres in an easterly direction.
- 16. Middlepath Street (south side) – from a point 211.2 metres east of its junction with the northbound carriageway of Dalton Street for a distance of 17.1 metres in an easterly direction.

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(a) S.R. 2015 No. 378 as amended by S.R. 2015 No. 413

17. Middlepath Street (south side) – from a point 252.1 metres east of its junction with the northbound carriageway of Dalton Street for a distance of 46.1 metres in an easterly direction.”

4.—(1) Schedule 1 to The One-Way Traffic (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2009(a) is amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) Delete item no. 118.

(3) After item no. 245 insert the following items—

<p>“246. Middlepath Street extending from its junction with Queens Quay to a point 55.1 metres east of its junction with Dalton Street, bounded on its southern side by the eastern edge of 300 mm wide preformed kerb cycle segregation units broken by gaps at its junction with Station Road and opposite the access to a former car park and on its northern side by the northern kerblines of Middlepath Street</p>	<p>Easterly</p>
<p>247. Middlepath Street extending from a point 55.1 metres east of its junction with Dalton Street to its junction with Newtownards Road and Bridge End</p>	<p>Easterly”</p>

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Infrastructure on 5th October 2017

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(a) S.R. 2009 No. 49: relevant amending Order is S.R. 2017 No. 169

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

This Order provides cycle lanes on the carriageway of Middlepath Street, Belfast as specified in Article 2(2) to be used by cyclists only. Shared cycle tracks on lengths of footway of Middlepath Street as specified in Article 2(3) are also provided for.

The Order also amends The Parking Places and Waiting Restrictions (Belfast City Centre) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 by adding no waiting at any time restrictions on lengths of Dalton Street and Middlepath Street (Article 3).

The Order also amends The One-Way Traffic (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2009 to allow cycles to proceed in both directions in the cycle lanes (Article 4).

Any person who acts in contravention of Article 2 of the Order by causing or permitting any vehicle other than a cycle to wait in a cycle lane, or is involved in a contravention of Article 3, 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.