



Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 27

PART I

GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR TRAFFIC REGULATION

Outside Greater London

1 Traffic regulation orders outside Greater London. E+W

- (1) [^{F1}The traffic authority for a road outside Greater London may make an order under this section (referred to in this Act as a “traffic regulation order”) in respect of the road] where it appears to the authority making the order that it is expedient to make it—
- (a) for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising, or
 - (b) for preventing damage to the road or to any building on or near the road, or
 - (c) for facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians), or
 - (d) for preventing the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road or adjoining property, or
 - (e) (without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (d) above) for preserving the character of the road in a case where it is specially suitable for use by persons on horseback or on foot, or
 - (f) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs [^{F2}or
 - (g) for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) of section 87 of the Environment Act 1995 (air quality).]

^{F3}(2)

[^{F4}(3) A traffic regulation order made by a local traffic authority may, with the consent of the Secretary of State [^{F5}, a strategic highways company], extend to a road in relation to which he is [^{F6}, it is] the traffic authority if the order forms part of a scheme of

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general traffic control relating to roads of which at least one has a junction with the length of road in question.]

[^{F7}(3A) A local traffic authority may make a traffic regulation order in respect of a road in relation to which the Secretary of State [^{F8}, a strategic highways company] or the National Assembly for Wales is the traffic authority if—

- (a) the order is required for the provision of [^{F9}relevant bus scheme facilities [^{F10}or for the taking of relevant bus scheme measures]], and
- (b) the Secretary of State or, the National Assembly for Wales, consents.]

[^{F11}(3B) In subsection (3A) “relevant bus scheme facilities” means—

- [facilities provided pursuant to an advanced quality partnership scheme under ^{F12}(za) Part 2 of the Transport Act 2000;]
- (a) facilities provided pursuant to a quality partnership scheme under [^{F13} that Part];
- [facilities provided in connection with a franchising scheme under that Part ^{F14}(aa) (see section 123A(3)(d) of that Act);]
- (b) facilities provided pursuant to a quality contract within the meaning of that Part (see section 124(4) and (5) of that Act) or otherwise in connection with a quality contracts scheme under that Part.]
- [^{F15}(c) facilities provided pursuant to an enhanced partnership scheme under that Part.]

[^{F16}(3C) In subsection (3A) “relevant bus scheme measures” means—

- (a) measures taken pursuant to an advanced quality partnership scheme under Part 2 of the Transport Act 2000;
- (b) measures taken pursuant to an enhanced partnership scheme under that Part.]

^{F17}(4)

^{F17}(5)

Extent Information

- E1** This version of this provision extends to England and Wales only; a separate version has been created for Scotland only

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 1(1) substituted (1.11.1991) by [New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 \(c. 22, SIF 59, 108\)](#), s. 168(1), [Sch. 8 para. 17\(2\)](#); S.I. 1991/2288, art. 3, [Sch.](#)
- F2** [S. 1\(1\)\(g\)](#) and word inserted (1.2.1996) by 1995 c. 25, s. 120(1), [Sch. 22](#), para. 36(1) (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117); S.I. 1996/186, [art. 2](#)
- F3** [S. 1\(2\)](#) repealed (1.11.1991) by [New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 \(c. 22, SIF 59, 108\)](#), s. 168(1)(2), [Sch. 8 para. 17\(3\)](#), [Sch. 9](#); S.I. 1991/2288, art. 3, [Sch.](#)
- F4** [S. 1\(3\)](#) substituted (1.11.1991) by [New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 \(c. 22, SIF 59, 108\)](#), s. 168(1), [Sch. 8 para. 17\(4\)](#); S.I. 1991/2288, art. 3, [Sch.](#)
- F5** Words in s. 1(3) inserted (E.W.) (5.3.2015) by [Infrastructure Act 2015 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 57(1), [Sch. 1 para. 71\(2\)\(a\)](#); S.I. 2015/481, [reg. 2\(a\)](#)
- F6** Words in s. 1(3) inserted (E.W.) (5.3.2015) by [Infrastructure Act 2015 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 57(1), [Sch. 1 para. 71\(2\)\(b\)](#); S.I. 2015/481, [reg. 2\(a\)](#)
- F7** [S. 1\(3A\)](#) inserted (E.W.) (1.8.2001 for W. and 26.10.2001 for E.) by 2000 c. 38, s. 161, [Sch. 11 para. 7](#); S.I. 2001/2788, art. 2, [Sch. 1 para. 11](#); S.I. 2001/3342, art. 2, [Sch.](#)

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- F8** Words in s. 1(3A) inserted (E.W.) (5.3.2015) by [Infrastructure Act 2015 \(c. 7\), s. 57\(1\), Sch. 1 para. 71\(3\)\(a\); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2\(a\)](#)
- F9** Words in s. 1(3A) substituted (E.W.) (11.1.2010 for E.) by [Local Transport Act 2008 \(c. 26\), ss. 45\(2\), 134; S.I. 2009/3242, art. 2\(1\)\(a\)](#) (subject to art. 3)
- F10** Words in s. 1(3A) inserted (E.W.) (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 27.6.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Bus Services Act 2017 \(c. 21\), ss. 16\(2\), 26\(3\)](#)
- F11** S. 1(3B) inserted (E.W.) (11.1.2010 for E.) by [Local Transport Act 2008 \(c. 26\), ss. 45\(3\), 134\(4\); S.I. 2009/3242, art. 2\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- F12** S. 1(3B)(za) inserted (E.W.) (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 27.6.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Bus Services Act 2017 \(c. 21\), ss. 16\(3\), 26\(3\)](#)
- F13** Words in s. 1(3B)(a) substituted (E.W.) (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 27.6.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Bus Services Act 2017 \(c. 21\), ss. 16\(4\), 26\(3\)](#)
- F14** S. 1(3B)(aa) inserted (E.W.) (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 27.6.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Bus Services Act 2017 \(c. 21\), ss. 16\(5\), 26\(3\)](#)
- F15** S. 1(3B)(c) inserted (E.W.) (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 27.6.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Bus Services Act 2017 \(c. 21\), ss. 16\(6\), 26\(3\)](#)
- F16** S. 1(3C) inserted (E.W.) (27.4.2017 for specified purposes, 27.6.2017 in so far as not already in force) by [Bus Services Act 2017 \(c. 21\), ss. 16\(7\), 26\(3\)](#)
- F17** S. 1(4)(5) repealed (1.11.1991) by [New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 \(c. 22, SIF 59, 108\) s. 168\(1\)\(2\), Sch. 8 para. 17\(5\), Sch. 9; S.I. 1991/2288, art. 3, Sch.](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C2** Pt. 1 applied (E.W.) (20.12.2023) by [The York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Order 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1432\), arts. 1\(2\), 17\(3\)](#)
- C3** S. 1 restricted by [Local Government Act 1985 \(c. 51, SIF 81:1\), ss. 1, 2, 8\(2\), Sch. 5 para. 6\(3\)](#)
- C4** S. 1 restricted by [Local Government Act 1985 \(c. 51, SIF 81:1\), s. 8\(2\), Sch. 5 para. 12](#)
S. 1 restricted (S.) (4.1.1995) by [1994 c. 39, ss. 7\(2\), 44\(2\); S.I. 1994/2850, art. 3\(a\), Sch. 2](#)
- C5** S. 1 applied (with modifications) (6.3.1992) by [Aberdeen Harbour Order Confirmation Act 1992 \(c. ii\), s. 1, Sch. s. 3\(2\)](#).
- C6** S. 1 modified (1.7.1992) by [S.I. 1992/1217, reg. 3\(1\)\(a\)](#) (with reg. 11)
S. 1 modified (1.7.1992) by [S.I. 1992/1217, reg. 5](#) (with reg. 11).
- C7** Ss. 1, 2, 4: power to make orders extended (S.) (1.4.2002) by [The Forth Estuary Transport Authority Order 2002 \(S.S.I. 2002/178\), art. 9](#)
- C8** S. 1: transfer of functions (23.3.2005) by [The Scotland Act 1998 \(Transfer of functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/849\), art. 2, Sch.](#) (with transitional provisions and savings in art. 6)
S. 1: functions made exercisable concurrently (S) (1.11.2006) by [The Transfer of Functions to the Shetland transport Partnership Order 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/527\), art. 4, Sch. 2](#)
S. 1: functions made exercisable concurrently (S) (7.11.2006) by [The Transfer of Functions to the South West of Scotland Transport Partnership Order 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/538\), art. 4, {Sch. 2}](#)
- C9** S. 1: power extended (1.6.2015) by [Forth Road Bridge Act 2013 \(asp 8\), ss. 5\(3\)\(c\), 7; S.S.I. 2015/190, art. 2](#)
- C10** S. 1: functions made exercisable (E.W.) (8.5.2017) by [The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority \(Functions and Amendment\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/430\), arts. 1\(3\), 17\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- C11** S. 1: functions made exercisable concurrently (E.W.) (30.1.2021) by [The West Yorkshire Combined Authority \(Election of Mayor and Functions\) Order 2021 \(S.I. 2021/112\), arts. 1\(2\), 20\(1\)\(a\)\(2\)-\(7\)](#)
- C12** S. 1: functions made exercisable concurrently (E.W.) (20.12.2023) by [The York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Order 2023 \(S.I. 2023/1432\), arts. 1\(2\), 17\(1\)\(2\)](#) (with art. 17(7))

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 - (g) for any of the purposes specified in paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1) of section 87 of the Environment Act 1995 (air quality).]

^{F20}(2)

^{F21}(3) A traffic regulation order made by a local traffic authority may, with the consent of the Secretary of State ^{F22}or, as the case may be, the Scottish Ministers], extend to a road in relation to which he is ^{F23}or they are] the traffic authority if the order forms part of a scheme of general traffic control relating to roads of which at least one has a junction with the length of road in question.]

- ^{F24}(3A) A local traffic authority may make a traffic regulation order in respect of a road in relation to which the Scottish Ministers are the traffic authority if—
- (a) the order is required for the provision of facilities or the taking of a measure pursuant to a scheme implementing a bus services improvement partnership plan made by the authority under Part 2 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001, and
 - (b) the consent of the Scottish Ministers is obtained.]

^{F25}(4)

^{F25}(5)

Extent Information

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Textual Amendments

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- F21** S. 1(3) substituted (1.11.1991) by [New Roads and Street Works Act 1991](#) (c. 22), s. 168(1), [Sch. 8 para. 17\(4\)](#); S.I. 1991/2286, art. 2(2), [Sch. 2](#)
- F22** Words in s. 1(3) inserted (S.) (1.7.2001) by 2001 asp 2, s. 83, [Sch. 2 para. 3\(2\)\(a\)\(i\)](#) (with s. 66); S.S.I. 2001/132, art. 2(3), [Sch. Pt. II](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in arts. 3, 4)
- F23** Words in s. 1(3) inserted (S.) (1.7.2001) by 2001 asp 2, s. 83, [Sch. 2 para. 3\(2\)\(a\)\(i\)](#) (with s. 66); S.S.I. 2001/132, art. 2(3), [Sch. Pt. II](#) (subject to transitional provisions and savings in arts. 3, 4)
- F24** [S. 1\(3A\)](#) substituted (S.) (4.12.2023) by [Transport \(Scotland\) Act 2019](#) (asp 17), s. 130(2), [sch. para. 1\(2\)](#) (with s. 126); S.S.I. 2023/250, sch.
- F25** S. 1(4)(5) repealed (1.11.1991) by [New Roads and Street Works Act 1991](#) (c. 22, SIF 59, 108) s. 168(1)(2), [Sch. 8 para. 17\(5\)](#), [Sch. 9](#); S.I. 1991/2286, art. 2(2), [Sch. 2](#)

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