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PART IX

ROADS

Orders extinguishing right to use vehicle on road

100.—(1) The Department may, for the purpose of improving the amenity of any area, by order provide for the extinguishment of any right which persons may have to use vehicles on a road, being a road other than a trunk road or a special road.

(2) An order under paragraph (1) may include such provision as the Department thinks fit for permitting the use on the road of vehicles (whether mechanically propelled or not) in such cases as may be specified in the order, notwithstanding the extinguishment of any such right as is mentioned in that paragraph; and any such provision may be framed by reference to particular descriptions of vehicles, or to particular persons by whom, or on whose authority, vehicles may be used, or to the circumstances in which, or the times at which, vehicles may be used for particular purposes.

(3) No provision contained in, or having effect under, any transferred provision, being a provision prohibiting or restricting the use of footpaths, shall affect any use of a vehicle on a road in relation to which an order made under paragraph (1) has effect, where the use is permitted in accordance with provisions of the order included by virtue of paragraph (2).

(4) Where an order is made under paragraph (1) the Department shall place or cause to be placed on or near the road to which the order relates such traffic signs as are necessary—

- (a) to warn traffic that the road is subject to the restrictions or prohibitions specified in the order;
- (b) to indicate the nature and extent of those restrictions or prohibitions.

(5) Any person who uses a vehicle or causes or permits a vehicle to be used in contravention of an order made under paragraph (1) shall be guilty of an offence under the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 and be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

(6) Where the Department revokes an order under paragraph (1), the effect of the order shall be to reinstate any right to use vehicles on the road, being a right which was extinguished by virtue of the order under that paragraph.

(7) Any order made under this Article may contain provisions for the preservation of any rights of statutory undertakers in respect of any apparatus of theirs which immediately before the date of the order is under, in, on, over, along or across the road to which the order relates.

(8) This Article shall have effect without prejudice to—

- (a) any power conferred on the Department under any other enactment to authorise the stopping up or diversion of a road; or
- (b) Article 102.

(9) In this Article "traffic sign" and "vehicle" have the same meanings as in the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981.