The Experimental Traffic Control Scheme - Bedford Street, Belfast 2019

The Department for Infrastructure(a) makes the following experimental traffic control scheme in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 5(1) and (2) of 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 2 and 3 of Schedule 2 to that Order.

The Department has published a notice in compliance with paragraphs 2 and 4 of that Schedule.

No written objections were received and three representations have been received.

Commencement

1. The experimental traffic control scheme shall come into operation on 1st August 2019.

Lengths of road in which vehicles must not wait

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 the road specified in the Schedule.

Exceptions to prohibition of waiting

3.—(1) 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 the Schedule 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;

(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
(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(a) or of a licence granted under Article 8 of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996(b); 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(c).

(2) 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 a period exceeding 2 minutes whether or not the vehicle is moved during that period.

Amendment to On-Street Parking Order

4. The On-Street Parking Order (Northern Ireland) 2000(d) is amended by the substitution for item no. 11 relating to Bedford Street, in Chapter 1, Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the same description together with a new map.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Infrastructure on 19th July 2019

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SCHEDULE

WAITING RESTRICTIONS IN BELFAST – NO WAITING AT ANY TIME (Loading and Unloading Not Permitted)

1. Bedford Street (east side) – from a point 15 metres east of its junction with James Street South for a distance of 14 metres in a southerly direction.
2. Bedford Street (east side) – from a point 15 metres east of its junction with Franklin Street for a distance of 59 metres in a southerly direction.

(c) 1984 c. 12 as amended by 2003 c. 21 Schedule 3 paragraph 2(2)
(d) S.R. 2000 No. 383: relevant amending Order is S.R. 2014 No. 7