

CONTROL OF TRAFFIC - BELFAST

The Department for Infrastructure proposes to make an Order entitled The Control of Traffic (High Street, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2017.

The Order will introduce a bus lane and provide cycle lanes on lengths of **High Street, Belfast** and prohibit vehicles making a right-hand turn from **Queen's Square into Victoria Street**. Vehicles are excepted from the prohibition in certain circumstances.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which together with a map showing the roads involved may be inspected free of charge during office hours within the period below at the Department's TransportNI Eastern Division, Traffic Management, Hydebank, 4 Hospital Road, Belfast, BT8 8JL or by viewing www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/consultations

Any person may object or make other representations, specifying the grounds on which they are made, by writing to the Department at the address above or by emailing traffic.eastern@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk within a period of 22 days from the date of publication of this Notice. Any information you give, including personal information, could be published or disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) or the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR). For further details on confidentiality, the FOIA and EIR please refer to www.ico.org.uk

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ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Control of Traffic (High Street, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2017

Made - - - - 2017

Coming into operation - 2017

The Department for Infrastructure^(a) 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^(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.

(Here will follow, where appropriate, recitals of the fact of any written objections or other representations received or inquiry held and the outcome thereof).

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as The Control of Traffic (High Street, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2017 and shall come into operation on 2017.

Amendments

2. The Cycle Routes Order (Northern Ireland) 2008^(d) is amended by the addition to Schedule 1 of the following items—

- “41. The north-western carriageway of High Street, Belfast, from a point 25.5 metres south-west of its junction with Victoria Street for a distance of 156.1 metres in a south-westerly direction, bounded on its north-western side by the north-western kerbline of High Street and gaps at its junction with Skipper Street and adjacent to private accesses and on its south-eastern side by the north-western edge of traffic islands and a broken white line.

(a) S.I. 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: last amending Order is S.R. 2016 No. 380

42. The south-eastern carriageway of High Street, Belfast, from a point 10.1 metres south-west of its junction with Victoria Street for a distance of 219.9 metres in a south-westerly direction, bounded on its south-eastern side by the south-eastern kerbline of High Street and gaps at its junctions with Church Lane, Pottinger's Entry, Joy's Entry, Wilson's Court, Crown Entry and adjacent to private accesses, and on its north-western side by the south-eastern edge of traffic islands and a broken white line"

3. The Bus Lanes (Belfast City Centre) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012(a) is amended by the addition to the Schedule of the following item—

- "19. The south-eastern most lane of the north-west carriageway of High Street, Belfast, from a point 58.2 metres west of its junction with Victoria Street to a point 22.3 metres west of that junction, bounded on both sides by the outer edge of a road marking in the form of a continuous white line."

Prohibition of right-hand turn

4. Subject to Article 6, a person shall not cause or permit any vehicle proceeding in a westerly direction along Queens Square to make a right-hand turn into Victoria Street.

Exceptions of prohibition of right-hand turn

5. 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.
- (c) a cycle.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Infrastructure on

2017

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A senior officer of the Department for Infrastructure

(a) S.R. 2012 No. 198 as amended by Article 9 of S.R. 2014 No. 243 and S.R. 2016 No. 19

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order provides cycle lanes on the carriageway of High Street, Belfast as defined in Article 2(2) to be used by cyclists only.

The Order also amends The Bus Lanes (Belfast City Centre) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012 by adding a bus lane in High Street (Article 3).

The Order also prohibits vehicles making a right-hand turn from Queen's Square into Victoria Street, Belfast.

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 Articles 3 and 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.