

Traffic Signs Authorisation

The Department for Regional Development(1), gives the following authorisation in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 28(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997(2) and now vested in it(3).

Interpretation

1. In this authorisation—
 - “the 1997 Regulations” means the Traffic Signs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997(4);
 - “retroreflecting material” has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 2 of the 1997 Regulations;
 - “sign” means a traffic sign shown in the Diagrams in the Schedule;

Control of traffic by signs

- 2.—(1) The signs and Variable Message Signs shown in Diagram A (Face 1) and Diagram B (Face 1) are authorised for erection for the purpose of indicating to vehicular traffic the direction to the Giant’s Causeway main car park and the number of spaces available in the car park.
- (2) The sign and Variable Message Sign shown in Diagram A (Face 2) is authorised for erection for the purpose of indicating to vehicular traffic the direction to the Giant’s Causeway main car park, that the car park is full, and the direction and distance to a Park and Ride facility.
- (3) The sign and Variable Message Sign shown in Diagram B (Face 2) is authorised for erection for the purpose of indicating to vehicular traffic that the Giant’s Causeway main car park is full and the direction to a Park and Ride facility.
- (4) The information indicated and conveyed by the signs and Variable Message Signs shall be that in or under the Diagrams in the Schedule.

Sign to be of the size, colour and type shown in the Diagram

- 3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this authorisation, the signs shall be of the size, colour and type shown in the Diagrams in the Schedule.
- (2) Dimensions indicated in the Diagrams in the Schedule are expressed in millimetres.

Variations of dimensions

4. Any dimension specified for a sign in a Diagram in the Schedule may be varied in accordance with the following tables.

TABLE 1

Height of letters and numbers

Item (1)	Dimensions shown in Diagram (2)	Permitted Variations (3)
1.	100 millimetres or more	Up to 5% of the dimension
2.	Less than 100 millimetres	Up to 7.5% of the dimension

(1) S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(1)
 (2) S.I. 1997/276 (N.I. 2)
 (3) S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 6(d) and Schedule 4 Part IV
 (4) S.R. 1997 No. 386

TABLE 2

All dimensions other than those in Table 1

Item (1)	Dimensions shown in Diagram (2)	Permitted Variations (3)
1.	300 millimetres or more	Up to 5% of the dimension
2.	50 millimetres or more, but less than 300 millimetres	Up to 7.5% of the dimension.

Proportions and form of letters and numerals

5.—(1) In the Variable Message Signs all letters, numerals and other characters incorporated in the sign shall have the general proportions and form as prescribed in Part V of Schedule 13 to the 1997 Regulations.

(2) In the part of the sign with a brown background, all letters (with the exception of the tourist “i” and the parking “P”), numerals and other characters shall have the proportions and form as prescribed in Part I of Schedule 13 to the 1997 Regulations.

(3) In Diagram A in the Schedule, the tourist “i” letter shall have the proportions and form as prescribed in drawing T1 in Schedule 14 to the 1997 Regulations.

(4) In Diagrams A and B in the Schedule, the parking “P” letter shall have the proportions and form as prescribed in drawing 660 in Schedule 2 to the 1997 Regulations.

Permitted variants

6.—(1) Where the circumstances in which a sign is to be placed so require or where appropriate in those circumstances, the form of the sign may be varied in the following manner—

(a) the number of parking spaces may be varied in the Variable Message Signs shown in Diagram A, Face 1 and Diagram B, Face 1 in the Schedule.

(b) the Variable Message Signs in the Diagrams in the Schedule may be varied to “PARK AND RIDE NOT IN USE” in which case the arrow shall be omitted.

(2) Where the form of the sign is varied in accordance with this authorisation, the information conveyed to vehicular traffic by the sign is varied to accord with the form of the sign as varied.

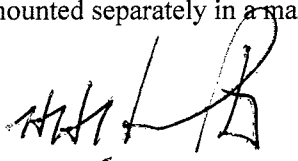
Illumination requirements

7.—(1) With the exception of the black panel incorporating the LED (light-emitting diode), a sign may be illuminated by means of internal or external lighting but if not so illuminated throughout the hours of darkness, it shall be illuminated by the use of retroreflecting material in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) Where retroreflecting material is used on any part of the sign all other parts of that sign shall also be illuminated by means of retroreflecting material.

(3) Where the sign is illuminated by means of external lighting, then that means of lighting shall be fitted to the structure on which the sign is mounted or which is otherwise specially provided, except that if the sign is mounted on a bridge, tunnel or similar structure over a road the means of lighting may alternatively be mounted separately in a manner such as to illuminate the sign effectively.

Authorised Officer:
Date:


25 February 2011



SCHEDULE



DIAGRAM A - FACE 1

Junction ahead sign indicating direction to the main Giant's Causeway car park incorporating a VMS showing the number of spaces available



DIAGRAM A - FACE 2

Junction ahead sign incorporating a VMS indicating that main Giant's Causeway car park is full and the direction to a Park and Ride site



DIAGRAM B - FACE 1

Sign incorporating VMS indicating the number of spaces available in main Giant's Causeway car park



DIAGRAM B - FACE 2

Sign incorporating VMS indicating that main Giant's Causeway car park is full and the direction to a Park and Ride site

