STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2017 No. 173

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Restricted Parking Zone (Skipper Street, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2017

Made - - - -	*4th September 2017*
Coming into operation -	*25th September 2017*

The Department for Infrastructure(**a**) makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 4(1), (2) and (3) and 15 of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997(**b**) and now vested in it(**c**).

The Department has considered both the interests of traffic and those of the owners and occupiers of adjoining property in accordance with Article 15(2) of that Order and has had regard to the matters specified in Article 15(3) of that Order.

The Department has consulted such persons as it considered appropriate in compliance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedules 1 and 4 to that Order.

The Department has published a notice in compliance with paragraphs 1 and 3 of those Schedules.

The Department, in compliance with paragraph 3(4) of Schedule 4 to that Order, has taken such other steps as appear to the Department reasonably practicable for the purpose of bringing specifically to the knowledge of the occupiers of land adjacent to the parking place the particulars specified in paragraph 3(2) of that Schedule.

No written objection or other representation has been received.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as The Restricted Parking Zone (Skipper Street, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2017 and shall come into operation on 25th September 2017.

(2) In this Order —

"medical practitioner" means a registered person within the meaning of the Medical Act 1983(**d**);

(**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
(**d**) 1983 c. 54

"postal packet" means a letter, parcel, packet or other article transmissible by post as defined in section 125 of the Postal Services Act 2000(**a**);

"restricted parking zone" means both sides of Skipper Street, Belfast for its entire length;

"the Regulation Order" means the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997;

"universal service provider" has the same meaning as in section 4(3) and (4) of the Postal Services Act 2000.

Restriction of waiting

2. Save as provided in Articles 3 and 4, a person shall not cause or permit a vehicle to wait at any time within the restricted parking zone.

Exceptions

3.—(1) Nothing in Article 2 shall render it unlawful for a person to cause or permit a vehicle to wait on the carriageway within the restricted parking zone 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;

(ii) in connection with the removal of any obstruction of 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(**b**) or of a licence granted under Article 8 of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996(**c**); 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(**d**).

(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 within the restricted parking zone 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.

4. Article 2 shall not apply to a vehicle being used within the limits of a loading bay authorised for use by vehicles for loading and unloading under Articles 10 and 13 of the Regulation Order for

---

(**a**) 2000 c. 26

(**b**) S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1) as amended by S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6), S.R. 2007 No. 283, S.R. 2007 No. 284, S.R. 2007 No. 303, S.R. 2007 No. 320, S.R. 2007 No. 321, S.I. 2007/913 (N.I. 7) and S.R. 2011 No. 155

(**c**) S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2) as amended by S.R. 2006 No. 358, S.R. 2011 No. 155 and S.R. 2013 No. 92

(**d**) 1984 c. 12 as amended by 2003 c. 21 Sch. 3 para. 2(2)