STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2016 No. 12

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Control of Traffic (Queen Street, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

Made - - - -	*19th January 2016*
Coming into operation -	*8th February 2016*

The Department for Regional Development(**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.

No written objection or other representation has been received.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as The Control of Traffic (Queen Street, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 and shall come into operation on 8th February 2016.

(2) In this Order—

"cycle" has the same meaning as in the Order of 1995;

"cycle lane" means the areas of carriageway of Queen Street, Belfast specified in the Schedule;

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

Prohibition on traffic in cycle lane

2. Save as provided in Article 3 a person shall not, except upon the direction or with the permission of a constable in uniform, cause or permit any vehicle other than a cycle to enter, proceed or wait in the cycle lane.

(**a**) S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(1)
(**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

Exceptions to prohibition on traffic in cycle lane

3. The prohibition in Article 2 shall not render it unlawful for any person to cause or permit any vehicle to enter, proceed or wait in the cycle lane so far as such entry, proceeding or waiting is reasonably necessary to enable the vehicle to be used—

(a) for access to or from premises, parking spaces and parking places adjacent to or accessible only from the cycle lane;

(b) in the services of the Department in pursuance of statutory powers or duties;

(c) by or on behalf of a sewerage undertaker or a water undertaker in connection with the discharge of that undertaker's functions;

(d) in connection with any telegraphic line or with the supply of electricity or gas within the cycle lane or an area accessible only from the cycle lane; or

(e) in an emergency by a medical practitioner, or for police, military, fire and rescue or ambulance purposes.

Use of cycle lane

4. A person riding a cycle along the cycle lane shall do so only in a southerly direction except upon the direction or with the permission of a constable in uniform.

Amendment

5. Schedule 1 to The One-Way Traffic (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2009(**a**) shall be amended by the substitution for item 192 of the following item—

"192. Queen Street, bounded on its western side by the western kerbline of Queen Street and on its eastern side by the western edge of a road marking in the form of a continuous longitudinal white line broken only by a gap opposite its junction with College Street and by the controlled area of a zebra crossing and by a broken white line facing the loading bay on the east side of Queen Street.	northerly"

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Regional Development on 19th January 2016

(L.S.)

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(**a**) S.R. 2009 No. 49 as amended by S.R. 2011 No. 131