STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2011 No. 366

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Control of Traffic (Armagh) Order (Northern Ireland) 2011

Made - - - -	*18th October 2011*
Coming into operation -	*1st November 2011*

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 paragraph 3 of Schedule 2 to that Order.

The Department has published a notice in compliance with paragraph 4 of that Schedule.

Six written objections and four other representations have been received and duly considered.

Commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as The Control of Traffic (Armagh) Order (Northern Ireland) 2011 and shall come into operation on 1st November 2011.

(2) In this Order—

"goods" includes goods or burden of any description;

"maximum gross weight" has the meaning assigned to that term by regulation 2 of the Traffic Signs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997(**d**);

"statutory undertaker" means—

(i) the railway undertaker within the meaning of the Transport Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(**e**);

(ii) any body or person authorised by any statutory provision to carry on any harbour or dock undertaking.

(**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**) S.R. 1997 No. 386 to which there are no relevant amendments
(**e**) 1967 c. 37 (N.I.)

Prohibitions

2.—(1) A person shall not, except upon the direction or with the permission of a constable in uniform, cause or permit any vehicle to proceed on the lengths of road specified in column 1 of Schedule 1 in a direction other than that specified in relation to those lengths of road in column 2.

(2) Subject to Article 3(1), the use by vehicles exceeding 7.5 tonnes maximum gross weight of Abbey Street, Armagh, from its junction with Upper English Street, to its junction with Dawson Street is prohibited.

(3) Subject to Article 3(2), a person shall not cause or permit a vehicle to wait on the lengths of road specified in Schedule 2.

Exceptions

3.—(1) The prohibition in Article 2(2) shall not apply to a vehicle being used—

(a) by or on behalf of the owner or occupier of land abutting on or convenient to the length of road for the purpose of gaining access to such land; or

(b) in connection with the delivery to or collection from such land of any goods or livestock or postal packets; or

(c) for police or military purposes, or in an emergency for ambulance or fire and rescue purposes; or

(d) on or adjacent to the length of road in pursuance of statutory powers and duties by or on behalf of a government department, district council or statutory undertaker; or

(e) on or adjacent to the length of road in connection with the laying, erection, alteration or repair of any electronic communications apparatus as defined in Schedule 2 to the Telecommunications Act 1984(**a**); or

(f) on or adjacent to the length of road by or on behalf of the holder of a licence granted under Article 10 of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992(**b**) or a licence granted under Article 8 of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996(**c**) in connection with the discharge of the holder's functions; or

(g) on or adjacent to the length of road by or on behalf of a sewerage undertaker or a water undertaker in connection with the discharge of that undertaker's functions.

(2) Nothing in Article 2(3) shall render it unlawful for a person to cause or permit a vehicle to wait on the carriageway of the lengths of road specified in Schedule 2 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 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 for fire and rescue, ambulance, police or customs purposes or for the purposes of the security forces;

(c) the vehicle to be used for the purpose of delivering or collecting postal packets as defined in section 125 of the Postal Services Act 2000(**d**);

(d) the vehicle, if it cannot conveniently be used for such purpose outside those lengths of road, to be used—

(i) in connection with any building, repair or demolition operations;

(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;

(**a**) 1984 c. 12 as amended by 2003 c. 21 Sch 3, para. 2(2)
(**b**) S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1)
(**c**) S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2)
(**d**) 2000 c. 26