1994 No. 304

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Control of Traffic (Portrush) Order (Northern Ireland) 1994

Made	*2nd August 1994*
Coming into operation . .	*1st October 1994*

WHEREAS the Department of the Environment has published a notice in compliance with Article 23(1) and (2) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**a**) (''the 1981 Order'');

AND WHEREAS 1,197 objections have been received and considered;

AND WHEREAS the Department held a public inquiry in accordance with Article 23(4) of the 1981 Order;

NOW THEREFORE the Department, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 21(1) and 22(1) of the 1981 Order and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and in relation to Article 22(1) being satisfied that the area of road specified in Article 1(2) and Schedule 1 is unsuitable for unrestricted use by vehicles, makes the following Order:

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Control of Traffic (Portrush) Order (Northern Ireland) 1994 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1994.

(2) In this Order—

''fire lane'' means the area of the carriageway of the length of Eglinton Street described in Schedule 1;

''fire vehicle'' means a vehicle owned by the Fire Authority for Northern Ireland for the purposes of fire fighting or fire prevention.

Restriction on traffic

2. Subject to Article 4, a person shall not, except upon the direction or with the permission of a constable in uniform or of a traffic warden—

(*a*) cause or permit any vehicle other than a fire vehicle to enter, proceed or wait in the fire lane other than for the purpose of crossing it;

(*b*) cause or permit any fire vehicle to proceed along the fire lane otherwise than in a southerly direction.

(**a**) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1) as amended by S.I. 1984/1986 (N.I. 15), Schedule 1, paragraph 3; *see* Article 2(2) for the definition of ''Department''

3. A person shall not, except upon the direction or with the permission of a constable in uniform or of a traffic warden, cause or permit any vehicle to proceed along Eglinton Street, Portrush, in the area of the carriageway west of the fire lane, otherwise than in a northerly direction, provided that the foregoing provision shall not apply so as to prevent any fire vehicle which is proceeding in a southerly direction in the fire lane to cross over the white line if it is necessary to do so in order to overtake a vehicle that is stationary in the fire lane or to avoid roadworks or any other obstruction to traffic in the fire lane.

Exceptions

4.—(1) Nothing in this Order shall render it unlawful for any person to cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in any direction in the fire lane so far as such entry or proceeding is reasonably necessary to enable the vehicle to be used for the purpose of removing any obstruction to traffic in the fire lane or for police, military, fire brigade or ambulance purposes or to wait in the fire lane for so long as may be necessary for any of these purposes.

(2) Nothing in this Order shall render it unlawful for any person to cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in a northerly direction in the fire lane so far as such entry or proceeding is reasonably necessary to enable the vehicle to be used in accordance with any of the purposes specified in paragraph (3), or to wait in the fire lane for so long as may be necessary for any of these purposes.

(3) The purposes referred to in paragraph (2) are—

(i) the service of a district council or the Department in pursuance of statutory powers or duties;

(ii) the avoidance of an accident; or

(iii) in connection with the supply of electricity or any telegraphic line.

Amendment

5. Schedule 2 to the One-Way Traffic (Portrush) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979(**a**) shall be amended by the addition of the items specified in Schedule 2.

Prohibition of right-hand turn

6. Subject to Article 7 a person shall not cause or permit a vehicle travelling in a southerly direction along Eglinton Street, Portrush, to make a right-hand turn into Kerr Street on any day between 20th March and 30th September in each year.

(a) S.R. 1979 No. 268 to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order