1980 No. 370

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Prohibition of Traffic (Antrim) Order (Northern Ireland) 1980

Made . . . . . *24th October 1980*

Coming into operation . . . *15th December 1980*

The Department of the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred by section 19 of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Prohibition of Traffic (Antrim) Order (Northern Ireland) 1980 and shall come into operation on 15th December 1980.

Interpretation

2. In this Order:—

"Department" means the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland;

"fire lane" has the meaning assigned to it in the Schedule;

"fire vehicle" means a vehicle owned by the Fire Authority for Northern Ireland for the purpose of fire fighting or fire prevention;

"white line" has the meaning assigned to it in the Schedule.

Restriction on traffic

3. Save as provided in Article 4, no person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a constable in uniform or of a traffic warden, cause or permit any vehicle other than a fire vehicle, to enter, proceed or wait in the fire lane otherwise than for the purpose of crossing it.

Exemptions

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, fire brigade or ambulance purposes or to wait in the fire lane for so long as may be necessary for any of those 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 southerly 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 those 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 or in connection with the supply of gas or electricity or any telegraphic line as defined in the Telegraph Act 1878(**b**);

(ii) the avoidance of an accident.

(**a**) 1970 c. 2 (N.I.) as substituted by art. 14 of S.I. 1978/1051 (N.I. 21)
(**b**) 1878 c. 76