2021 No. 275

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Prohibition of U-Turns (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021

Made - - - - 30th September 2021

Coming into operation - 25th October 2021

The Department for Infrastructure(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 representations have been received.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as The Prohibition of U-Turns (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021 and shall come into operation on 25th October 2021.

Prohibition of U-Turns

2. Subject to Article 3 a person shall not cause or permit any vehicle proceeding on the roads specified in Column 1 of Schedule 1 to make a U-Turn where indicated in relation to the said roads in Column 2 while proceeding in the direction specified in Column 3.

Exceptions

- **3.** The prohibition in Article 2 shall not apply to—
 - (a) a vehicle being used for fire and rescue, ambulance, police or customs purposes or for the purposes of the security forces; or
 - (b) a vehicle, the driver or rider of which is acting upon the direction, or with the permission, of a constable in uniform.

⁽a) Formerly the Department for Regional Development; see section 1(6) and (11) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (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

Revocations

4. The provisions specified in column (1) of Schedule 2 are revoked to the extent specified in column (3).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Infrastructure on 30th September 2021

(L.S.)

Mary Toner A senior officer of the Department for Infrastructure

SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
1.	Albert Bridge	For its entire length	Easterly and Westerly
2.	Albertbridge Road	From its junction with Albert Bridge to a point 68 metres east of that junction	Easterly and Westerly
3.	Andersonstown Road	At its junction with Kennedy Way, Route A55	North-easterly
4.	Andersonstown Road	At its junction with Kennedy Way. Route A55	South-westerly
5.	Bridge Street	At its junction with High Street	South-westerly
6.	East Bridge Street	From its junction with Stewart Street to a point 10 metres east of that junction	Easterly
7.	East Bridge Street	From a point 70 metres west of its junction with Laganbank Road to a point 107 metres west of that junction	Easterly and Westerly
8.	East Bridge Street	From a point 10 metres east of its junction with Stewart Street to its junction with Oxford Street	Westerly
9.	East Bridge Street	Through the gap in the central reservation which exists from a point 129 metres east of its junction with Stewart Street to a point 132.5 metres east of that junction	Westerly
10.	Kennedy Way	At its junction with Andersonstown Road, Route B102	North-westerly
11.	Kennedy Way	At its junction with Andersonstown Road, Route B102	South-easterly
12.	Knock Road	The end of the central reservation at its junction with Castlereagh Road	Southerly
13.	Knock Road	Through the gap in the central reservation opposite the junction with Knockwood Park	Northerly and Southerly
14.	Knock Road	Through the gaps in the central reservation opposite the junction with Knockmount Park	Northerly and Southerly
15.	Knock Road	From the end of the central reservation north of the junction of Knockmount Park to its junction with Sandown Road	Northerly and Southerly
16.	Sydenham By-Pass	Through the gaps in the central reservation for its entire length	North-easterly and South-westerly
17.	Upper Knockbreda Road	At its junction with Upper Galwally and Glencregagh Road	North-easterly
18.	University Road	Through the gaps in the central reservation and at the northern end of the central reservation from its junction with College Gardens to its junction with Elmwood Avenue	Northerly

Revocations

Column (1)	Column (2)	Column (3)
Title	Reference	Extent of Revocation
Prohibition of U-Turn (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 1979	S.R. 1979 No. 266	The whole Order
Control of Traffic (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 1991	S.R. 1991 No. 24	The whole Order
Control of Traffic (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 1997	S.R. 1997 No. 201	Article 2 and the Schedule
Control of Traffic (Belfast) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1997	S.R. 1997 No. 424	The whole Order
The Prohibition of U-Turns (A55 Kennedy Way and B102 Andersonstown Road, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2017	S.R. 2017 No. 240	The whole Order

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order prohibits vehicles proceeding in a south-westerly direction along Bridge Street, Belfast from making a U-Turn at its junction with High Street specified in Schedule 1.

Vehicles are excepted from the prohibition in certain circumstances (Article 3).

The Order also revokes a number of Statutory Rules to the extent specified in Schedule 2 (Article 4). The prohibition of U-Turns at Albert Bridge, Albertbridge Road, Andersonstown Road, East Bridge Street, Kennedy Way, Knock Road, Sydneham By-Pass, Upper Knockbreda Road, and University Road, and the prohibition of a right-hand turn along East Bridge Street in the revoked Statutory Rules are re-enacted to the extent specified in Schedule 1.

The Order also updates references to the class of vehicles which are excepted from the prohibition.

Any person who acts in contravention of this Order shall be guilty of an offence under the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 ("the Regulation Order") and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (£1,000), in accordance with the Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 as amended by the Regulation Order.

Traffic signs indicating the effect of the Order will in due course be placed on the road.