

2022 No. 281

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

**The Prohibition of Traffic (Union Street, Belfast) Order
(Northern Ireland) 2022**

Made - - - - - *27th October 2022*

Coming into operation *11th December 2022*

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 representation has been received.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Prohibition of Traffic (Union Street, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2022 and shall come into operation on 11th December 2022.

(2) In this Order—

“cycle” has the same meaning as in the Order of 1995^(d);

“medical practitioner” means a registered person within the meaning of the Medical Act 1983^(e);

“postal packet” has the same meaning as in section 65(1) of the Postal Services Act 2011^(f); and

“universal service provider” has the same meaning as in section 65(1) of the Postal Services Act 2011.

(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

(d) S.I. 1995/2994 (N.I. 18)

(e) 1983 c. 54

(f) 2011 c. 5

Prohibition

2. Subject to Article 3 the use by vehicles of Union Street, Belfast from its junction with Little Donegall Street to its junction with Donegall Street is prohibited.

Exceptions

3. The prohibition in Article 2 shall not apply to—

- (a) a cycle;
- (b) a permit holder;
- (c) a disabled person's vehicle;
- (d) a vehicle the driver or rider of which is acting upon the direction, or with the permission of, a constable in uniform;
- (e) a vehicle to be used in an emergency by a medical practitioner, or for fire and rescue, ambulance, police or customs purposes or for the purposes of the security forces;
- (f) a vehicle to be used by or on behalf of a universal service provider for the purposes of the delivery to, or collection from, premises situated adjacent to the length of road of postal packets;
- (g) a vehicle, if it cannot conveniently be used for such purposes outside that length of the 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;
 - (iv) by or on behalf of a sewerage undertaker or a water undertaker in connection with the discharge of that undertaker's functions;
 - (v) in connection with the discharge of the functions of the holder of a licence granted under Article 10 of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992(a) or of a licence granted under Article 8 of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996(b); or
 - (vi) in connection with the laying, erection, alteration or repair of any electronic telecommunications apparatus as defined in Schedule 2 to the Telecommunications Act 1984(c); or
- (h) goods to be unloaded between 6.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m.

Amendment to the on-street parking order

4. The On-Street Parking Order (Northern Ireland)(d) is amended by the substitution for item no. 103 relating to Union Street in Chapter 1, Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the same description together with a new map.

Sealed with the Seal of the Department for Infrastructure on 27th October 2022

(L.S.)

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A senior officer of the Department for Infrastructure

(a) S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1) as amended by S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6), S.R. 2007 No. 283, S.R. 2007 No. 303, S.R. 2007 No. 320, S.R. 2007 No. 321, S.I. 2007/913 (N.I. 7) and S.R. 2011 No. 155
(b) S.I. 1996/275 (N.I. 2) as amended by S.R. 2006 No. 358 and S.R. 2011 No. 92
(c) 1984 c. 12 as amended by 2003 c. 21 Schedule 3 paragraph 2(2)
(d) S.R. 2000 No. 383

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order prohibits vehicles from using Union Street, Belfast from its junction with Little Donegall Street to its junction with Donegall Street. Certain vehicles are excepted from the prohibitions in certain circumstances.

The Order also amends the On-Street Parking Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 by the removal of certain pay and display parking bays in Union Street.

A penalty charge (£90) is payable with respect to a vehicle in a contravention of this Order in accordance with the Traffic Management (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 and The Penalty Charges (Prescribed Amounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006.

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