

**2024 No. 183**

**ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES**

**The Parking Places on Roads (Electric Vehicles) Order  
(Northern Ireland) 2024**

*Made* - - - - - *15th October 2024*

*Coming into operation* *18th November 2024*

The Department for Infrastructure<sup>(a)</sup> makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 10(4) and 13(1), (13) and (16) of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997<sup>(b)</sup> (“the 1997 Order”) and now vested in it<sup>(c)</sup>.

In accordance with Article 10(1) of the 1997 Order it appears to the Department to be necessary to provide suitable parking places for electric vehicles on the lengths of roads as specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

In accordance with Article 10(7) of, and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 4 to the 1997 Order, the Department has consulted such persons as it considers appropriate.

The Department has published a notice in compliance with paragraphs 1 and 3 of that Schedule.

In accordance with paragraph 3(4) of Schedule 4 to the 1997 Order, the Department has taken such other steps as appear to it reasonably practicable for the purpose of bringing specifically to the knowledge of the occupiers of land adjacent to the parking places the particulars specified in paragraph 3(2) 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 Parking Places on Roads (Electric Vehicles) Order (Northern Ireland) 2024 and shall come into operation on 18th November 2024.

(2) In this Order—

“Derry/Londonderry” means the City of Londonderry;

“electric vehicle” means any vehicle which uses one or more electric motors for propulsion;

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(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

“electric vehicle charging post” means apparatus which supplies electricity for the charging of electric vehicles;

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

“parking place” means a length of road authorised by Article 2 to be used as a parking place for electric vehicles;

“parking space” means a space which is marked out in a parking place for the leaving of a vehicle;

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

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

### **Authorisation of parking places**

2. The use as parking places for electric vehicles of the lengths of road specified in column 1 of Schedule 1 is authorised.

### **Position within a parking place**

3. Save as provided in Article 6, a person shall not leave or cause a vehicle to be left in a parking place unless it is wholly within a parking space where such has been parked out.

### **Use of parking places**

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) and Article 6, the driver of a vehicle other than an electric vehicle shall not use a parking place at any time.

(2) The driver of an electric vehicle may use a parking place specified in column 1 of Schedule 1 during the hours and on such days as are specified in in relation to that parking place in columns 2 and 3 respectively.

(3) An electric vehicle waiting in a parking space indicated by a sign as being reserved for an electric vehicle shall do so only if it is connected to an electric vehicle charging post.

### **Maximum period of waiting in and further use of a parking place**

5. Save as provided in Article 6 during such hours and on such days as are specified in relation to that parking place in columns 2 and 3 respectively of Schedule 1—

(a) a person shall not leave or cause an electric vehicle to be left in a parking place specified in column 1 of Schedule 1 for longer than the period specified in relation to that parking place in column 4;

(b) a person shall not leave or cause that electric vehicle to be left again in that parking place, until the expiration of the period specified in relation to that parking place in column 5 from the time that vehicle is removed from that parking place.

### **Exceptions**

6. Nothing in Articles 3, 4 or 5 shall render it unlawful to leave or cause a vehicle to be left in a parking place 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 may be reasonably necessary to enable—

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(a) 1883 c. 54

(b) 2011 c. 5

- (a) the 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;
- (b) the 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 parking place of postal packets;
- (c) the vehicle, if it cannot conveniently be used for such purpose outside that parking place, 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 a holder of a licence granted under Article 10 of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992<sup>(a)</sup> or of a licence granted under Article 8 of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996<sup>(b)</sup>; or
  - (vi) in connection with the laying, erection, alteration or repair of any electronic communications apparatus as defined in Schedule 3A to the Communications Act 2003<sup>(c)</sup>.

**Suspension of the use of a parking place**

7. The Department may suspend the use of a parking place or any part of it for so long as may be necessary for the purpose of enabling—

- (a) a vehicle, if it cannot conveniently be used for such purpose outside the parking place, to be used in connection with the following purposes—
  - (i) building, repair or demolition operations, including works to property adjacent to the parking place;
  - (ii) the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
  - (iii) the cleansing, maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of the road; or
  - (iv) the laying, erection, alteration or repair in, or in land adjacent to the road, of any sewer, main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of electronic communications apparatus as defined in Schedule 2 to the Telecommunications Act 1984;
- (b) the implementation of any traffic management scheme; or
- (c) street works as defined in Article 3(3) of the Street Works (Northern Ireland) Order 1995<sup>(d)</sup> to be executed.

**Prohibition of the use of a suspended parking place**

8. A person not using a vehicle in connection with any of the undertakings specified in Article 7 shall not leave or cause that vehicle to be left in a parking place where the use of that parking place has been suspended by the Department in accordance with that Article.

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(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. 2003 No. 284, 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, S.R. 2011 No. 155 and S.R. 2013 No. 92  
 (c) 2003 c. 21; Schedule 3A was inserted by section 4 of, and Schedule 1 to, the Digital Economy Act (2017 c. 20)  
 (d) S.I. 1995/3210 (N.I. 19)

### Removal of a vehicle in an emergency

9. A person authorised by the Department may remove a vehicle from a parking place in an emergency.

### Method of removal of a vehicle

10. Any person removing a vehicle by virtue of Article 9 may do so by towing or driving the vehicle, or in such other manner as is reasonably necessary and may take such measures as are reasonably necessary to enable that person to remove it.

### Custody of a vehicle

11. When a person authorised by the Department removes or makes arrangements for the removal of a vehicle from a parking place by virtue of Article 9 that person shall make such arrangements as may be necessary for the safe custody of the vehicle.

### Revocations

12. 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 15th October 2024

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## SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

### Parking Places for Electric Vehicles

	<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>	<i>Column 4</i>	<i>Column 5</i>
1.	Quay Street, Bangor (west side) – from a point 92.5 metres north of its junction with High Street for a distance of 5 metres in a northerly direction.	All hours	All days	No limit	No limit
2.	Adelaide Street, Belfast (east side) – from a point 59.7 south of its junction with Franklin Street for a distance of 11.4 metres in a southerly direction (two parking spaces).	8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.	Monday to Saturday	2 hours	1 hour
		6.00 p.m. to 8.00 a.m.	Monday to Saturday	14 hours	No limit
		All hours	Sunday	No limit	No limit
3.	Dublin Road, Belfast (west side) – from a point 17.3 metres south-west of its junction with Ventry Lane for a distance of 11.8 metres in a south-westerly direction (two parking spaces).	8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.	Monday to Saturday	2 hours	1 hour
		6.00 p.m. to 8.00 a.m.	Monday to Saturday	14 hours	No limit
		All hours	Sunday	No limit	No limit
4.	Lower Crescent, Belfast (north	8.00 a.m. to	Monday to	4 hours	1 hour

	side) – from a point 29 metres east of its junction with University Road for a distance of 11.5 metres in an easterly direction (two parking spaces).	6.00 p.m.	Saturday		
		6.00 p.m. to 8.00 a.m.	Monday to Saturday	14 hours	No limit
		All hours	Sunday	No limit	No limit
5.	Mongomery Road, Belfast (south side) – from a point 379 metres east of its junction with Stirling Avenue for a distance of 2.4 metres in an easterly direction.	All hours	All days	No limit	No limit
6.	Main Street, Belleek (south side) – from a point 52 metres north-east of its junction with Cliff Road for a distance of 5 metres in a north-easterly direction (two parking spaces).	All hours	All days	No limit	No limit
7.	The Diamond, Derry/Londonderry (south-east side) – from a point 14.5 metres south-west of its junction with Ferryquay Street for a distance of 2.5 metres in a south-westerly direction.	8.00 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.	Monday to Saturday	1 hour	1 hour
		6.30 p.m. to 8.00 a.m.	Monday to Saturday	13 hours 30 minutes	No limit
		All hours	Sunday	No limit	No limit
8.	St. Patrick’s Street, Draperstown (north side) – from a point 30.1 metres south-west of its junction with Derrynoyd Road for a distance of 3 metres in a south-westerly direction.	All hours	All days	No limit	No limit
9.	Chapel Road, Dungiven (Route A6) – parking area opposite Dungiven Chapel, end bay adjacent to Glenroe Park (north-east side).	All hours	All days	No limit	No limit
10.	Church Street, Kilrea (east side) – from a point 9 metres south of its junction with the Diamond for a distance of 6 metres in a southerly direction.	8.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.	Monday to Saturday	1 hour	1 hour
		6.00 p.m. to 8.30 a.m.	Monday to Saturday	14 hours 30 minutes	No limit
		All hours	Sunday	No limit	No limit
11.	Catherine Street, Limavady (Route A371) (north-west side) – from a point 85 metres south-west of its junction with Linenhall Street (Route A371) for a distance of 2.5 metres in a south-westerly direction.	8.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.	Monday to Saturday	1 hour	1 hour
		6.00 p.m. to 8.30 a.m.	Monday to Saturday	14 hours 30 minutes	No limit
		All hours	Sunday	No limit	No limit
		6.30 p.m. to 8.00 a.m.	Monday to Saturday	13 hours 30 minutes	No limit
		All hours	Sunday	No limit	No limit
12.	Loughview Park and Ride car park, Lurgan – from a point 16 metres south-west of its junction with Lough Road car park access for a distance of 5 metres in a	All hours	All days	No limit	No limit

	south-westerly direction.				
13.	Marcus Square, Newry (north-east corner) – from a point 3 metres east of its junction with Hill Street for a distance of 4.8 metres in an easterly direction.	8.30 a.m. to 6.15 p.m.	Monday to Saturday	2 hours	1 hour
		6.15 p.m. to 8.30 a.m.	Monday to Saturday	14 hours 15 minutes	No limit
		All hours	Sunday	No limit	No limit
14.	Beverly Road car park, Newtownabbey (south-west side) – from a point 7.7 metres south-east of its entrance onto Beverly Road for a distance of 2.4 metres in a south-easterly direction.	All hours	All days	No limit	No limit
15.	Lower Lansdowne Road, Portrush (east side) – from a point 7 metres north-west of its junction with Bath Road for a distance of 2.5 metres in a north-westerly direction.	Midnight to 9.00 a.m.	All days	1 hour	1 hour
		9.00 a.m. to Midnight	All days	15 hours	No limit
16.	Lisburn Road, Royal Hillsborough (west side) – from a point 73 metres north of Lisburn Street’s junction with Meeting Street for a distance of 6 metres in a northerly direction.	All hours	All days	No limit	No limit
17.	Lisburn Road, Royal Hillsborough (west side) – from a point 79 metres north of Lisburn Street’s junction with Meeting Street for a distance of 6 metres in a northerly direction.	All hours	All days	No limit	No limit
18.	Market Street, Tandragee (east side) – from a point 90 metres north of its junction with Madden Road, (Route A51), for a distance of 6 metres in a northerly direction.	8.30 a.m. to 6.15 p.m.	Monday to Saturday	4 hours	1 hour
		6.15 p.m. to 8.30 a.m.	Monday to Saturday	14 hours 15 minutes	No limit
		All hours	Sunday	No limit	No limit
19.	Market Street, Tandragee (east side) – from a point 84 metres north of its junction with Madden Road, (Route A51), for a distance of 6 metres in a northerly direction.	8.30 a.m. to 6.15 p.m.	Monday to Saturday	4 hours	1 hour
		6.15 p.m. to 8.30 a.m.	Monday to Saturday	14 hours 15 minutes	No limit
		All hours	Sunday	No limit	No limit

## SCHEDULE 2

Article 12

### Revocations

<i>Column 1 (Title)</i>	<i>Column 2 (Reference)</i>	<i>Column 3 (Extent of revocation)</i>
The Parking Places on Roads (Electric Vehicles) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012	S. R. 2012 No. 290	The whole Order
The Parking Places on Roads (Electric Vehicles) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014	S.R. 2014 No. 7	Article 3
The Parking Places on Roads (Electric Vehicles) (Amendment No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014	S.R. 2014 No. 42	The whole Order
The Parking Places on Roads (Londonderry) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014	S.R. 2014 No. 83	The whole Order
The Parking Places on Roads (Electric Vehicles) (Amendment No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014	S.R. 2014 No. 240	The whole Order
The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Bangor) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016	S.R. 2016 No. 351	Article 12
The Parking Places on Roads (Electric Vehicles) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2022	S.R. 2022 No. 257	The whole Order
The Parking Places on Roads (Electric Vehicles) (Amendment No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2022	S.R. 2022 No. 260	The whole Order

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order authorises the use as parking places for the sole use of electric vehicles as specified in items 14 and 19 of Schedule 1 relating to Loughview Park and Ride car park, Lurgan and Market Street, Tandragee (Article 2) and prescribes the conditions under which the parking places may be used (Articles 3, 4, 5 and 8). Vehicles are excepted from the conditions in certain circumstances (Article 6). The Order also makes provision for the suspension of the use of a parking place (Article 7), for the removal of a vehicle from a parking place in an emergency (Articles 9 and 10) and for its safe custody (Article 11).

The Order also revokes the Orders specified in Schedule 2 and re-acts the parking places therein.

A penalty charge (£90) is payable with respect to a vehicle involved in a contravention of the 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 the items relating to Loughview Park and Ride car park and Market Street specified above will in due course be placed on the roads.