

2024 No. 210

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

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

Made - - - - *4th December 2024*

Coming into operation *30th December 2024*

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

In accordance with Article 10(1) of the 1997 Order it appears to the Department to be necessary to provide suitable parking places for vehicles on the length of the road specified in the Schedule 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 those Schedules.

In compliance 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 place the particular specified in paragraph 3(2) of that Schedule.

No objection or other representation has been received.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Parking Places on Roads (Saintfield) Order (Northern Ireland) 2024 and shall come into operation on 30th December 2024.

(2) In this Order—

“medical practitioner” means a fully registered person within the meaning of section 55(1) of the Medical Act 1983^(d);

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

^(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) 1983 c. 54

“specified hours” means the hours between 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. on the days Monday to Saturday inclusive; and

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

Authorisation of parking place

2. The use as parking places of the length of the road specified in the Schedule is authorised.

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

- 3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) and save as provided in Article 4 during the specified hours—
- (a) a person shall not leave or cause a vehicle to be left in a parking place specified in the Schedule for longer than 1 hour.
 - (b) a person shall not leave or cause that vehicle to be left again in that parking place until the expiration of 1 hour from the time that vehicle is removed from that parking place.
- (2) The prohibitions in paragraph (1) shall not apply to a disabled person’s vehicle.

Exceptions

4.—(1) Nothing in Article 3 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—

- (a) a person to board or alight from a vehicle left in a parking place before the expiration of 1 hour from the time that vehicle is removed from that parking place provided that such boarding or alighting does not cause that vehicle to be left again in that parking place for more than 2 minutes;
- (b) 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;
- (c) 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;
- (d) the vehicle, if it cannot conveniently be used for such purposes 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 the holder of a licence granted under Article 10 of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992**(b)** or of a licence granted under Article 8 of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996**(c)**; or
 - (vi) in connection with the installation, laying, erection, alteration or repair of any electronic communications apparatus as defined in paragraph 5 of Schedule 3A to the Communications Act 2003**(d)**.

(a) 2011 c. 5

(b) 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. 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

(c) 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

(d) 2003 c. 21 Schedule 3A was inserted by section 4 of, and Schedule 1 to, the Digital Economy Act 2017 (2017 c. 30)

- (e) goods to be loaded or unloaded from the vehicle.

Suspension of the use of a parking place

5. 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 that parking place, to be used in connection with any of 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 installation, laying, erection, alteration or repair in, or in land adjacent to the parking place, of any sewer, main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or of electronic communications apparatus as defined in paragraph 5 of Schedule 3A to the Communications Act 2003;
- (b) the execution of street works as defined in Article 3(3) of the Street Works (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(a); or
- (c) the implementation of any traffic management scheme.

Prohibition of the use of a suspended parking place

6. A person not using a vehicle in connection with any of the undertakings specified in Article 5 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.

Removal of a vehicle in an emergency

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

Method of removal of a vehicle

8. Any person removing a vehicle by virtue of Article 7 may do so by towing or driving the vehicle, or in such a 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

9. 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 7 that person shall make such arrangements as may be necessary for the safe custody of the vehicle.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Infrastructure on 4th December 2024

(L.S.)

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A senior officer of the Department for Infrastructure

(a) S.I. 1995/3210 (N.I. 19)

SCHEDULE

Article 2

PARKING PLACES IN SAINTFIELD

Monday to Saturday 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. – Maximum stay 1 hour; No return within 1 hour

Downpatrick Street, (east side) – from a point 15 metres south of its junction with Main Street for a distance of 10 metres in a southerly direction.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order authorises a length of Downpatrick Street, Saintfield, as specified in the Schedule (Article 2), for the use as a parking place and prescribes the conditions under which it may be used. Vehicles are excepted from the conditions in certain circumstances (Article 4). The Order also makes provision for the suspension of the use of the parking place (Article 5) and for the removal of a vehicle from the parking place in an emergency (Articles 7 and 8) and for its safe custody (Article 9).

A penalty charge (£90) is payable with respect to a vehicle involved 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 the item relating to Downpatrick Street, Saintfield specified in the Schedule will in due course be placed on the road.