

**2010 No. 171**

**ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES**

**The Bus Lane (Shankill Road, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland)  
2010**

*Made* - - - - - *30th April 2010*

*Coming into operation* - *24th May 2010*

The Department for Regional Development(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 and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as The Bus Lane (Shankill Road, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2010 and shall come into operation on 24th May 2010.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Order—

“bus” means a motor vehicle constructed or adapted to carry more than 8 passengers (exclusive of the driver);

“the bus lane” means the lengths of Shankill Road, Belfast, specified in the Schedule;

“cycle” has the same meaning as in the Order of 1995;

“motor cycle” has the same meaning as in the Order of 1995; and

“permitted taxi” means a taxi which is either—

- (i) licensed to stand or ply for hire on a road or public place and subject to the By-Laws made in respect of Motor Hackney Carriages standing or plying for hire made by the Council of the County Borough of Belfast on 4th June 1951 and which meets the

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(a) S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(1)

(b) S.I. 1997/276 (N.I. 2)

(c) S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 6(d) and Schedule 4 Part IV

specifications prescribed by regulation 41 of the Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness, Equipment and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995<sup>(a)</sup>; or

- (ii) licensed to operate carriage services under the road service licence provision of Part II of the Transport Act (Northern Ireland) 1967<sup>(b)</sup>.

### **Prohibitions on traffic**

3. Subject to Article 4 and save as provided in Article 5, a person shall not, during the hours 7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. on the days Monday to Friday inclusive, except upon the direction or with the permission of a constable in uniform, cause or permit any vehicle other than a bus, cycle, motor cycle or permitted taxi to enter, proceed or wait in the bus lane.

### **Restriction of waiting**

4. A bus, cycle, motor cycle or permitted taxi may only wait in the bus lane to enable a person to board or alight from the vehicle and the period of waiting shall not exceed two minutes.

### **Exceptions**

5. The prohibitions in Article 3 shall not render it unlawful for any person to cause or permit any vehicle to enter, proceed or wait in the bus lane so far as such entry, proceeding or waiting is reasonably necessary for the avoidance of an accident or to enable the vehicle to be used—

- (i) in an emergency by a medical practitioner, or for police, military, fire and rescue or ambulance purposes; or
- (ii) in the services of the Department in pursuance of statutory powers or duties; or
- (iii) for access to or from premises adjacent to or accessible only from the bus lane; or
- (iv) for the removal of any obstruction to traffic.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Regional Development on 30th April 2010

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(a) S.R. 1995 No. 447

(b) 1967 c.37 (N.I.) to which there are no relevant amendments

## SCHEDULE

Article 2

### BUS LANE

1. The city bound (eastbound) section of the carriageway of Shankill Road, Belfast, from a point 75 metres south-east of its junction with Lanark Way to a point 30 metres west of its junction with Agnes Street. This length of bus lane is bounded on its northern side by the northern kerblines of the Shankill Road, and by its junctions with Tennent Street, Carnan Street, Berlin Street, Snugville Street, Moscow Street and Crimea Street, and on its outer edge by a road marking in the form of a continuous longitudinal white line, broken only by gaps opposite the junctions.

2. The city bound (eastbound) section of the carriageway of Shankill Road, Belfast, from a point 75 metres east of its junction with Agnes Street to a point 33 metres west of its junction with Carrick Hill. This length of bus lane is bounded on its northern side by the northern kerblines of the Shankill Road, and by its junctions with Craven Street, Malvern Street, Shankill Parade, North Boundary Street and Lime Court, and on its outer edge by a road marking in the form of a continuous longitudinal white line, broken only by gaps opposite the junctions.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

This Order provides for a with-flow bus lane on lengths of the city bound section of the carriageway of Shankill Road, Belfast specified in the Schedule to the Order, in which cycles, motor cycles and permitted taxis (as defined in Article 2) are permitted between 7.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. on Monday to Friday inclusive.

The Order also restricts the waiting by buses, cycles, motor cycles and permitted taxis using those bus lanes (Article 4).

Vehicles requiring access are excepted from the provisions of the Order.

Any person who acts in contravention of Article 3 of the Order by causing or permitting any vehicle other than a bus, cycle, motor cycle or permitted taxi to wait in the bus lane, or in contravention of Article 4 by causing or permitting a bus, cycle, motor cycle or permitted taxi to wait in the bus lane for longer than two minutes, shall be liable to a penalty charge (£60) payable in accordance with the Traffic Management (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 and The Penalty Charges (Prescribed Amounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006.

Any person who contravenes any other provision of the 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 erected on the road.