

2014 No. 128

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

**The Bus Lanes (Dublin Road, Antrim) Order (Northern Ireland)
2014**

Made - - - - - *7th May 2014*

Coming into operation - *28th May 2014*

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 Lanes (Dublin Road, Antrim) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014 and shall come into operation on 28th May 2014.

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 Dublin Road, Antrim specified in the Schedule;

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

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

(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
(d) 1983 c. 54

Prohibitions on traffic

3. Subject to Article 4 and save as provided in Article 5, a person shall not, except upon the direction or with the permission of a constable in uniform, cause or permit any vehicle other than a bus or cycle to enter, proceed or wait in the bus lanes specified in the Schedule.

Restriction of waiting

4. A bus or cycle 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.

Revocation

6. The Prohibition of Traffic (Antrim) Order (Northern Ireland) 1980(a) is revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Regional Development on 7th May 2014

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A senior officer of the Department for Regional Development

(a) S.R. 1980 No. 370

SCHEDULE

Article 2

BUS LANES

- 1.** The centre lane of the southbound part of the carriageway of Dublin Road, Antrim from its junction with Castle Street to its junction with Castle Way. The lane is bounded on its western side by a road marking in the form of a continuous longitudinal white line and on its eastern side by a road marking in the form of a continuous longitudinal white line.
- 2.** The eastern lane of the southbound part of the carriageway of Dublin Road, Antrim from its junction with Castle Way to its junction with the service road into Market Square. The lane is bounded on its western side by a road marking in the form of a continuous longitudinal white line and on its eastern side by the eastern kerblines of Dublin Road.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order provides for with-flow bus lanes on Dublin Road, Antrim, in which buses and cycles are permitted at all times.

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

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

The Order will also revoke the existing lane for the use of fire vehicles.

Any person who acts in contravention of Article 3 of the Order by causing or permitting any vehicle other than a bus or cycle to wait in the bus lane, or in contravention of Article 4 by causing or permitting a bus or cycle to wait in the bus lane for longer than two minutes, shall be liable to a penalty charge (£90) 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 placed on the road.