STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2026 No. 184

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Loading Bay and Parking Place (Church Street, Antrim) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026

Made - - - -	*22nd October 2026*
Coming into operation	*23rd November 2026*

The Department for Infrastructure(**a**) 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(**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 lengths of road specified in Schedules 1 and 2 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 considered appropriate.

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

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 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 Loading Bay and Parking Place (Church Street, Antrim) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026 and shall come into operation on 23rd November 2026.

(2) In this Order—

"goods vehicle" means a motor vehicle constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of goods, or a trailer so constructed or adapted;

(**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

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

"parking place" means the part of the road authorised by Article 2 to be used as a parking place;

"parking space" means a space which has been 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 a parking place of the lengths of road specified in column 1 of Schedules 1 and 2 is hereby authorised.

Position within a parking place

3. Save as provided for in Articles 5 and 7, 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 marked out.

Use of a loading bay

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) and Article 5, the driver of a vehicle shall not use the loading bay during such hours and on such days as are specified in relation to the loading bay in columns 2 and 3 respectively of Schedule 1.

(2) The driver of a goods vehicle may use the loading bay specified in column 1 of Schedule 1 during such hours and on such days as are specified in relation to that loading bay in columns 2 and 3 respectively for the purpose of the conveyance of goods to or from premises situated adjacent to the loading bay where—

(a) the goods by reason of their size or weight could not reasonably be conveyed to or from such premises otherwise than by means of a vehicle; and

(b) the use is no longer than is necessary to convey those goods to and from those premises.

Exceptions (loading bay)

5. Article 4(1) shall not apply to—

(a) a vehicle the driver of which is acting upon the direction, or with the permission of, a constable in uniform or traffic attendant;

(b) a vehicle to be used—

(i) in an emergency by a medical practitioner, or for fire and rescue, ambulance, police, military or customs purposes or for the purposes of the security forces;

(ii) in pursuance of statutory powers and duties in or adjacent to the parking place by or on behalf of a government department or district council;

(iii) in or adjacent to the parking place in connection with the laying, erection, alteration or repair of any electronic communication apparatus as defined in Schedule 3A to the Communications Act 2003(**c**);

(**a**) 1983 c. 54
(**b**) 2011 c. 5
(**c**) 2003 c. 21: Schedule 3A was inserted by Section 4 of and Schedule 1 to, the Digital Economy Act 2017 (2017 c, 20)

(iv) by or on behalf of the holder of a licence granted under Article 10(1) of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992(**a**) or a licence granted under Article 8 of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996(**b**) in connection with the discharge of the holder's functions;

(v) for the purpose of delivering or collecting postal packets to or from premises adjacent to the parking place; or

(vi) in connection with any building operation or demolition adjacent to the parking place.

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

6.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) and save as provided in Article 7—

(a) on the days Monday to Saturday inclusive between the hours 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m.—

(i) a person shall not leave or cause a vehicle to be left in the parking place specified in Schedule 2 for longer than 1 hour;

(ii) a person shall not leave or cause that vehicle to be left again in that parking place until the expiration of 2 hours 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 (parking place)

7. Nothing in Articles 3 or 6(1) 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 2 hours 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 or of a licence granted under Article 8 of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996;

(**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. 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

(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; or

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

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a) a vehicle shall be deemed to wait in the same place for more than 2 minutes if any one part of the carriageway is below any part of the vehicle or its load (if any) throughout the period exceeding 2 minutes whether or not the vehicle is moved during that period.

Suspension of the use of a loading bay or parking place

8. The Department may suspend the use of the loading bay or 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 operation outside the loading bay or 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 loading bay or parking place;

(ii) the removal of any obstruction to traffic;

(iii) the cleansing, maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of the road;

(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, electricity or of electronic communication apparatus as defined in Schedule 3A to the Communications Act 2003

(b) street works as defined in Article 3(3) of the Street Works (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(**a**) to be executed; or

(c) the implementation of any traffic management scheme.

Prohibition of the use of a suspended loading bay or parking place

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

Removal of a vehicle in an emergency

10. A person authorised by the Department may remove a vehicle from the loading bay or parking place in an emergency.

Method of a removal of a vehicle

11. Any person removing a vehicle by virtue of Article 10 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

12. When a person authorised by the Department removes or makes arrangements for the removal of a vehicle from the loading bay or parking place by virtue of Article 10 that person shall make such arrangements as may be necessary for the safe custody of the vehicle.

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

Revocation

13. Item no. 8 in Article 2(2) of The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Antrim) (Amendment) Order 2021(**a**) is revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Infrastructure on 22nd October 2026

(L.S.)

R Balfour
A senior officer of the Department for Infrastructure

SCHEDULE 1

Articles 2 and 4

Loading Bay for Goods Vehicles

Column 1	*Column 2*	*Column 3*
Church Street, Antrim (south side) – from a point 61 metres south-east of its junction with Castle Way for a distance of 9.5 metres in an easterly direction.	9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.	Monday to Saturday inclusive

SCHEDULE 2

Articles 2 and 6

Parking Place – Monday to Saturday 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. – maximum stay 1 hour – no return within 2 hours

Church Street, Antrim (south side) – from a point 70.5 metres south-east of its junction with Castle Way for a distance of 4.5 metres in an easterly direction.

(**a**) S.R. 2021 No. 263

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This order authorises the use as a loading bay and parking place of the lengths of road specified in the Schedules (Article 2) and prescribes the conditions under which they may be used Articles 4 and 6). Vehicles are excepted from the conditions in certain circumstances (Articles 5 and 7). The Order also makes provision for the suspension of the loading bay and parking place (Article 8) and for the removal of a vehicle from the loading bay and parking place in an emergency (Articles 10 and 11) and for its safe custody (Article 12).

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 this Order will in due course be placed on the road.