STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2026 No. 97

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Control of Traffic (Durham Street, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026

Made - - - -	*22nd May 2026*
Coming into operation	*15th June 2026*

The Department for Infrastructure(**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**) ("the 1997 Order") and now vested in it(**c**).

In accordance with Article 4(6) of, and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 1 to, the 1997 Order, the Department has consulted such persons it considered appropriate.

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

One objection was received and subsequently withdrawn.

The Department has modified the draft Order.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Control of Traffic (Durham Street, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026 and shall come into operation on 15th June 2026.

Use of cycle tracks

2.—(1) A person may ride a cycle in a cycle track specified in Article 4(3).

(2) Persons riding a cycle along the track should do so on the left or near side of the cycle track, having regard to the direction in which they are proceeding.

(3) Nothing in this Order shall prohibit the use of the cycle track by pedestrians.

Prohibitions of waiting on a cycle track

3. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to wait wholly or partly on a cycle track or on a footway, verge or kerb adjacent to the cycle track.

(**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))
(**b**) S.I. 1997/276 (N.I. 2)
(**c**) S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 6(d) and Schedule 4 Part IV

Amendments

4.—(1) The Cycle Routes (Northern Ireland) Order 2008(**a**) is amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In Schedule 1 after item no. 54 add the following item—

"55. The southern carriageway of College Square North, Belfast, from a point 44 metres east of its junction with Durham Street for a distance of 195.6 metres in an easterly direction, bounded on its northern side by a footway cycle buffer broken only by a footway cycle buffer broken only by gaps across side roads, vehicular entrances and drainage gaps.

56. The eastern carriageway of Durham Street, Belfast, from a point 36 metres north of its junction with Grosvenor Road for a distance of 165 metres in a northerly direction, bounded on its eastern side by the eastern kerbline of Durham Street, and on its western side by a footway for bus boarding access, cycle buffer broken only by gaps across Athol Street, vehicular entrances and drainage gaps."

(3) In Schedule 2 after item no. 529 add the following items—

530. The northern footway of Albert Street, from its junction with Durham Street for a distance of 8 metres in a westerly direction.

531. The southern footway of Albert Street, from its junction with Durham Street for a distance of 8 metres in a westerly direction.

532. The southern footway of College Square North, Belfast, from its junction with Durham Street for a distance of 44 metres in an easterly direction.

533. The eastern footway of Durham Street, Belfast, from a point 200 metres north of its junction with Grosvenor Road to its junction with College Square North.

534. The western footway of Durham Street, Belfast, from its junction with Albert Street for a distance of 5 metres in a southerly direction.

5.—(1) The Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2025(**b**) is amended in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) In Part 2 of Schedule 2 after item no. 172 add the following item—

173. College Square North (south side) – from a point 31 metres east of its junction with Durham Street to a point 138 metres east of that junction.

174. College Square North (south side) from a point 165 metres east of its junction with Durham Street to a point 222 metres east of that junction.

175. Durham Street (east side) – from a point 4 metres north of its junction with Athol Street to a point 144 metres north of that junction.

176. Durham Street (west side) – from a point 37 metres north of its junction with Grosvenor Road to a point 75 metres north of that junction.

177. Durham Street (west side) - From a point 83 metres north of its junction with Grosvenor Road to a point 177 metres north of that junction.

6.—(1) The Control of Traffic (Albert Street / Durham Street / College Square North, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015(**c**) is amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) (3) and (4).

(2) In Article 3(2) delete item no. 37 relating to College Square North, Belfast.

(3) In Article 4(2)(b) delete item no. 33 relating to Durham Street.

(**a**) S.R. 2008 No. 317: last relevant amending Order is S.R. 2025 No. 144
(**b**) S.R. 2025 No. 97 last relevant amending Order is S.R. 2026 No. 28
(**c**) S.R. 2015 No. 413

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

(L.S.)

R Balfour
A senior officer of the Department for Infrastructure

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Cycle Routes (Northern Ireland) Order 2008 by the addition of the cycle lane and cycle tracks specified in Article 4. The cycle tracks are accessible to cycles and pedestrians. Motor vehicles are not permitted to wait on or adjacent to the cycle tracks.

The Order also amends the Parking and Waiting Restrictions (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2025 by the addition of a no waiting at any time (loading and unloading permitted) prohibition on the length of road specified in Article 5.

The Order also revokes certain existing provisions for cycle lanes and cycle tracks and no waiting at any time prohibitions.

Any person who acts in contravention of the Order (except Article 5) 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.

Any person who acts in contravention of Article 5 of the Order 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.

Traffic signs and road markings indicating the effect of this Order will in due course be placed on the roads.