

2015 No. 409

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

**The Control of Traffic (Alfred Street / Upper Arthur Street,
Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015**

Made - - - - - *11th December 2015*

Coming into operation - *4th January 2016*

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.

Two written objections have been received and duly considered and one representation has been received.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as The Control of Traffic (Alfred Street / Upper Arthur Street, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 and shall come into operation on 4th January 2016.

(2) In this Order—

“cycle” has the same meaning as in the Order of 1995(d).

Amendments

2. Schedule 1 to The One-Way Traffic (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2009(e) is amended by—

(a) the substitution for item no. 5 relating to Alfred Street of the following—

“5. Alfred Street, bounded on its western side by the eastern edge of a road marking in the form of a white line, and on its eastern side by the eastern kerbline of Alfred Street	Northerly”
--	------------

(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) S.I. 1995/2994 (N.I. 18)
(e) S.R. 2009 No. 49

and

(b) the substitution for item no. 190 relating to Upper Arthur Street of the following—

“190. Upper Arthur Street, bounded on its western side by the eastern edge of a road marking in the form of a white line and on its eastern side by the eastern kerblines of Upper Arthur Street	Northerly”
--	------------

3. Schedule 1 to The Cycle Routes Order (Northern Ireland) 2008(a) is amended by the substitution for item no. 23 relating to the cycle lane on Alfred Street and item no. 24 relating to the cycle lane on Upper Arthur Street of the following—

“23.	The western carriageway of Alfred Street, Belfast, from a point 8.7 metres north of its junction with Ormeau Avenue for a distance of 385.45 metres in a northerly direction, bounded on its eastern side by a white line, and on its western side by the western kerblines of Alfred Street and gaps adjacent to lay-bys and access roads, and its junctions with Clarence Street and Franklin Street.
24.	The western carriageway of Upper Arthur Street, Belfast, from a point 4.2 metres north of its junction with May Street for a distance of 121.6 metres in a northerly direction, bounded on its eastern side by a white line, and on its western side by the western kerblines of Upper Arthur Street and gaps adjacent to an access road, and its junctions with Clarence Place and Pattersons Place.”

Prohibition of left-hand turn

4. Subject to Article 5, a person shall not cause or permit any vehicle proceeding in a northerly direction along Alfred Street to make a left-hand turn into May Street.

Exceptions to prohibition of left-hand turn

5. The prohibition in Article 4 shall not apply to—

- (a) a vehicle being used for fire and rescue, ambulance, police or military purposes; or
- (b) a vehicle, the driver or rider of which is acting upon the direction or with the permission of a constable in uniform; or
- (c) a cycle.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Regional Development on 11th December 2015

(L.S.)

G F McKenna
A senior officer of the Department for Regional Development

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order provides cycle lanes on the carriageway of Alfred Street and Upper Arthur Street, Belfast (as defined in Article 1) to be used by cyclists only (Article 3).

It also amends The One-Way Traffic (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2009 by amending the description of the one-way systems on Alfred Street and Upper Arthur Street (excluding the cycle lanes) so that vehicles can proceed only in a northerly direction (Article 2).

It also prohibits vehicle making a left-hand turn from Alfred Street into May Street, Belfast.

Any person who acts in contravention of Article 3 of the Order by causing or permitting any vehicle other than a cycle to wait in a cycle lane 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 and road markings indicating the effect of the Order will in due course be placed on the road.