

SL1 – To Departmental Committee Clerk

Dear Michael

The On-Street Parking (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026

The Department for Infrastructure proposes to make a Statutory Rule under powers conferred by Articles 15 and 16 the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 which enables the Department, by Order, to provide designated parking places on public roads and impose, or vary, charges for vehicles left in any parking place so designated. The Statutory Rule is not subject to any procedure before the Assembly.

Purpose of the Statutory Rule

The Statutory Rule will suspend the charging of tariffs on New Year's Day and St. Patrick's Day, or days in lieu, for vehicles using a parking place within a controlled parking zone.

Previous Engagement with the Committee

None.

Consultations

As the sole effect of the Statutory Rule is to amend the days when the charging of tariffs is suspended there is no legislative requirement to undertake a public consultation.

Equality Impact

There are no known Section 75 implications.

Regulatory Impact

A regulatory impact assessment was not considered necessary as the proposals do not result in any costs or savings for businesses, charities or voluntary bodies.

Rural Needs Impact

A rural needs impact assessment was not considered necessary.

Data Protection Impact

A data protection impact assessment was not considered necessary.

Child Rights Impact

A separate child rights impact assessment was not considered necessary as impacts on children and young people have been captured in the appropriate section of the Section 75 screening form.

Position in Great Britain (if appropriate).

Not applicable.

Any other information

None.

Financial Implications

Costs relating to the processing of changes to tariffs primarily relate to staff and advertising costs. It is estimated that designating New Year's Day and the St. Patrick's Day bank holiday as days on which the charging of tariffs for vehicles using a parking place within a controlled parking zone (CPZ) is suspended will result in a loss of income of approximately £30k (from the on-street charged parking in Belfast, Lisburn and Newry and PCN revenue).

Compliance with Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998

There are no known human rights implications.

Consideration by the Executive

Not required.

Proposed timing of consideration of the SL1

This SL1 has been submitted in accordance with the minimum four-week timeframe, and it is proposed the Committee considers the SL1 on 11th February 2026 with the intention of allowing the legislation to be made in sufficient time so it will be operational for St Patrick's Day in 2026.

Proposed Operational Date

It is proposed that the Rule will come into operation on 5th March 2026.

The draft of the proposed Statutory Rule is attached, and you will wish to bring this matter to the attention of the Committee for Infrastructure.

Yours sincerely



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