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25th February 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

### **The Prohibition of U-Turns (Belfast) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026 (S.R. 2026 No. 25)**

#### **This Order was made on 25th February 2026 by the Department for Infrastructure**

Please find enclosed a copy of the above Statutory Rule. The Rule is not subject to any Assembly procedure and is not required to be laid. There have been no changes to policy content since the SL1 was considered by the Committee for Infrastructure on 18th February 2026.

Yours faithfully

*Alex Ferguson*

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Transport Legislation Branch

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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2026 No. 25**

**ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES**

**The Prohibition of U-Turns (Belfast) (Amendment) Order  
(Northern Ireland) 2026**

*Made* - - - - - *25th February 2026*

*Coming into operation* *23rd March 2026*

The Department for Infrastructure<sup>(a)</sup> 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<sup>(b)</sup> (“the 1997 Order”) and now vested in it<sup>(c)</sup>.

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 as it considered appropriate.

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 Prohibition of U-Turns (Belfast) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026 and shall come into operation on 23rd March 2026.

**Amendment**

2. After item 19 of Schedule 1 to the Prohibition of U-Turns (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021<sup>(d)</sup> add the following item—

	<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>
20.	College Avenue	At its junction with Castle Street	Northerly

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Infrastructure on 25th February 2026

(L.S.)

*R Balfour*  
A senior officer of the Department for Infrastructure

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(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  
 (d) S.R. 2021 No. 275 as amended by S.R. 2023 No. 202

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

This Order amends the Prohibition of U-Turns (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021 (“the 2021 Order”) by the addition of prohibiting vehicles proceeding in a northerly direction along College Avenue, Belfast from making a U-Turn at its junction with Castle Street.

Vehicles are excepted from the prohibition in certain circumstances (Article 4 of the 2021 Order).

Any person who acts in contravention of this 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 this Order will in due course be placed on the road.