

## **SL1 – To Departmental Committee Clerk**

Dear Michael,

### **The Parking Places on Roads and Waiting Restrictions (Dungannon) (Northern Ireland) 2026**

The Department for Infrastructure proposes to make a Statutory Rule under powers conferred by Articles 4, 10 and 13 of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (the 1997 Order”).

Article 4 of the 1997 Order enables the Department, by Order, to facilitate the movement of traffic, including waiting restrictions to prohibit or restrict vehicles waiting on any public road.

Article 10 of the 1997 Order enables the Department, by Order, to provide parking places and Article 13 enables it to make provision as to how the parking place is used, the persons or vehicles who may use it and the conditions under which it may be used.

The Statutory Rule is not subject to any procedure before the Assembly.

#### **Purpose of the Statutory Rule**

The Statutory Rule will increase the maximum length of time vehicles may wait in certain parking places in Dungannon from 1 hour to 2 hours and also increase the length of time that must expire before a vehicle can return to that parking place.

Mid Ulster District Council, on behalf of Dungannon Traders’ Association, have requested that the waiting time for parking places in the town centre is extended from 1 hour with no return until 1 hour has expired to 2 hours with no return until 2 hours has expired. Local businesses are supportive of the proposal.

Vehicles are excepted from the prohibition in certain circumstances.

The Statutory Rule will also revoke and re-enact certain existing parking places and waiting restrictions in Dungannon thereby consolidating the existing Statutory Rules into one Rule.

#### **Previous Engagement with the Committee**

None.

#### **Consultations**

The PSNI has been informed and has no objection to the proposal. Mid Ulster District Council has also been notified of the proposal but has not commented.

Following completion of the required statutory consultation process which opened on 15th April 2026 and closed on 7th May 2026 and included advertising of the Notice of Intention in the local press, no objections or other representations were received. A copy of the Notice of Intention is attached.

### **Equality Impact**

There are no known Section 75 implications. Following publication of the Notice of Intention in the local press, no Section 75 issues were raised.

### **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**

Spend will be incurred in 2026-27 and relates to departmental staff costs and advertising costs as well as a small amount of capital costs for signage for which there is sufficient budget.

### **Compliance with Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998**

The Department has carried out a Human Rights Screening Analysis and no human rights issues have been identified.

### **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 as soon as possible but no later than 1st July 2026.

### **Proposed Operational Date**

It is proposed that the Rule will come into operation on 27th July 2026.

A draft of the proposed Statutory Rule along with the related map are attached and you will wish to bring this matter to the attention of the Committee for Infrastructure.

Yours sincerely,



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**Date:** 28 May 2026

**cc: Human Rights Commission**  
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