

SL1 – To Departmental Committee Clerk

Dear Michael,

The On-Street Parking (Amendment No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026

The Department for Infrastructure proposes to make a Statutory Rule under powers conferred by Articles 15 and 21 of 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 and the requirement of those charges, or any part of them, to be paid by means of the hire or purchase in advance, or the use, of parking devices in accordance with any relevant provision of an Order under Article 15. The Statutory Rule is not subject to any procedure before the Assembly.

Purpose of the Statutory Rule

The Rule will amend the On-Street Parking Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 by introducing changes to how pay and display machines operate and a requirement for drivers to input the Vehicle Registration Mark (VRM) when purchasing a parking session linking the payment to a specified vehicle.

The Rule will also provide for the purchase of parking sessions through a Departmental approved cashless application offering an alternative digital method of payment.

Previous Engagement with the Committee

None.

Consultations

As the sole effect of the Statutory Rule to introduce changes to the way pay and display machines operate, 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

The costs for amending extant legislation to introduce changes to the way pay and display machines operate mainly relate to staff costs and will be managed within indicative funding allocations.

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 9th September 2026.

Proposed Operational Date

It is proposed that the Rule will come into operation in October 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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Signed for the Department for Infrastructure**

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**Human Rights Commission
Equality Commission**