

SL1 – To Departmental Committee Clerk

Dear Michael

The Parking Places on Roads, Loading Bay & Waiting Restrictions (Newcastle) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026

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

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 authorise vehicles to park for 1 hour with no return within 1 hour on lengths of Railway Street, Newcastle between the hours of 9.00am and 5.30pm on Monday to Saturday. Vehicles are excepted from the prohibition in certain circumstances.

The proposal has been requested by the Newry Mourne & Down District Council and local businesses are supportive of the proposal.

The Statutory Rule will improve traffic progression and maintain a consistent approach to on-street parking in this area.

Previous Engagement with the Committee

None.

Consultations

The PSNI has been informed and has no objection to the proposal. Newry, Mourne & Down District Council has also been notified of the proposal and has no objection to the proposal.

Following completion of the required statutory consultation process which opened on 1st July 2026 and closed 22nd July 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.

Proposed Operational Date

It is proposed that the Rule will come into operation approximately one month after its formal consideration by the committee.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Murray'.

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Signed for the Department for Infrastructure

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