SL1 – To Departmental Committee Clerk

Dear Michael,

The Prohibition of Waiting (Schools) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026

The Department for Infrastructure proposes to make a Statutory Rule under powers conferred by Article 4 of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 ("the 1997 Order"). The Statutory Rule is not subject to any Assembly procedure and does not require to be laid before the Assembly.

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

Purpose of the Statutory Rule
The Order will prohibit vehicles waiting Monday to Friday inclusive, 8.30 a.m. to 9.15 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. to 3.45 p.m., between 31st August and 30th June on a length of Sallagh Park, Larne at Larne High School. Vehicles are excepted from the prohibitions in certain circumstances.

The proposal is being introduced to enable enforcement of the waiting restrictions during term time and when demand for parking and traffic volumes are highest when drop-offs and pick-ups are taking place in the mornings and afternoons.

Previous Engagement with the Committee
None.

Consultation
The PSNI was consulted and has no objections. Mid and East Antrim Borough Council was also notified of the proposal but did not comment.

Following completion of the required statutory consultation process, which opened on 28th September 2026 and closed on 23rd October 2026 and included advertising of the Notice of Intention in the Irish News, Larne Times and News Letter, no objections or other representations were received.

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 on businesses, charities, or voluntary bodies.

Rural Needs Impact
A rural needs impact assessment was not considered necessary.

Data Protection Impact
The Department has carried out a Data Protection Screening Analysis, and no data protection issues have been identified.

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
Not applicable.

Any Other Information
None.

Financial Implications
Spend relates primarily to departmental staff costs as well as any physical infrastructure costs and will be funded from indicative allocations.

Compliance with Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998
The Department has carried out a Human Rights Act Screening Analysis, and no human rights issues have been identified.

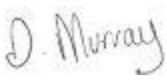
Consideration by the Executive
Not required.

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 the Rule will come into operation approximately one month following its consideration by the Committee.

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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Date: 5 November 2026

cc: Human Rights Commission
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