

AQW 47259/11-15

DATE FOR ANSWER: FRIDAY 19 JUNE 2015

Lord Morrow (Fermanagh and South Tyrone): To ask the Minister for Regional Development to provide, or place in the Assembly Library, the legislation that bans public hire taxis from the bus lane in East Bridge Street, Belfast.

DANNY KENNEDY

A copy of the Bus Lane (East Bridge Street, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (2000 No. 352) has been placed in the Assembly Library.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danny Kennedy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Date:

A handwritten date in black ink that reads "18/06/15". The numbers are written in a simple, slightly slanted font.

STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2000 No. 352

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Bus Lane (East Bridge Street, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000

Made
Coming into operation

20th November 2000
22nd January 2001

WHEREAS the Department for Regional Development(a) has consulted such persons as the Department considered appropriate in compliance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 1 to the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997(b);

AND WHEREAS the Department has published a notice in compliance with paragraphs 1 and 3 of that Schedule;

AND WHEREAS no written objection or other representation has been received;

NOW THEREFORE the Department, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 4(1), (2) and (3) of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 and now exercisable by it(c) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Bus Lane (East Bridge Street, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 and shall come into operation on 22nd January 2001.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“bus” means a motor vehicle constructed or adapted to carry more than 8 passengers (exclusive of the driver);

“the bus lane” means the lengths of East Bridge Street, Belfast specified in the Schedule; and

“cycle” has the same meaning as in the Order of 1995.

Prohibition on traffic

3. Save as provided in Article 4, a person shall not, except upon the direction or with the permission of a constable in uniform or of a traffic warden, cause or permit any vehicle other than a bus or cycle to enter, proceed or wait in the bus lane.

(a) S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(1).

(b) S.I. 1997/276 (N.I. 2).

(c) S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 6(d) and Schedule 4 Part IV.

Exceptions

4. The prohibition in Article 3 shall not render it unlawful for any person to cause or permit any vehicle to enter, proceed or wait in the bus lane so far as such entry, proceeding or waiting is reasonably necessary for the avoidance of an accident or to enable the vehicle to be used-

- (a) for police, military, fire brigade or ambulance purposes; or
- (b) in the services of the Department or a district council in pursuance of statutory powers or duties; or
- (c) for access to or from premises adjacent to or accessible only by crossing the bus lane; or
- (d) in connection with the supply of electricity or gas or any telegraphic line within the bus lane or an area accessible only from the bus lane; or
- (e) for the removal of any obstruction to traffic.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Regional Development on 20th November 2000.

(L.S.)

J. Carlisle
A senior officer of the Department for Regional Development

SCHEDULE

Article 2

1. The area of the citybound carriageway of East Bridge Street, Belfast, which extends from a point approximately 27 metres west of its junction with Mays Meadow, to a point approximately 102 metres east of its junction with Stewart Street, broken only by a gap at a pedestrian crossing. The area is bounded on its northern side by the outer edge of a road marking in the form of a continuous longitudinal white line, and on its southern side by the kerblines of East Bridge Street and by a road marking in the form of a broken white line at each end of the access lane to Central Station.
2. The area of the citybound part of the carriageway of East Bridge Street, Belfast, which extends from a point approximately 102 metres east of its junction with Stewart Street, to a point approximately 56 metres west of that junction, bounded on its northern side by the outer edge of a road marking in the form of a continuous longitudinal white line and by the southern edge of a traffic island, and on its southern side by the southern kerblines of East Bridge Street and by its junction with Stewart Street.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order provides for a citybound with-flow bus lane in which cycles are permitted on part of that length of East Bridge Street, Belfast, which extends from a point approximately 27 metres west of its junction with Mays Meadow, to a point approximately 56 metres west of its junction with Stewart Street.

Vehicles requiring access are excepted from the provisions of the Order.

Any person who acts in contravention of the 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 the Order will in due course be erected on East Bridge Street.