STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2026 No. 140

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Cycle Routes (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026

Made - - - -	*8th July 2026*
Coming into operation	*3rd August 2026*

The Department for Infrastructure(**a**) makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 4(1), (2) and (3) of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997(**b**) ("the 1997 Order") and now vested in it(**c**).

The Department has consulted such persons as it considers appropriate in accordance with Article 4(6) of, and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 1 to, the 1997 Order.

The Department has published a notice in compliance with paragraphs 1 and 3 of that Schedule.

No written objection or other representation has been received.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Cycle Routes (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026 and shall come into operation on 3rd August 2026.

Amendments

2.—(1) The Cycle Routes Order (Northern Ireland) 2008(**d**) is amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In Schedule 1—

(a) Delete item no. 10 relating to Stranmillis Embankment, Belfast.

(b) After item no. 56 add the following items—

"57. Stranmillis Embankment, Belfast, from a point 20 metres south-west of its junction with Ormeau Road, for a distance of 463 metres in a south-westerly direction. The area is bounded on its southern side by the southern kerbline of Stranmillis Embankment, and on its northern side by the southern edge of a traffic island.

(**a**) Formerly the Department for Regional Development; see section 1(6) and (11) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (2016 c. 5 (N.I.))
(**b**) S.I. 1997/276 (N.I. 2)
(**c**) S.R. 2008 No. 481 Article 6(d) and Schedule 4 Part IV
(**d**) S.R. 2008 No. 317: last relevant amending Order is S.R. 2026 No. 97

58. Stranmillis Embankment, Belfast, from a point 498 metres south-west of its junction with Ormeau Road, to a point 15 metres north of its junction with King's Bridge. The area is bounded on its southern side by the southern kerbline of Stranmillis Embankment, and on its northern side by the southern edge of a traffic island."

(3) In Schedule 2 after item no. 534 add the following item—

"535. Stranmillis Embankment, Belfast, from a point 483 metres south-west of its junction with Ormeau Road to a point 498 metres south-west of that junction."

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Infrastructure on 8th July 2026

(L.S.)

R Balfour
A senior officer of the Department for Infrastructure

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Cycle Routes Order (Northern Ireland) 2008 ("the 2008 Order") by the addition to Schedule 2 of a two-way shared cycle track on a length of Stranmillis Embankment, Belfast.

Any person who acts in contravention of Article 2 of the 2008 Order by causing or permitting a vehicle other than a cycle to wait in a cycle lane shall be liable to a penalty charge (£90) payable in accordance with the Traffic Management (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 and the Penalty Charges (Prescribed Amounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006.

Any person who contravenes any other provision of the 2008 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 and road markings indicating the effect of this Order will in due course be placed on the road.