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# ROAD TRAFFIC

## The Minibus (Designated Bodies) (Amendment) Order 1981

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| *Made* - - - - | 20*th July* 1981 |
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| *Coming into Operation* | 20*th August* 1981 |

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1(3) and (3A) of the Minibus Act 1977(**a**) and now vested in him (**b**), and of all other enabling powers, hereby makes the following Order:—

*Commencement and citation*

**1.** This Order shall come into operation on 20th August 1981, and may be cited as the Minibus (Designated Bodies) (Amendment) Order 1981.

**2.** The Minibus (Designated Bodies) Order 1980(**c**) shall be amended so as to have effect in accordance with the following provisions of this Order.

**3.** In Article 4, for the words "items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9" substitute the words "items 1, 2, 2A, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9".

**4.** In the Schedule:—

(*a*) after item 2, insert the following new item:—

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| "2A | The council of every district in a non-metropolitan county established under section 1(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 | (a) Bodies which operate wholly or mainly within the area of the council and whose purpose is to promote social welfare.<br><br>(b) Bodies which assist and co-ordinate activities of community bodies within the area of the council."; |

(**a**) 1977 c.25, as amended by the Transport Act 1980 c.34 section 33.
(**b**) S.I. 1979/571 and 1981/238.
(**c**) S.I. 1980/1356.

(*b*) in item 33, in column 2(a), for the words "The Covenanter Union" substitute the word "Covenanters"; and

(*c*) omit item 39.

*Norman Fowler,*
20th July 1981. Secretary of State for Transport.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

1. This Order amends the Minibus (Designated Bodies) Order 1980 by designating district councils in non-metropolitan counties as bodies which may grant permits under the Minibus Act 1977 for the use of certain vehicles by certain bodies.

2. As a result of the amendments, each district council in a non-metropolitan county may grant permits for the use of small passenger-carrying vehicles to itself, to bodies which operate wholly or mainly within the area of the council and whose purpose is to promote social welfare, and bodies which assist and co-ordinate activities of community bodies within the area of the council.

3. In addition each district council may grant permits for the use of large passenger-carrying vehicles to itself and to a body which assists and co-ordinates the activities of community bodies within its area.

4. Also the Order takes account of the merging of The Covenanter Union with the Girl Covenanters by revoking the designations of those two bodies and designating instead the combined body known as Covenanters.

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