

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Leicester City Council is upgrade the TRO mapping system (Parkmap) that helps to create, manage and maintain all Traffic Orders, we have taken the opportunity to move away from text based schedules and onto a map based schedules within the TRO. This means it will be easier to understand both parking and moving restrictions. From a user's point of view they will only need to look at a plan showing the restrictions on a street, the length of carriageway that it occupies, the legend key or if a label is shown on the plan, read that text and this denotes the type of restriction and its days and hours of operation. The new Parkmap system is Digital Data (DTRO) compliant in line with the DfT's future secondary legislation and regulations related to Digital API access.

As part of the upgrade and moving to map based schedules, the TRO articles that provide the rules, interpretations, exemptions, permits provisions for both parking and moving restrictions need to be updated.

Under the Old articles, whilst the rules relating to the restrictions remain the same i.e. for Leicester under Part Number 207 Double Yellow Line (DYLs) means 'No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to wait at any time'. Under this old text version of the TRO, it would then refer the reader to a schedule that showed a Part Number and within that a written description giving the road name, the side of the road and the length of road affected by that particular restriction. The Part Number also provides exemption numbers, where the first exemption states 'it shall not be a contravention to cause or permit a vehicle to wait or to load and unload on any length of road specified in schedule 1 column 2 of this Order to which waiting or loading restriction applies provided that the person is acting upon the direction of a police constable in uniform...'

Within the New articles, for DYL restrictions the rules remain the same, but written slightly differently as there will no longer be Part Numbers. Therefore, set paragraphs will apply for Prohibitions, Restrictions and Provisions. For the DYLs, 'No person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a police officer in uniform, cause or permit any vehicle to wait at any time on a prohibition Specified in the Map Schedule'. You can see that it refers the reader to a map schedule.

As seen from the above two paragraphs, whilst the text relating to the rules for a DYL are not actually the same, it has the same meaning. Therefore, the focus for the consultation and advertisement of the New Articles for both Parking and Moving restrictions, will focus on the new interpretations that relate to Map Schedules, Map Tiles, Map Tile Labels and Map Legend (Key). All the prohibitions, restrictions and provisions within the articles will now refer to these additional interpretations and the old Part Number and text schedules will no longer apply.

There will also be an updated Tariff table showing the current parking charges for both the Pay & Display/Pay by Phone bays and will be referred to as payment bays. There will also be a schedule 3 where we list permit parking schemes and road affected by such schemes along with the designated permit identifier to park in a scheme. Finally we will be including interpretations for a Prohibited Road and a Restricted Road. This is to help with the understanding within the Order Articles when it comes to certain prohibitions and restrictions. There is a similar approach when it comes to the Moving Orders as the Part numbers will be removed and references will be to a Map Schedule. Example of a Map Schedule along with the legend key are attached.