

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 102 'No Right Turn' means 'No person shall drive or cause or permit a vehicle on any road or length of road to which this restriction applied, so as to make a right hand turn into such other road or length of road as may be specified'. 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 and the road that would be affected by that particular restriction. The Part Number also provides exemption number(s), where the first exemption states 'it shall not be a contravention to cause or permit a vehicle to entre or be driven on any length of road specified in schedule 1 Column 2 of this Order to which this restriction applies in a manner contrary to that restriction provided that the person is acting upon the direction of a police constable in uniform...'

Within the New articles, for the 'No Right Turn Restriction 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 Prohibited Turns the Article states 'Except as provided in Article 6(a), 6(b) or 6(c) no person shall cause or permit a Vehicle to perform a prohibited turn or a U-turn as specified in the Map Schedule so as to face in the opposite direction to that in which it was proceeding on any Road(s) or part of a Road(s) at any location where a prohibition of turning is indicated by a Traffic Sign and any supplementary plate. Within Article 6(b) relates to the 'permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform'. Any other exemptions shall be identified as such on the Map Tile Label within the Map Schedule. You can see that it refers the reader to a map schedule.

As seen from the above two paragraphs, whist the text relating to the rules for a banned turns are not actually the same, it has the same meaning. Therefore, the focus for the consultation and advertisement of the New Articles for 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 is a similar approach when it come to the Parking Orders as the Part numbers will be removed and references will be to a Map Schedule. Examples of a Map schedule are attached.