



Road Traffic Act 1991

1991 CHAPTER 40

PART II

TRAFFIC IN LONDON

Miscellaneous

82 Interpretation of Part II.

(1) In this Part of this Act—

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis or the Commissioner of Police for the City of London;

“designated parking place” means a parking place in London which is designated as a parking place under an order made under section 6, 9 or 45 of the ^{M1}Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;

“the Director” means the Traffic Director for London appointed under section 52 of this Act;

[^{F1}“GLA road” (subject to subsection (1C) below) has the same meaning as in the ^{M2}Highways Act 1980 (see sections 329(1) and 14D(1) of that Act);]

[^{F2}“GLA side road” has the same meaning as in the ^{M3}Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (see sections 124A(9) and section 142(1) of that Act);]

“immobilisation device” has the same meaning as in section 104(9) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;

“the Joint Committee” has the meaning given by section 73(1) of this Act;

“local plan” has the meaning given in section 54(1) of this Act;

“local plan timetable” has the meaning given in section 54(7)(e) of this Act;

“London” means the area comprising the areas of the London boroughs, the City of London and the Temples;

[^{F3}“London authority” means—

- (a) as respects parking, or any matter connected with or relating to parking, on a GLA road (except in a designated parking place for which a London borough council or the Common Council of the City of London is the

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local authority by virtue of section 45(7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984), Transport for London;

- (b) as respects parking, or any matter connected with or relating to parking,
- (i) in a parking place such as is referred to in paragraph (a) above;
 - (ii) on any road other than a GLA road or a trunk road,

any council of a London borough or the Common Council of the City of London;]

[^{F4}“London local authority” means any council of a London borough or the Common Council of the City of London;]

[^{F5}“the Mayor’s transport strategy” means the transport strategy prepared and published by the Mayor of London under section 142 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999;]

[^{F6}“Minister of the Crown” has the same meaning as in the Ministers of the ^{M4}Crown Act 1975;]

“Minister’s trunk road local plan” has the meaning given in section 56(1);

“network plan” has the meaning given by section 53(1) of this Act;

“parking attendant” has the same meaning as in section 63A of the ^{M5}Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (which is inserted by section 44 of this Act);

“penalty charge” has the same meaning as in section 66 of this Act;

“prescribed” means prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State;

“priority route” means a road designated by a priority route order;

“priority route order” has the meaning given in section 50(1) of this Act;

“priority route network” has the meaning given in section 50(2) of this Act;

“road” has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;

“the Secretary of State’s parking guidance” has the meaning given in section 63(1) of this Act;

“the Secretary of State’s traffic management guidance” has the meaning given in section 51(1) of this Act;

“trunk road” has the same meaning as in section 10 of the ^{M6}Highways Act 1980;

“trunk road local plan” has the meaning given in section 55(3) of this Act;

“vehicle hiring agreement” and “vehicle-hire firm” have the same meanings as in section 66 of the ^{M7}Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 (hired vehicles).

[^{F7}(1A) Any functions conferred or imposed on the Greater London Authority by or under this Part of this Act shall be functions of the Authority which are exercisable by the Mayor acting on behalf of the Authority.

^{F7}(1B) Subsection (1A) above does not apply in relation to any function expressly conferred or imposed on, or made exercisable by, the London Assembly.

^{F7}(1C) In this Part of this Act, any reference to a GLA road includes a reference to a GLA side road.]

(2) For the purposes of this Part of this Act, the owner of a vehicle shall be taken to be the person by whom the vehicle is kept.

(3) In determining, for the purposes of this Part of this Act, who was the owner of a vehicle at any time, it shall be presumed that the owner was the person in whose name the

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- vehicle was at that time registered under [^{F8}the ^{M8}Vehicles Excise and Registration Act 1994].
- (4) Section 28 of the ^{M9}Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 (power to define “disability” and other expressions) shall apply in relation to this Part of this Act as it applies to that Act.
- (5) In determining, for the purposes of any provision of this Part of this Act, whether a penalty charge has been paid before the end of a particular period, it shall be taken to be paid when it is received by the London authority concerned.
- (6) Any power to make an order or regulations conferred by this Part [^{F9}on a Minister of the Crown] shall be exercisable by statutory instrument.
- (7) Any statutory instrument made under this Part of this Act shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Definition of “GLA Road” in s. 82(1) inserted (3.7.2000) by 1999 c. 29, s. 287(1)(3) (with Sch. 12 para. 9(1)); S.I. 2000/801, art. 2(2)(c), **Sch. Pt. III**
- F2** Definition of “GLA side road” in s. 82(1) inserted (3.7.2000) by 1999 c. 29, s. 287(1)(3) (with Sch. 12 para. 9(1)); S.I. 2000/801, art. 2(2)(c), **Sch. Pt. III**
- F3** Definition of “London authority” in s. 82(1) substituted (4.4.2001) by S.I. 2001/1353, art. 8
- F4** Definition of “London local authority” in s. 82(1) inserted (3.7.2000) by 1999 c. 29, s. 287(3) (with Sch. 12 para. 9(1)); S.I. 2000/801, art. 2(2)(c), **Sch. Pt. III**
- F5** Definition of “the Mayor’s transport strategy” in s. 82(1) inserted (3.7.2000) by 1999 c. 29, s. 287(3) (with Sch. 12 para. 9(1)); S.I. 2000/801, art. 2(2)(c), **Sch. Pt. III**
- F6** Definition of “Minister of the Crown” in s. 82(1) inserted (3.7.2000) by 1999 c. 29, s. 287(3) (with Sch. 12 para. 9(1)); S.I. 2000/801, art. 2(2)(c), **Sch. Pt. III**
- F7** S. 82(1A)-(1C) inserted (3.7.2000) by 1999 c. 29, s. 287(3) (with Sch. 12 para. 9(1)); S.I. 2000/801, art. 2(2)(c), **Sch. Pt. III**
- F8** Words in s. 82(3) substituted (1.9.1994) by 1994 c. 22, ss. 63, 66(1), **Sch. 3 para. 29** (with s. 57(4))
- F9** Words in s. 82(6) inserted (3.7.2000) by 1999 c. 29, s. 287(3) (with Sch. 12 para. 9(1)); S.I. 2000/801, art. 2(2)(c), **Sch. Pt. III**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 82 applied (with modifications): (20.5.1996) by S.I. 1996/1171, art. 4, **Sch. 1**; (3.2.1997) by S.I. 1996/2650, art. 4, **Sch. 2**
- S. 82 applied (with modifications): (3.3.1997) by S.I. 1997/56, art. 5, **Sch. 3**; (29.9.1997) by S.I. 1997/2078, art. 5, **Sch. 3**; (27.10.1997) by S.I. 1997/2304, art. 5, **Sch. 1**
- S. 82 applied (with modifications) (5.10.1998) by S.I. 1998/1539, art. 4, **Sch. 2 para. 6**
- S. 82 applied (with modifications) (19.1.1999) by S.I. 1998/3207, art. 4, **Sch. 1**
- S. 82 applied (with modifications): (5.4.1999) by S.I. 1999/131, art. 5, **Sch. 2**; (5.4.1999) by S.I. 1999/768, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (10.5.1999) by S.I. 1999/1112, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (S.) (4.10.1999) by S.S.I. 1999/59, art. 4, **Sch. 2**; (3.1.2000) by S.I. 1999/3313, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (4.1.2000) by S.I. 1999/3314, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (10.1.2000) by S.I. 1999/3401, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (10.1.2000) by S.I. 1999/3402, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (10.1.2000) by S.I. 1999/3403, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (10.1.2000) by S.I. 1999/3404, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (10.1.2000) by S.I. 1999/3405, art. 5, **Sch. 1**
- S. 82 applied (with modifications): (1.2.2000) by S.I. 2000/8, art. 5, **Sch. 2**; (1.4.2000) by S.I. 2000/699, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (3.4.2000) by S.I. 2000/722, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (10.4.2000) by S.I. 2000/791, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (1.9.2000) by S.I. 2000/2120, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (4.9.2000) by S.I. 2000/2169, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (2.10.2000) by S.I. 2000/2430, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (8.10.2000) by S.I. 2000/2534, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (13.11.2000) by S.I. 2000/2871, art. 5, **Sch. 3**; (15.1.2001) by S.I. 2000/3317, art. 5, **Sch. 1**

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- S. 82 applied (with modifications): (23.1.2001) by S.I. 2001/1, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (19.2.2001) by S.I. 2001/180, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (1.4.2001) by S.I. 2001/787, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (1.4.2001) by S.I. 2001/849, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (2.4.2001) by S.I. 2001/894, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (1.9.2001) by S.I. 2001/1427, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (1.7.2001) by S.I. 2001/1789, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (2.7.2001) by S.I. 2001/1855, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (2.7.2001) by S.I. 2001/1856, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (16.7.2001) by S.I. 2001/2272, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (3.9.2001) by S.I. 2001/2818, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (3.9.2001) by S.I. 2001/2819, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (3.9.2001) by S.I. 2001/2883, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (1.10.2001) by S.I. 2001/3058, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (1.10.2001) by S.I. 2001/3059, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (5.11.2001) by S.I. 2001/3397, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (26.11.2001) by S.I. 2001/3565, art. 5, **Sch. 1**
- S. 82 applied (with modifications): (4.2.2002) by S.I. 2002/37, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (25.2.2002) by S.I. 2002/126, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (4.3.2002) by S.I. 2002/276, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (25.3.2002) by S.I. 2002/421, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (2.4.2002) by S.I. 2002/422, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (5.6.2002) by S.I. 2002/1351, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (5.6.2002) by S.I. 2002/1352, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (1.7.2002) by S.I. 2002/1353, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (1.7.2002) by S.I. 2002/1484, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (1.7.2002) by S.I. 2002/1485, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (1.7.2002) by S.I. 2002/1486, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (1.7.2002) by S.I. 2002/1504, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (15.7.2002) by S.I. 2002/1621, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (S.) (1.10.2002) by S.S.I. 2002/398, art. 4, **Sch. 2**; (1.10.2002) by S.I. 2002/2012, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (1.10.2002) by S.I. 2002/2183, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (1.10.2002) by S.I. 2002/2184, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (1.10.2002) by S.I. 2002/2185, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (1.10.2002) by S.I. 2002/2186, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (1.10.2002) by S.I. 2002/2187, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (14.10.2002) by S.I. 2002/2188, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (25.11.2002) by S.I. 2002/2705, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (20.1.2003) by S.I. 2002/2520, art. 5, **Sch. 1**; (3.2.2003) by S.I. 2002/3265, art. 6, **Sch. 1**; (3.2.2003) by S.I. 2002/3266, art. 5, **Sch. 1**
- C2** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (17.2.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (District of Bath and North East Somerset) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/95), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C3** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (3.3.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Dorset) (Borough of Christchurch) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/251), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1**
- C4** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (S.) (3.3.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Aberdeen City Council) Designation Order 2003 (S.S.I. 2003/70), arts. 1, 4, **sch. 2**
- C5** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (1.4.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Essex) (District of Basildon) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/635), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C6** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (1.4.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Essex) (District of Maldon) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/634), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C7** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (21.4.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Borough of Slough) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/898), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1**
- C8** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (2.6.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Borough of Redcar and Cleveland) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1261), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1**
- C9** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (30.6.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Buckinghamshire)(District of Aylesbury Vale) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1262), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1**
- C10** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (1.9.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area)(Borough of Swindon) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1924), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1**
- C11** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (1.9.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Borough of Middlesbrough) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/1984), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1**
- C12** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (22.9.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (City of Peterborough) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/2153), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C13** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (29.9.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Cumbria) (Borough of Copeland) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/2152), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)

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- C14** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (6.10.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Hertfordshire) (Borough of Dacorum) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/2326), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C15** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (13.10.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Cumbria) (Borough of Allerdale) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/2334), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C16** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (20.10.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Hampshire) (Borough of Test Valley) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/2336), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C17** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (1.11.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Essex) (District of Harlow) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/2440), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C18** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (10.11.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Borough of Blackpool) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/2677), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C19** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (17.11.2003) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Metropolitan Borough of Wirral) Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/2711), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1**
- C20** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (1.2.2004) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area)(County of Carmarthenshire) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/104), arts. 1, 4, **Sch. 1**
- C21** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (2.2.2004) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Bedfordshire) (Districts of Mid-Bedfordshire and South Bedfordshire) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/13), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C22** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (1.4.2004) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Dundee City Council) Designation Order 2004 (S.S.I. 2004/87), arts. 1, 4, **sch. 2**
- C23** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (26.4.2004) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Surrey) (District of Mole Valley) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/914), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C24** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (1.6.2004) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Surrey) (Borough of Reigate and Banstead) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1285), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C25** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (1.6.2004) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Surrey) (Borough of Guildford) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1278), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C26** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (1.6.2004) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Metropolitan Borough of Wigan) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1305), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1**
- C27** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (1.7.2004) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Denbighshire) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1608), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1** (with art. 3)
- C28** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (4.7.2004 for specified purposes) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Metropolitan Borough of Rochdale) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/1402), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1 para. 7**
- C29** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (6.9.2004) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Lancashire) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/2028), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 2** (with art. 3)
- C30** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (20.9.2004) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of East Sussex) (District of Lewes) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/2111), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1**
- C31** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2004) by The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Hampshire) (Borough of Eastleigh) Order 2004 (S.I. 2004/2188), arts. 1, 5, **Sch. 1**

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- C32** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2004) by [The Road Traffic \(Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area\) \(Borough of Blackburn with Darwen\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/2260\)](#), arts. 1, 5, [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 3)
- C33** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2004) by [The Road Traffic \(Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area\) \(County of Hertfordshire\) \(City and District of St Albans\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/2212\)](#), arts. 1, 5, [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 3)
- C34** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2004) by [The Road Traffic \(Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area\) \(County of Essex\) \(Tendring, Rochford, Uttlesford, Braintree and Castle Point\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/2194\)](#), arts. 1, 5, [Sch. 1](#)
- C35** S. 82 applied (with modifications) (4.10.2004) by [The Road Traffic \(Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area\) \(County of Warwickshire\) \(District of Stratford on Avon\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/2193\)](#), arts. 1, 5, [Sch. 1](#) (with art. 3)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 82 wholly in force at 1.10.1991 see s. 84(2) and S.I. 1991/2054, art. 3, [Sch.](#)

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1984 c. 27.
M2 1980 c. 66.
M3 1984 c. 27.
M4 1975 c. 26.
M5 1984 c. 27.
M6 1980 c. 66.
M7 1988 c. 53.
M8 1994 c. 22.
M9 1970 c. 44.

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