



Transport Act 2000

2000 CHAPTER 38

PART V

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

Quiet lanes and home zones and rural road speed limits

268 Quiet lanes and home zones.

- (1) A local traffic authority may designate any road for which they are the traffic authority as a quiet lane or a home zone.
- (2) The appropriate national authority may make regulations authorising local traffic authorities who have designated roads as quiet lanes or home zones to make use orders and speed orders of such descriptions as are prescribed by the regulations in relation to any roads designated by them as quiet lanes or home zones.
- (3) A use order is an order permitting the use of a road for purposes other than passage.
- (4) But a use order may not permit any person—
 - (a) wilfully to obstruct the lawful use of a road by others, or
 - (b) to use a road in a way which would deny reasonable access to premises situated on or adjacent to the road.
- (5) A speed order is an order authorising the local traffic authority by whom it is made to take measures with a view to reducing the speed of motor vehicles or cycles (or both) on a road to below that specified in the order.
- (6) The appropriate national authority may make regulations specifying procedures for the making, variation and revocation of—
 - (a) designations, and
 - (b) use orders and speed orders,including procedures for confirmation (whether by the appropriate national authority or any other body).

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- (7) The appropriate national authority may give guidance to local traffic authorities about matters to which they must have regard in determining whether or not to designate a road as a quiet lane or home zone.
- (8) In this section—
- “the appropriate national authority” means—
- (a) the Secretary of State as respects England, and
- (b) the National Assembly for Wales as respects Wales,
- “cycle” has the same meaning as in the ^{M1}Road Traffic Act 1988,
- “local traffic authority” has the same meaning as in the ^{M2}Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984,
- “motor vehicle” means a mechanically propelled vehicle intended or adapted for use on roads, and
- “road” has the same meaning as in the ^{M3}Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
- (9) Regulations under this section shall be made by statutory instrument and may make different provision for different cases or areas.
- (10) A statutory instrument containing regulations made by the Secretary of State under this section shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

Commencement Information

- II** S. 268 wholly in force at 1.2.2001, see s. 275(1)(2) and S.I. 2001/57, art. 3(1), **Sch. 2 Pt. I** (subject to the transitional provision and saving in **Sch. 2 Pt. II**)

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1988 c. 52.
M2 1984 c. 27.
M3 1984 c. 27.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 269 repealed (22.7.2004) by Statute Law (Repeals) Act 2004 (c. 14), **Sch. 1 Pt. 14**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Blanket amendment words substituted by [S.I. 2011/1043 art. 34](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 146(1)(defn.)(a)(b) by [2000 c. 38 s. 274 Sch. 31 Pt. 2](#)
- s. 19(2)(aa) inserted by [S.I. 2019/93, Sch. 1 para. 9\(1C\)\(b\)](#) (as inserted) by [S.I. 2019/1245 reg. 25](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). The affecting statutory instrument has no legal effect. It was made under a procedure which meant that it ceased to have effect 28 days after signing unless it was debated and approved in Parliament within that time. It was not debated and approved within 28 days, so it has expired with no effect.)
- s. 131A(2)(a) words omitted by [2017 c. 21 Sch. 2 para. 13\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 131A(2)(b) omitted by [2017 c. 21 Sch. 2 para. 13\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 131A(4) omitted by [2017 c. 21 Sch. 2 para. 13\(b\)](#)
- s. 131A(5)(b) words omitted by [2017 c. 21 Sch. 2 para. 13\(c\)\(i\)](#)
- s. 131A(5)(c) words omitted by [2017 c. 21 Sch. 2 para. 13\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 132B(1)(a) omitted by [2017 c. 21 Sch. 2 para. 19](#)
- Sch. 16 para. 34(4)(a)para. 34(4)(b)(c) repealed by [2005 c. 14 Sch. 13 Pt. 1](#)