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ROAD TRAFFIC, ENGLAND

The Bus Lane Contraventions (Approved Local Authorities) (England) (Amendment) (No. 7) Order 2006

Made----20th December 2006Laid before Parliament21st December 2006Coming into force-2nd February 2007

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 144(3)(b) and (14) of the Transport Act 2000(a), makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Bus Lane Contraventions (Approved Local Authorities) (England) (Amendment) (No. 7) Order 2006 and shall come into force on 2nd February 2007.

Specification of approved local authorities

2. South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council is specified as an approved local authority for the purposes of section 144 of the Transport Act 2000 (civil penalties for bus lane contraventions)(**b**).

Amendment to the Bus Lane Contraventions (Approved Local Authorities) (England) Order 2005

- **3.**—(1) The Schedule to the Bus Lane Contraventions (Approved Local Authorities) (England) Order 2005(c) shall be amended as set out in paragraph (2).
 - (2) After the row in the table relating to Somerset County Council, insert the following row—
 "South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council S.I. 2006/3424"

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

G. Merron Parliamentary Under Secretary of State

⁽a) 2000 c.38. See the definition "relevant national authority" in section 144(14).

⁽b) The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Metropolitan Borough of South Tyneside) Order 2006 (S.I. 2006/3424) designates part of the metropolitan borough of South Tyneside as a permitted and special parking area under paragraphs 1(1), 2(1) and 3(3) of Schedule 3 to the Road Traffic Act 1991 (c.40).

⁽c) S.I. 2005/2755, to which there are no amendments relevant to this Order.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

The Bus Lane Contraventions (Penalty Charges, Adjudication and Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2005 (S.I. 2005/2757), made under section 144 of the Transport Act 2000, provide for the enforcement of bus lane restrictions through the imposition, by approved local authorities, of penalty charges in respect of contraventions of such restrictions. This Order specifies South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council ("South Tyneside") as an approved local authority for these purposes.

The Order also makes a consequential amendment to the Bus Lane Contraventions (Approved Local Authorities) (England) Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/2755) to add South Tyneside to the list of approved local authorities set out in the Schedule to that Order.

No Regulatory Impact Assessment has been undertaken, since the Order is concerned with the enforcement of existing traffic restrictions and prohibitions and does not therefore constitute an additional burden on business. The costs incurred by local authorities undertaking enforcement are expected to be paid from the penalty charge income.