



Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 27

PART X

GENERAL AND SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

122 Exercise of functions by ^[F1]strategic highways companies or] local authorities.

- (1) It shall be the duty of ^[F2]every^[F3] strategic highways company and] local authority upon whom functions are conferred by or under this Act, so to exercise the functions conferred on them by this Act as (so far as practicable having regard to the matters specified in subsection (2) below) to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off ^[F4]the highway or, in Scotland the road].
- (2) The matters referred to in subsection (1) above as being specified in this subsection are—
- (a) the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;
 - (b) the effect on the amenities of any locality affected and (without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph) the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles, so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run;
 - ^[F5](bb) the strategy prepared under section 80 of the Environment Act 1995 (national air quality strategy);]
 - (c) the importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles; and
 - (d) any other matters appearing to ^[F6]the strategic highways company or^[F7]... the local authority ^{F7}... to be relevant.
- ^[F8](3) The duty imposed by subsection (1) above is subject to the provisions of Part II of the Road Traffic Act 1991.]

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 122 heading inserted (5.3.2015) by [Infrastructure Act 2015 \(c. 7\), s. 57\(1\), Sch. 1 para. 96\(4\)](#); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a)
- F2** Word in s. 122(1) substituted by [Local Government Act 1985 \(c. 51, SIF 81:1\), ss. 1, 2, 8\(1\), Sch. 5 para. 4\(34\)](#)
- F3** Words in s. 122(1) inserted (5.3.2015) by [Infrastructure Act 2015 \(c. 7\), s. 57\(1\), Sch. 1 para. 96\(2\)](#); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a)
- F4** Words in s. 122(1) substituted (1.11.1991) by [New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 \(c. 22, SIF 59, 108\), s. 168\(1\), Sch. 8 para. 71](#); S.I. 1991/2286, art. 2(2), [Sch. 2](#); S.I. 1991/2288, art. 3, [Sch. 1](#)
- F5** S. 122(2)(bb) inserted (1.2.1996) by 1995 c. 25, s. 120(1), [Sch. 22 para. 36\(3\)](#) (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117); S.I. 1996/186, [art. 2](#)
- F6** Words in s. 122(2)(d) inserted (5.3.2015) by [Infrastructure Act 2015 \(c. 7\), s. 57\(1\), Sch. 1 para. 96\(3\)](#); S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a)
- F7** Words in s. 122(2)(d) repealed by [Local Government Act 1985 \(c. 51, SIF 81:1\), ss. 1, 102\(2\)\(3\), Sch. 17](#)
- F8** S. 122(3) added (1.10.1991) by [Road Traffic Act 1991 \(c. 40, SIF 107:1\), s. 81, Sch. 7 para. 7](#); S.I. 1991/2054, art. 3, [Sch. 1](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 122 excluded by [Local Government Act 1985 \(c. 51, SIF 81:1\), ss. 1, 2, 8\(2\), Sch. 5 para. 9](#)
- C2** S. 122 applied by [Road Traffic Act 1988 \(c. 52, SIF 107:1\), s. 19A \(8\)](#) (as inserted by [Road Traffic \(Consequential Provisions\) Act 1988 \(c. 54, SIF 107:1\), s. 4, Sch. 2 para. 22\(1\)](#))
- C3** S. 122 applied (3.7.2000) by 1991 c. 40, [s. 74\(11\)](#) (as inserted (3.7.2000) by 1999 c. 29, s. 284 (with [Sch. 12 para. 9\(1\)](#)); S.I. 2000/801, art. 2, [Sch. 1](#))
- C4** S. 122 applied (25.8.2020) by [Birmingham Commonwealth Games Act 2020 \(c. 10\), ss. 27\(5\), 33](#)
- C5** S. 122(2)(c) modified (24.7.2001) by S.I. 2001/3627, [art. 53\(5\)](#)
S. 122(2)(c) modified (11.2.2005) by the [Merseytram \(Liverpool City Centre to Kirkby\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/120\), art. 46\(5\)](#) (with arts. 65, 66)
S. 122(2)(c) modified (22.3.2005) by [The Midland Metro \(Wednesbury to Brierley Hill and Miscellaneous Amendments\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/927\), art. 44\(5\)](#) (with art. 51)
S. 122(2)(c) modified (S.) (27.4.2006) by [Edinburgh Tram \(Line Two\) Act 2006 \(asp 6\), s. 58\(5\)](#) (with s. 75)
S. 122(2)(c) modified (S.) (8.5.2006) by [Edinburgh Tram \(Line One\) Act 2006 \(asp 7\), s. 58\(5\)](#) (with ss. 76, 84)
- C6** S. 122(2)(c) modified (9.6.2009) by [The Nottingham Express Transit System Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1300\), art. 49\(5\)](#) (with art. 84, Sch. 16)
- C7** S. 122(2)(c) modified (6.11.2013) by [The Transport for Greater Manchester \(Light Rapid Transit System\) \(Second City Crossing\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/2587\), arts. 1, 40\(5\)](#) (with arts. 42, 43)
- C8** S. 122(2)(c) modified (14.6.2016) by [The Midland Metro \(Birmingham City Centre Extension, etc.\) \(Land Acquisition and Variation\) Order 2016 \(S.I. 2016/545\), arts. 1, 33\(5\)](#) (with art. 39)
- C9** S. 122(2)(c) modified (2.8.2016) by [The Midland Metro \(Wolverhampton City Centre Extension\) Order 2016 \(S.I. 2016/684\), arts. 1, 42\(5\)](#) (with arts. 46, 47, Sch. 9 para. 4, Sch. 10 para. 12(2))
- C10** S. 122(2)(c) modified (24.11.2016) by [The Transport for Greater Manchester \(Light Rapid Transit System\) \(Trafford Park Extension\) Order 2016 \(S.I. 2016/1035\), arts. 1, 41\(5\)](#) (with arts. 43, 44)
- C11** S. 122(2)(c) modified (4.1.2018) by [The Blackpool Tramway \(Blackpool North Extension\) Order 2017 \(S.I. 2017/1214\), arts. 1, 40\(5\)](#) (with arts. 58, 59)
- C12** S. 122(2)(c) modified (4.3.2020) by [The Midland Metro \(Birmingham Eastside Extension\) Order 2020 \(S.I. 2020/141\), arts. 1, 43\(4\)](#) (with arts. 47, 48, Sch. 10 para. 19)

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- Sch. 4 para. 22(5A) inserted by [2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 200\(4\)\(d\)](#)

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

- Sch. 4 para. 22(5A) inserted by [2026 asc 7 Sch. 2 para. 200\(4\)\(d\)](#)