

## NOTE TO EDITORS

The Secretary of State has exercised the powers available to him under Article 5(1) of the Public Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1987. The relevant parts of this Article are:

"5-(1) If at any time the Secretary of State is of the opinion in consequence of information furnished to him by the Chief Constable or for any other reason, that -

- (a) the exercise of the powers conferred by Article 4 in any area will not be sufficient to prevent such disorder, damage, disruption or intimidation as referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) of that Article; or
- (b) the holding in any area or place of any public procession or any open air public meeting is likely to cause -
  - (i) serious public disorder;
  - (ii) serious disruption to the life of the community; or
  - (iii) undue demands to be made upon the police or military forces,

he may make an Order -

- (A) prohibiting, for such period not exceeding three months as may be specified in the Order, the holding in that area or place of all public processions or open air public meetings or of such classes of public procession or open air public meeting as may be so specified; or
- (B) permitting the holding in an area or place of a public procession or open air public meeting specified in the Order and prohibiting, for such period not exceeding one month as may be specified in the Order, the holding in that area or place of any other public procession or open air public meeting or of any class of public procession or open air public meeting specified in the Order.



(2) Wherever practicable, the Secretary of State shall, before making an order under paragraph (1), consult the committee of the Police Authority for Northern Ireland constituted under paragraph 15(2) of Schedule 1 to the Police Act (Northern Ireland) 1970; but nothing in this paragraph shall affect the validity of any such order.

(3) A recital in an order made by the Secretary of State under paragraph (1) as to his opinion and the information upon which that opinion was formed shall be conclusive evidence of the matter stated therein.

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland is of the opinion in consequence of information furnished to him by the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary that the holding of any public procession or any open air public meeting between 6 pm on Wednesday 7th August 1996 and midnight on Saturday 31st August 1996 in the area mentioned below is likely to cause undue demands to be made upon the police and military forces:-

NOW THEREFORE the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, in pursuance of Article 5(1) of the Public Order (Northern Ireland) Order 1987 and after consultation with the committee of the Police Authority for Northern Ireland constituted under paragraph 15(2) of Schedule 1 to the Police Act (Northern Ireland) 1970, hereby orders that the holding of all public processions or open air public meetings is prohibited at any time between 6 pm on Wednesday 7th August 1996 and midnight on Saturday 31st August 1996 within the grid reference points IN 43271645, known as Bishop's Gate, Londonderry and IN 47521626, known as Magazine Gate, Londonderry being part of the historic walls of the city of Londonderry.

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One of Her Majesty's Principal  
Secretaries of State