
**DETERMINATION MADE IN RELATION TO THE PARADE NOTIFIED BY PORTADOWN
DISTRICT LOL NO 1 IN RESPECT OF LOYAL ORANGE LODGE NOS 7; 8; 10; 20; 78;
339; 352 NOTIFIED TO TAKE PLACE IN PORTADOWN ON FRIDAY 12 JULY 2019**

INTRODUCTION

1. Section 8 (1) of the Public Processions (Northern Ireland) Act 1998, provides that:

"The Commission may issue a determination in respect of a proposed public procession imposing on the persons organising or taking part in it or on any persons supporting it such conditions as the Commission considers necessary."
2. The Commission has noted the details provided on the Form 11/1 submitted on 5 June 2019 concerning the parade by LOL Nos 7; 8; 10; 20; 78; 339; 352 in Portadown on Friday 12 July 2019. The Commission has considered whether a determination under section 8 should be made in respect of this parade.
3. In considering whether to exercise its power under Section 8, the Commission has taken into account its previous determinations in relation to this parade. It has also considered all other aspects of the parade notified by the organisers, including its nature and purpose, and has considered all other information received in relation to it. The Commission has concluded that, in the particular circumstances, it should exercise its power under Section 8 to make a determination in the terms outlined in the following paragraphs.

BACKGROUND

4. The District has, as in previous years, notified on behalf of the following local Corcrair Lodges: LOL 7 Breagh Leading Heroes; LOL 8 Star of Erin Drumherriff; LOL 10 Greenisland True Blues Derrinraw; LOL 20 Erin's Royal Standard Kilmagamish; LOL 78 Bible and Crown Defenders Derrycarne; LOL 339 Corcrair Purple Rocket; LOL 352 Derrykeevin Temperance. These 7 Lodges are all notified for the route as set out at paragraph 6 below.
5. The notified purpose is '*Feeder parade to meet up with District*'.
6. The notified outward route is '*Corcrair Road, Obins Street, Woodhouse Street, Market Street, Church Street, Carleton Street*'. The notified return route is '*Thomas Street, Woodhouse Street, Obins Street, Charles Street*'.

7. The notified number of participants is unknown, with 3 bands. The notified number of supporters is also unknown. In 2018, the parade consisted of 60 band members and 160 LOL members.
8. The outward parade is notified to commence from Corcrain Orange Hall at 7.30am and to disperse at Carleton Street at 8.00am. The return parade is notified to commence from Carleton Street at 6.00pm and to disperse at Corcrain Orange Hall at 7.30pm.
9. The organiser has notified, as in previous years, alternative routes in the event that the route notified above along Obins Street is restricted by the Commission. The alternative outward route is notified as '*Corcrain Road, Garvaghy Road; Parkmount; Victoria Terrace; Castle Street; Bridge Street; High Street; Market Street; Church Street; Carleton Street*' and the alternative return route is notified as '*Mandeville Street; West Street; Northway; Corcrain Road; Charles Street; Corcrain Orange Hall.*'
10. The sensitive stretch of the notified route is Obins Street where there is a long history of parading tensions. The sensitive stretch of the alternative route is Garvaghy Road, Parkmount and Victoria Terrace.
11. The Commission has, as in previous years, dealt with both the original notified route along Obins Street and the alternative route in its adjudications.
12. The Commission has had regard to its statutory rules in its considerations of the parade's potential for public disorder and the potential impacts upon community relations and community life. The Commission has considered all relevant human rights issues.
13. The Commission has cause to believe that should the parade process without restriction, there is potential for an adverse effect on community relations and on community life and a potential for public disorder. The Commission has, as in previous years, restricted the parade out of Obins Street, and out of Garvaghy Road, Parkmount and Victoria Terrace. The conditions imposed are necessary, proportionate and fair in respect of this parade. The full determination is set out below.
14. The Commission continues to encourage all parties to this parading dispute to enter into dialogue to achieve an accommodation which reflects the needs of the local communities. As is set out in the Commission's statutory rules, it is a fundamental principle that any structures established must have the confidence and endorsement of those most closely concerned.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

15. The Commission has had regard to the Guidelines issued under Section 5 of the Public Processions (Northern Ireland) Act 1998 ("the Guidelines"). The Commission has also been alert to its duties as a public authority under Section 6 of the Human Rights Act 1998. From the perspective of the parade organisers, the Convention rights engaged are those protected by Articles 9 and 10 and, in particular, Article 11. None of these rights is absolute.
16. Those who live, work, shop, trade and carry on business in the affected locality enjoy rights under Article 8 of the Convention and Article 1 of the First Protocol. Again, none of these rights is absolute. The Commission has also been mindful of the provisions of Article 17 and its obligations under Article 2 of the Convention.
17. It is not possible for all of those who would claim the benefit of the Human Rights Act 1998 to exercise and enjoy their Convention rights to the fullest extent where rights are in competition with each other. The Commission has therefore undertaken a balancing exercise, consistent with its statutory Guidelines, to make a determination that is fair and proportionate in all the circumstances.
18. As required by the statutory Guidelines, the Commission has had regard to the seven North principles. One of the seven fundamental principles identified by the North Report is that all those involved should work towards the resolution of difficulties through local accommodation.
19. As stated in paragraph 4.5 of the Guidelines, the Commission takes into account any communications between parade organisers and the local community or the absence thereof and will assess the measures, if any, offered or taken by parade organisers to address genuinely held relevant concerns of members of the local community.
20. Having considered all the evidence, information and advice available to it, the Commission has determined that conditions should be placed on the parade. In imposing these conditions, the Commission pursues the legitimate aims laid down in the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of seeking to prevent disorder and to protect the rights and freedoms of others. The conditions are not such as to affect significantly the individual's right to assemble.

21. Having regard to the factors set out above the Commission considers that the conditions it now imposes are necessary and proportionate to the aim pursued and strike a fair balance between the needs of the community and the rights of the individual. The legal, factual and human rights issues are of considerable complexity and require, ultimately, the formation of a carefully considered and finely balanced judgement on the part of the Commission.

DETERMINATION

The Parades Commission's determination is that the following conditions are placed on the organiser and participants in the parade by Portadown District LOL No 1's Loyal Orange Lodge Nos 7, 8, 10, 20, 78, 339 and, 352 on Friday 12 July 2019.

- A. The parade by Lodges No 7, 8, 10, 20, 78, 339 and 352 is prohibited from entering that part of the notified route between the junction of Obins Street and Charles Street and the junction of High Street and Woodhouse Street or any part of that route. It is also prohibited from entering any part of Garvaghy Road including Castle Street, Parkmount and Victoria Terrace.**

- B. On its outward route the parade shall instead process from Corcrain Orange Hall by way of Charles Street, Corcrain Road, Northway, West Street, Market Street and Church Street to Carleton Street. On its return route the parade shall reassemble in Hanover Street and proceed via Church Street, Mandeville Street, West Street, Northway, Corcrain Road and Charles Street to Corcrain Orange Hall where it shall disperse.**

- C. The parade organiser shall ensure that the parade begins and disperses promptly.**

- D. Only the bands notified on the Form 11/1 shall participate in the parade.**

- E. When the parade is in progress there shall be no undue stoppages or delays.**

- F. The parade organiser shall ensure that all participants including any marshals, band leaders and band members are given written details of the conditions.**

- G. The organiser and all participants in the parade shall comply with the conditions set out in the Commission's Code of Conduct. For ease of reference, these are reproduced below.**

- H. As shown at Appendix B of the Code of Conduct, the Commission re-affirms that all participants in this parade must behave with due regard for the rights, traditions and feelings of others in the vicinity; refrain from using words or behaviour which**

APPENDIX A

Guidance for Anyone Participating in Parades

Behaviour

All participants in parades should:

- behave with due regard for the rights, traditions and feeling of others in the vicinity,
- refrain from using words or behaviour which could reasonably be perceived as being intentionally sectarian, provocative, threatening, abusive, insulting or lewd,
- obey the lawful directions of parade organizers and stewards at all times, from assembly to dispersal,
- abide by the conditions of this Code of Conduct,
- comply with police directions and in accordance with legislation.

B Dress

No paramilitary-style clothing is to be worn at any time during a parade.

C Parade

Whenever possible, the parade should be positioned on one side of the carriageway so as to allow for the free flow of traffic, or as otherwise stipulated by police.

D Route

Participants should keep to the designated route as directed by the police.

E Alcohol

Alcohol should not be consumed immediately prior to, or during a parade. An organizer or steward, who believes a participant to be under the influence of alcohol, should take the necessary measures to remove that person from the parade.

F Bands and Music

Each band must clearly display its name. Conditions on the playing of music will be in accordance with the conditions as set out in Appendix B of this Code. No musical instrument will bear any inscription or mark of a proscribed organization.

G Flags etc.

Flags and other displays often have a legitimate historical significance, but in no circumstances should such items relating to a proscribed organization be displayed.

H Stewards

The names of stewards will have been notified to the police and the Parades Commission at the time of notifying the proposed parade.

Stewards should:

- be properly trained
- be briefed by the organizers prior to the parade
- carry proof of their status at all times during the event, and provide this information to police on request
- be fully aware of their responsibilities and role
- be highly visible by means of jackets, singlets, armbands, etc.
- not consume alcohol before or during the parade
- co-operate with the police
- be prepared to identify to the police any persons in the parade who may be committing any offence against criminal law.

I Policing

Organisers of parades must co-operate with the police from the time of submission of the notice of intention to parade until the parade disperses.

J Dispersal

When a parade has concluded, all those taking part must disperse immediately. It will be the responsibility of the organizers to ensure compliance with instructions in this regard.

K Abiding by Conditions

Organisers must ensure that all participants in any parade have been informed of any conditions imposed. As a general principle, the organiser is responsible for the behaviour of all participants and for ensuring compliance with the Code of Conduct.

APPENDIX B

Guidance for Anyone Participating in Parades in the Vicinity of Sensitive Locations

A Places of Worship

Only hymn tunes should be played.

When church services are taking place, no music should be played.

There should be no irreverent behaviour.

Marching should be dignified.

B War Memorials and Cemeteries

Only hymn tunes should be played.

Behaviour should be respectful.

Marching should be dignified.

C Where the Majority Population of the Vicinity are of a Different Tradition, and in Interface Areas

Behaviour should be respectful.

There should be no excessively loud drumming.

Participants should refrain from conduct, words, music or behaviour which could reasonably be perceived as intentionally sectarian, provocative, threatening, abusive, insulting or lewd.

Marching should be dignified.

