

**Dated this 4th day of March 2013**

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### Commencement

1. This Order comes into operation on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013.

### Application

2. This Order applies to the land specified in the Schedule.

### Interpretation

1. In this Order -

- (a) To “distribute” printed matter means to give it out to, or offer or make it available to, members of the public and includes placing it on or affixing it to vehicles, but does not include putting it inside a building or letter-box;
- (b) Printed matter is “free” if it is distributed without charge to the persons to whom it is distributed;
- (c) A person does not distribute printed matter if the distribution takes place inside a public service vehicle (within the meaning of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981);
- (d) The expression ‘the Council’ means Belfast City Council.

### Offence

4. A person commits an offence if he distributes any free printed matter without the consent of the Council on any land which is designated by it under this Schedule, where the person knows that the land is so designated.
5. A person commits an offence if he causes another person to distribute any free printed matter without the consent of the Council on any land designated by it under this Schedule.
6. A person is not guilty of an offence under sub-paragraph (2) if he took reasonable steps to ensure that the distribution did not occur on any land designated under this Schedule.
7. Nothing in this paragraph applies to the distribution of printed matter—
  - (a) by or on behalf of a charity within the meaning of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, where the printed matter relates to or is intended for the benefit of the charity;
  - (b) where the distribution is for political purposes or for the purposes of a religion or belief.

### Penalty

8. A person guilty of an offence under this Order is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale.

**THE SCHEDULE**  
(Description of land to which the Order applies)

**Land in respect of which the Order is to apply**

This Order will apply to any land which is open to the air and to which the public are entitled to have access with or without payment in the areas described below:

**Belfast City Centre – bounded by and including all roadway of:**

Albert Square	Great Victoria Street
Bedford Street	Fisherwick Place
Castle Street	Ormeau Avenue
College Avenue	Oxford Street
College Square East	Royal Avenue
Cromac Street	Shaftesbury Square
Donegall Quay	Waring Street
Dublin Road <i>to</i> Shaftesbury Square	York Street <i>to</i> Dunbar Link
East Bridge Street <i>to</i> Cromac Square	

**University area – bounded by and including all roadway of:**

Botanic Park	Ormeau Road <i>to</i> McClure Street
Botanic Avenue <i>to</i> Bradbury Place	Stranmillis Road
Bradbury Place	Sandymount Street <i>to</i> Ridgeway Street
Cameron Street	Stranmillis Embankment
Lisburn Road <i>to</i> College Gardens	St. Ives Garden
Malone Road <i>to</i> Chlorine Gardens	University Road

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**SEALED** with the Corporate Seal of the )  
**CITY OF BELFAST** in the presence of:- )



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LORD MAYOR )

  
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Asst. CHIEF EXECUTIVE )