

2012 No. 120

ROAD TRAFFIC

The A1 Trunk Road (Alnwick Bypass) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012

Made - - - - 12th January 2012

Coming into force - - 21st January 2012

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A1 Trunk Road and connecting roads, in the County of Northumberland, is satisfied that traffic on that trunk road and some of those connecting roads should be restricted and prohibited because carriageway resurfacing, lining and road stud works are proposed to be executed thereon:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14(1)(a) and (7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), makes the following Order: -

1. This Order may be cited as the A1 Trunk Road (Alnwick Bypass) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 21st January 2012.

2. In this Order; –

“the A1” means the A1 Trunk Road;

“the first length of carriageway” means the A1 northbound carriageway from a point 3500 metres south of the nose of the northbound exit slip road at the A1068 Alnwick South Interchange northwards for a distance of 6694 metres;

“the second length of carriageway” means the A1 southbound carriageway from a point 1145 metres north of the centreline of the B1340 Denwick Interchange overbridge southwards for a distance of 3985 metres;

“the third length of carriageway” means the A1 from a point 1145 metres north of the centreline of Denwick Interchange overbridge northwards for a distance of 1145 metres;

“the northbound carriageway” and “the southbound carriageway” mean, respectively, the A1 northbound and southbound carriageways from a point 150 metres south of the centreline of the Alnwick South Interchange underbridge northwards for a distance of approximately 3985 metres;

“a slip road” means the A1 northbound exit and entry slip roads at Denwick Interchange;

“the central reservation” means that part of the A1 which separates its carriageways for the safety and guidance of traffic using that road;

“the layby” means an area of carriageway, intended for the waiting of vehicles, bounded partly by a road marking on the outer edge of that carriageway complying with diagram 1010 in Schedule 6 to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002(b); and in this definition “carriageway” means any way (other than a cycle track) comprised in the A1 over which the public have a right of way for the passage of vehicles and which has a surface suitable for the exercise of that right;

“a bicycle” means any pedal cycle having four wheels or fewer not being a motor vehicle;

“the works period” means the period starting at 00:01 hours on Sunday 22nd January 2012 and ending when the said works have been completed;

and a reference to an article followed by a number is a reference to the article in this Order which bears that number.

(a) 1984 c.27; a new section 14 was substituted by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991 (c.26), section 1(1) and Schedule 1.

(b) S.I. 2002/3113; Part I.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 11 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven in the first length of carriageway, the second length of carriageway or the third length of carriageway at a speed exceeding:

- (a) 10 miles per hour whilst traffic signs of a character authorised under Section 64 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 indicating “convoy working” on those lengths of road are displayed;
- (b) 40 miles per hour whilst such traffic signs in relation to those lengths of road are not displayed; or
- (c) 50 miles per hour whilst such traffic signs in relation to those lengths of road are not displayed.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 11 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the northbound carriageway or a slip road.

5. Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 11 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to overtake another moving vehicle in the third length of carriageway.

6. The provisions of articles 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 shall apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

7. (1) During such times, as pursuant to article 6, movement of traffic is prohibited in one or more lanes of the northbound carriageway but is not prohibited in the southbound carriageway, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to:

- (a) enter or proceed in the offside lane of the southbound carriageway in any direction other than northwards,
- (b) overtake a moving vehicle in the southbound carriageway, or
- (c) make a u-turn in the southbound carriageway.

(2) When, pursuant to article 6, movement of traffic is prohibited in one or more lanes of a length of one carriageway but is not prohibited in the corresponding length of the other carriageway, the provision of this article with respect to that other carriageway shall apply to that length of that carriageway.

8. Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 11 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed through a gap in the central reservation approximately 105 metres or 2050 metres south of the nose of the northbound exit slip road at Alnwick South Interchange.

9. Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 11 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or wait in a layby situated adjacent to the A1 northbound or southbound carriageways between a point 2930 metres south of the nose of the northbound exit slip road at Alnwick South Interchange and a point 2290 metres north of the centreline of Denwick Interchange overbridge, a distance of approximately 8400 metres or the A1 southbound carriageway approximately 410 metres north of North Charlton Junction.

10. Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 11 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit a bicycle to enter or proceed in the A1 northbound carriageway from the nose of the northbound exit slip road at Alnwick South Interchange northwards for a distance of approximately 9500 metres or the A1 southbound carriageway from the nose of the southbound exit slip road at Denwick Interchange southwards for a distance of approximately 2900 metres.

11. Nothing in articles 4 and 7 (1), save paragraphs (a), 5, 7, 8 and 9 shall apply to:

- (a) a vehicle being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes;
- (b) a vehicle being used for, or in connection with, the said works, or for winter maintenance or traffic officer purposes; or
- (c) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a police officer or traffic officer in uniform;

and nothing in article 3 shall apply to any vehicle being used for a purpose specified in paragraph (a) of this article.

12. No speed limit imposed by this Order applies to vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011(a) when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

12th January 2012

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.