

2012 No. 2323

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The A12 Trunk Road (South of Coles Oak Lane, Dedham,
Essex to North of Four Sisters Interchange Junction 31, Suffolk)
(Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

Made - - - - - *3rd September 2012*

Coming into force - - - - - *10th September 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A12 Trunk Road (“the A12”) and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that road and on one of those connecting roads, in the Counties of Essex and Suffolk, should be restricted and prohibited because works are proposed to be executed thereon:

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

1. This Order may be cited as the A12 Trunk Road (South of Coles Oak Lane, Dedham, Essex to North of Four Sisters Interchange Junction 31, Suffolk) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 10th September 2012.

2. In this Order –

“tip of the nosing” means, as indicated by the markings on the carriageway, the first point where an entry slip road joins, or the last point where an exit slip road leaves, the carriageway of the trunk road;

“the first length of trunk road” means the A12–

(a) northbound carriageway between points 1500 metres and 700 metres south of the centre point of Coles Oak Lane Bridge, Dedham, and

(b) southbound carriageway from a point 500 metres north of the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road to the B1070 at Four Sisters Interchange Junction 31 to a point 250 metres north of the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road to the B1029 at Stratford St Mary Interchange Junction 30;

“the second length of trunk road” means the northbound carriageway of the A12 from a point 50 metres south of the centre line of its junction with the B1068 to a point 210 metres north of the centre line of its junction with the U4331 (Squirrels Drey);

“the third length of trunk road” means the northbound carriageway of the A12 from the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road from the B1029 at Stratford St Mary Interchange Junction 30 to a point 50 metres south of the centre line of its junction with the B1068;

(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.

“the fourth length of trunk road” means the northbound carriageway of the A12 from a point 700 metres south of the centre point of Coles Oak Lane Bridge, Dedham to the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road to the B1029 at Stratford St Mary Interchange Junction 30;

“the slip road” means the slip road from the northbound carriageway of the A12 that leads to Arley Grange;

“lay-by” 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(a); and in this definition "carriageway" means a way constituting or comprised in a trunk road (other than a cycle track) over which the public have a right of way and which has a surface suitable for the exercise of that right;

“central reservation” means that part of the trunk road which separates the carriageway to be used by traffic moving in one direction from the carriageway which is to be used by traffic moving in the opposite direction;

“works” mean carriageway resurfacing, renewal of road markings and studs, sign installation, gully emptying and vegetation clearance;

“a works period” means a period of 9 hours starting at 21.00 hours on Monday 17th September 2012 or on any subsequent day until the works have been completed;

“the works period” means the period starting at 00.01 hours on Monday 17th September 2012 and ending when the 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.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle to overtake any other moving vehicle or be driven at a speed exceeding –

(a) 10 miles per hour on a length of the second length of trunk road, or 40 miles per hour on a length of the third length of trunk road whilst traffic signs of a character authorised under section 64 of the Traffic Road Regulation Act 1984 indicating “convoy working” on either of those lengths are displayed, or

(b) 50 miles per hour on the first length of trunk road or the slip road.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to –

(a) enter or proceed in the fourth length of trunk road, during a works period,

(b) proceed through the gap in the central reservation of the trunk road opposite its junction with the B1068 (Hughes Corner), U4331 (Squirrels Drey) and the entrance to Stratford Hills Farm, during a works period,

(c) enter or leave the trunk road at its junction with the B1068 and the entrance to Stratford Hills Farm, during a works period, or

(d) enter the lay-by adjacent to the carriageway of the third length of trunk road, during the works period.

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

6. Nothing in article 4 shall apply to –

(a) a vehicle being used for, or in connection with, the works,

(b) a vehicle being used for police, fire and rescue authority, ambulance or traffic officer purposes,

(c) anything done at the direction, or with the permission, of a constable, or a traffic officer in uniform, or

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

(d) any vehicle requiring access to properties which are accessible from, and only from, the trunk road;

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

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3rd September 2012

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.