

2012 No. 2509

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The A2 Trunk Road (Littledale Viaduct) (Temporary Restriction
and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

Made - - - - - *1st October 2012*

Coming into force - - - - - *20th October 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A2 Trunk Road and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted on lengths of that trunk road and prohibited on some of those connecting roads 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 A2 Trunk Road (Littledale Viaduct) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 20th October 2012.

2. In this Order:

“the trunk road” means the A2 Trunk Road near Dartford in the County of Kent;

“a length of carriageway” means –

- (i) the coastbound carriageway of the trunk road between the B258 (High Road/Church Hill) overbridge and a point 500 metres east of Littledale Viaduct underbridge, or
- (ii) the Londonbound carriageway of the trunk road between the A255 (High Street) overbridge at Bean Interchange and a point 500 metres west of Littledale Viaduct underbridge;

“a slip road” means –

- (iii) the road leading from the Londonbound carriageway of the trunk road at M25 Junction 2 (Darenth Interchange - A282),
- (iv) the road leading to the coastbound carriageway of the trunk road at M25 Junction 2 (Darenth Interchange - A282), or
- (v) the road leading to the Londonbound carriageway of the trunk road at Bean Interchange (B255 – High Street);

“works” mean bridge maintenance and all associated work on the trunk road;

“a works period” means a period of 8 hours starting at 2100 hours on Monday 22nd October 2012 or on any subsequent day until 19th April 2014.

(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.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 below, no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in a slip road.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 below, no person shall, during a works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on a length of carriageway.

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

6. (1) Nothing in article 3 shall apply to -

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

(2) Nothing in article 4 above shall apply to a vehicle being used for police, ambulance or fire and rescue authority purposes and 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 for Transport

1st October 2012

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.