

2011 No. 1312

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The A421 Trunk Road (Wootton to Great Barford,
Bedfordshire) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of
Traffic) Order 2011**

Made - - - - - *23rd May 2011*
Coming into force - - - - - *30th May 2011*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A421 Trunk Road (“the A421”) and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on a length of that road and on some of those connecting roads in Central Bedfordshire and Bedford Borough in the County of Bedfordshire 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 A421 Trunk Road (Wootton to Great Barford, Bedfordshire) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 30th May 2011.

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;

“a first length of trunk road” means the A421 -

- (a) eastbound carriageway from the centre point of Fields Road North overbridge, Wootton to a point 600 metres east of the centre point of Water End overbridge, Renhold and
- (b) westbound carriageway from a point 1000 metres east of the centre point of Birchfield Road overbridge, Great Barford to a point 100 metres west of the centre point of the A6 Ampthill Road overbridge;

“a second length of trunk road” means the A421 Bedford Southern Bypass from the tip of the nosing of the eastbound exit slip leading to, and the westbound entry slip road leading from, the A6 Elstow to the tip of the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road leading from, and the westbound exit slip road leading to, the A4280 Renhold;

“the first slip roads” mean the A421 Bedford Southern Bypass -

(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.

- (a) eastbound entry slip road leading from, and westbound exit slip road leading to, the A6 Elstow,
- (b) eastbound exit slip road leading to, and westbound entry slip road leading from, the A600 Harrowden,
- (c) eastbound and westbound entry and exit slip roads leading to or from the A603 Cardington, and
- (d) eastbound exit slip road leading to, and westbound entry slip road leading from, the A4280 Renhold;

“the second slip roads” mean the A421 -

- (a) eastbound exit slip road leading to, and entry slip road leading from, the A428 Kempston,
- (b) eastbound exit slip road leading to, and westbound entry slip road leading from, the A6 Elstow, and
- (c) eastbound entry slip road leading from, and westbound exit slip road leading to, the A4280 Renhold;

“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 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 for the passage of vehicles and which has a surface suitable for the exercise of that right;

“works” mean carriageway patching and resurfacing, replacement of road markings, road studs and traffic counting loops and kerbing works;

“a works period” means a period of –

- (a) 11 hours starting at 19.00 hours on Monday 6th June 2011 or on any subsequent day (other than a Friday or a Saturday),
- (b) 14 hours starting at 19.00 hours on Friday 10th June 2011 or on any subsequent Friday, or
- (c) 15 hours starting at 19.00 hours on Saturday 11th June 2011 or on any subsequent Saturday

until the works have been completed;

“the works period” means the period starting at 00.01 hours on Monday 6th June 2011 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, 6 and 7 no person shall, during a works period, drive any vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on a first length of trunk road or the first slip roads or the second slip roads.

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

- (a) a second length of trunk road or the first slip roads, during a works period, or
- (b) any lay-by adjacent to a second 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. The provisions of article 4 shall not apply to a vehicle –

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

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

- (b) being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes, or
- (c) proceeding at the direction, or with the permission, of a constable, or a traffic officer in uniform;

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

7. The provisions of article 3 shall not apply 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

Woodlands, Manton Lane, Bedford
23rd May 2011

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^(a) S.I. 2011/935.