

2011 No. 1424

ROAD TRAFFIC

The A31 Trunk Road (Palmersford Roundabout – Merley Roundabout) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2011

Made - - - - *6th June 2011*

Coming into force - - *25th June 2011*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A31 Trunk Road and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted and prohibited on a length of that road 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 A31 Trunk Road (Palmersford Roundabout – Merley Roundabout) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 25th June 2011.

2. In this Order:

“the trunk road” means the A31 Trunk Road in the County of Dorset;

“recovery vehicle” has the meaning given in paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Vehicle Excise and Regulation Act 1994(b);

“overall width” has the meaning given in regulation 3(2) of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986(c);

“the first length of trunk road” means the trunk road between points 1000 metres northeast and 1000 metres southwest of Canford Bottom roundabout (B3073), including that roundabout, near Wimborne Minster;

“a second length of trunk road” means –

- (i) the trunk road between Merley roundabout (A349 – Gravel Hill) near Oakley and Canford Bottom roundabout (B3073) near Wimborne Minster, or
- (ii) the trunk road between Palmersford roundabout (A347) near Trickett’s Cross and Canford Bottom roundabout (B3073) near Wimborne Minster;

“Uddens Drive” means the road known as Uddens Drive at its junction with the trunk road;

“a first side road” means Wimborne Road West (B3073), Ham Lane (B3073), Wimborne Road West and Canford Bottom at their junctions with the trunk road at Canford Bottom roundabout near Wimborne Minster;

(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) 1994 c.22.

(c) S.I. 1986/1078; to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

“a second side road” means Forest Link Road, Cobham Road, Station Road (B3072) and West Moor Road (B3072) at their junctions with the trunk road;

“works” mean junction improvement work at Canford Bottom roundabout on the trunk road;

“a first works period” means a period of 24 hours starting at 0001 hours on Friday 1st July 2011 or on any subsequent day until 24th December 2012; and

“a second works period” means a period of –

- (i) 9½ hours starting at 2030 hours on Monday 4th July 2011 or on any subsequent day other than a Friday, Saturday or Sunday,
- (ii) 7 hours starting at 2300 hours on Friday 1st July 2011 or on any subsequent Friday or Sunday, or
- (iii) 10½ hours starting at 2030 hours on Saturday 2nd July 2011 or on any subsequent Saturday,

until 24th December 2012.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 below, no person shall, during -

- (a) a first works period, cause or permit any vehicle to turn right into Uddens Drive from the westbound carriageway of the trunk road;
- (b) a first works period, cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding 3.0 metres to enter or proceed in the first length of trunk road;
- (c) a first works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in a first side road;
- (d) a second works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in a second length of trunk road; or
- (e) a second works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter a second side road or Uddens Drive from the trunk road or to enter the trunk road from a second side road or Uddens Drive.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 below, no person shall, during a first works period, drive any motor vehicle exceeding 30 miles per hour on the first length of trunk road.

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 above shall apply to -

- (a) a recovery vehicle or 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

6th June 2011

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.