2011 No. 486

ROAD TRAFFIC

The A421 Trunk Road (M1 Junction 13 to Bedford) (24 Hour Clearway) Order 2011

Made - - - - 18th February 2011

Coming into force - - 4th March 2011

The Secretary of State for Transport makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1(1), 2(1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a):

1. This Order may be cited as the A421 Trunk Road (M1 Junction 13 to Bedford) (24 Hour Clearway) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 4th March 2011.

2. In this Order -

"the trunk road" means the A421 Trunk Road in the Districts of Central Bedfordshire and Bedford Borough in the County of Bedfordshire from its junction with the A421 Husborne Crawley (north) roundabout to a point 350 metres east of the centre point of the Bedford to Bletchley railway bridge, Kempston;

"a slip road" means any slip road leading to or from the trunk road at –

- (a) Salford Road, Brogborough,
- (b) Marston Junction, and
- (c) Marsh Leys Junction;

"a road" means the trunk road or a slip road;

"carriageway" means a way constituting or comprised in a road being a way (other than a cycle track) over which the public have a right of way for the passage of vehicles and a surface suitable for the exercise of that right;

"verge" means any part of a road which is not a carriageway;

"lay-by" means an area of carriageway intended for the waiting of vehicles and 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**);

"water authority" means a water or sewerage undertaker within the meaning of the Water Industry Act $1991(\mathbf{c})$;

3. Subject as mentioned in article 4 of this Order, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait on any part of a road or verge, other than a lay-by, except upon the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable, or a traffic officer in uniform.

⁽a) 1984 (c.27); sections 1(1) and 2(1) and (2) were amended by the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c.22), section 168 and Schedule 8, paragraphs 17(2) and 18(2) and (3).

⁽b) Part I of S. I. 2002/3113; as amended by S. I. 2005/1670. There are other amending instruments but none are relevant.

⁽c) 1991 c.56.

- **4.** Nothing in article 3 of this Order shall apply -
 - (a) so as to prevent a vehicle waiting on any part of a road, for so long as may be necessary to enable that vehicle to be used in connection with
 - (i) any building operation or demolition,
 - (ii) the removal of any obstruction to traffic,
 - (iii) the maintenance, including winter service maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of the trunk road, or
 - (iv) the laying, erection, inspection, maintenance, alteration, repair, renewal or removal in or near the trunk road of any sewer, main, pipe, conduit, wire, cable or other apparatus for the supply of gas, water, electricity or of any telecommunications apparatus as defined in Schedule 2 of the Telecommunications Act 1984(a),
 - (b) in relation to a vehicle being used
 - (i) for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes,
 - (ii) by a traffic officer in pursuance of statutory powers or duties,
 - (iii) by the Vehicle Operator Services Agency or Highways Agency contractors for observation purposes,
 - (iv) by Bedfordshire Safety Camera Partnership for the purpose of speed limit enforcement, or
 - (v) in the service of a local authority or of a water authority in pursuance of their respective statutory powers or duties, or
 - (c) in relation to a vehicle waiting when the person in control of it is
 - (i) required by law to stop,
 - (ii) obliged to stop in order to avoid an accident, or
 - (iii) prevented from proceeding by circumstances outside their control.
- **5.** No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait on any part of a road, lay-by or verge for the purpose of selling, or dispensing of, goods from that vehicle.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Woodlands, Manton Lane, Bedford 18th February 2011

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order promotes the free flow of traffic along the A421 Trunk Road.

(a) 1984 c.12.