

2012 No. 259

ROAD TRAFFIC

The A1 Trunk Road (Eighton Lodge Interchange to Coalhouse Interchange) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012

Made - - - - - *26th January 2012*

Coming into force - - - - - *4th February 2012*

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A1 Trunk Road and connecting roads, in the District of Gateshead, is satisfied that traffic on that trunk road and some of those connecting roads should be restricted and prohibited because central reserve crossover construction and lighting 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), makes the following Order: -

1. This Order may be cited as the A1 Trunk Road (Eighton Lodge Interchange to Coalhouse Interchange) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 4th February 2012.

2. In this Order; -

“the A1” means the A1 Trunk Road;

“the first length of northbound carriageway” means the A1 northbound carriageway from a point 2030 metres south of the centreline of the southern underbridge at Coalhouse Interchange to the nose of the northbound exit slip road at Coalhouse Interchange, a distance of 1800 metres;

“the first length of southbound carriageway” means the A1 southbound carriageway from a point 2160 metres north of the centreline of the southern underbridge at Coalhouse Interchange to the nose of the southbound exit slip road at Coalhouse Interchange, a distance of 1800 metres;

“the second length of northbound carriageway” means the A1 northbound carriageway from a point 230 metres south of the centreline of the southern underbridge at Coalhouse Interchange northwards for a distance of 590 metres;

“the second length of southbound carriageway” means the A1 southbound carriageway from a point 360 metres north of the centreline of the southern underbridge at Coalhouse Interchange to a point 360 metres south of the southern centreline of the underbridge at the A167 Eighton Lodge Interchange a distance of approximately 3000 metres;

“the first slip roads” means the A1 northbound exit and southbound exit slip roads at Coalhouse Interchange;

“the second slip roads” means any of the following A1 slip roads:

- (i) the southbound entry slip road at Coalhouse Interchange; and
- (ii) the southbound exit slip road at Eighton Lodge Interchange;

(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 layby” 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 any way (other than a cycle track) comprised in the A1 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;

“the works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 20:00 hours on Sunday 5th February 2012 or any subsequent night thereafter until the said 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 article 6 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour in the first length of northbound carriageway, the second length of northbound carriageway, the first length of southbound carriageway, the second length of southbound carriageway or the first slip roads.

4. Subject as mentioned in article 6 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the second length of southbound carriageway or the second slip roads.

5. Subject as mentioned in article 6 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or wait in the layby situated adjacent to the A1 southbound carriageway approximately 1200 metres north of Coalhouse Interchange.

6. The provisions of articles 3, 4 and 5 shall apply only during such times and to such extent as shall, from time to time, be indicated by traffic signs. Nothing in articles 4 and 5 shall apply to:

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

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

7. No speed limit imposed by this Order applies to vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011(b) when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

26th January 2012

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(a) S.I. 2002/3113. Part I.
(b) S.I. 2011/935.