

**2012 No. 3239**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The A21 Trunk Road (Quarry Hill Interchange – Longfield Roundabout) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

*Made* - - - - *17th December 2012*  
*Coming into force* - - *26th January 2013*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A21 Trunk Road and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted and prohibited on lengths of that road and on one 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 A21 Trunk Road (Quarry Hill Interchange – Longfield Roundabout) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 26th January 2013.

2. In this Order:

“the trunk road” means the A21 Trunk Road near Tonbridge in the County of Kent;

“the first length of trunk road” means the trunk road between points 580 metres north and 1127 metres south of the road known locally as Top Lodge access road;

“the second length of trunk road” means the trunk road between its junction with Top Lodge access road and a point 527 metres south of its junction with Top Lodge access road;

“the third length of trunk road” means both carriageways of the trunk road between London Road (A26) eastern overbridge at Quarry Hill Interchange and the tip of the nosing of the ‘off’ slip road at Vauxhall Lane junction (A2014/A26);

“the fourth length of trunk road” means the trunk road between Vauxhall Lane junction (A2014/A26) and Longfield roundabout;

“the tip of the nosing” means the last point where the southbound exit slip road leaves the southbound carriageway of the trunk road at Vauxhall Lane junction (A2014/A26);

“the slip road” means the road leading from the A2014/A26 to the southbound carriageway of the trunk road at Vauxhall Lane junction;

“works” mean resurfacing work on the trunk road; and

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(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 works period" means a period of 10 hours starting at 2000 hours on Monday 28th January 2013 or on any subsequent day until 25th July 2014.

**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 the fourth length of trunk road or the 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 –

- (a) 10 miles per hour on the second length of trunk road, while traffic signs of a character authorised under section 64 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 indicating “convoy working” on that length of road are displayed;
- (b) 40 miles per hour on the first length of trunk road; or
- (c) 50 miles per hour on the third 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 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

17th December 2012

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.