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ROAD TRAFFIC

**The A1 Trunk Road (Blunham to Wyboston) and the A421
Trunk Road (Renhold/Great Barford Interchange to Black Cat
Roundabout) (Bedfordshire) (Temporary Restriction and
Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2014**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>28th April 2014</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>5th May 2014</i>

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A1 Trunk Road (“the A1”), the A421 Trunk Road (“the A421”) and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on lengths of those roads and on some of those connecting roads in Bedford Borough and Central 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 A1 Trunk Road (Blunham to Wyboston) and the A421 Trunk Road (Renhold/Great Barford Interchange to Black Cat Roundabout) (Bedfordshire) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2014 and shall come into force on 5th May 2014.

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;

“the roundabout” means the A1/A421 Black Cat Roundabout;

“the first lengths of trunk road” mean the -

- (a) northbound carriageway of the A1 from a point 1592 metres south of its junction with the southern side of the roundabout to a point 220 metres north of its junction with the northern side of the roundabout,
- (b) southbound carriageway of the A1 from a point 1342 metres north of its junction with the northern side of the roundabout to a point 250 metres south of its junction with the southern side of the roundabout, and
- (c) eastbound and westbound carriageways of the A421 from a point 190 metres west of their junctions with the western side of the roundabout to their junctions with that roundabout;

(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.

“the second length of trunk road” means the eastbound carriageway of the A421 between points 1662 metres west and 190 metres west of its junction with the western side of the roundabout;

“the third lengths of trunk road” mean the -

- (a) northbound carriageway of the A1 from the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road to Tempsford Road, Blunham to the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road from the Total Service Station at the roundabout,
- (b) southbound carriageway of the A1 from the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road to the A428 Wyboston Interchange to the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road from Tempsford Road, Blunham,
- (c) eastbound carriageway of the A421 from the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road to the A4280 Water End (northern) Roundabout at Renhold/Great Barford Interchange to its junction with the western side of the roundabout, and
- (d) westbound carriageway of the A421 from its junction with the western side of the roundabout to the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road from the A4280 Water End (southern) Roundabout at Renhold/Great Barford Interchange;

“a slip road” means the entry slip road to the –

- (a) northbound carriageway of the A1 from Tempsford Road, Blunham,
- (b) southbound carriageway of the A1 from the A428 Wyboston Interchange,
- (c) southbound carriageway of the A1 from Wyboston Village, and
- (d) eastbound carriageway of the A421 from the A4280 Water End (northern) Roundabout at Renhold/Great Barford Interchange;

“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 and General Directions 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 improvements to the Black Cat Roundabout consisting of carriageway construction, widening, resurfacing and renewal of road markings and drainage, verge, barrier, traffic sign and lighting maintenance;

“a works period” means a period of -

- (a) 10 hours starting at 20.00 hours on Tuesday 6th May 2014, or on any subsequent day other than a Friday, a Saturday or a Sunday,
- (b) 14 hours starting at 22.00 hours on Friday 9th May 2014, or on any subsequent Friday, and
- (c) 15 hours starting at 21.00 hours on Saturday 10th May 2014 or on any subsequent Saturday,

until the works have been completed;

“a weekend period” means a period of 38 hours starting at 22.00 hours on Friday 3rd October 2014 or on any subsequent Friday until the works have been completed;

“the works period” means the period starting at 08.00 hours on Tuesday 6th May 2014 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.

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

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5, 6 and 7 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the first lengths of trunk road or the roundabout, or 50 miles per hour on the second length of trunk road.

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

(a) proceed in the third lengths of trunk road or a slip road, during a works period or a weekend period, or

(b) wait in any lay-by adjacent to the third lengths 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. Nothing in article –

(a) 4 shall apply to any vehicle –

i) being used in connection with the works or for winter maintenance or traffic officer purposes,

ii) being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes,

iii) proceeding at the direction, or with the permission, of a constable, or traffic officer in uniform, or

iv) requiring access to or from properties which are accessible from, and only from, the trunk road, and

(b) 3 shall apply to any vehicle being used for a purpose specified in paragraphs ii) or iii) above.

7. Nothing in article 3 shall apply to a 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

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28th April 2014

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.