

2014 No. 3403

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The A12 Trunk Road (Junction 30 Stratford St Mary to
Junction 33 Copdock Mill Interchange, Ipswich, Suffolk)
(Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order
2014**

Made - - - - 24th November 2014

Coming into force - - 1st December 2014

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A12 Trunk Road (“the A12”) and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that road and on some of those connecting roads in the County of Suffolk, 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), 5(b) and (7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), hereby makes the following Order: -

1. This Order may be cited as the A12 Trunk Road (Junction 30 Stratford St Mary to Junction 33 Copdock Mill Interchange, Ipswich, Suffolk) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2014 and shall come into force on 1st December 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;

“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(b); 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;

“the alternative road” means the B1070 through East Bergholt and Bergholt Road, Brantham, Suffolk;

“Junction 30”, “Junction 31”, “Junction 32A”, “Junction 32B” and “Junction 33” mean, respectively, the A12/B1029 Stratford St Mary Interchange Junction 30, the A12/B1070 Four Sisters Interchange Junction 31, the A12 Capel St Mary (South) 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.
(b) S.I. 2002/3113; Part I.

Junction 32A, the A12 Bentley Longwood Interchange Junction 32B and the A12/A14 (Junction 55) Copdock Mill Interchange Junction 33;

“the first length of trunk road” means the northbound carriageway and the southbound carriageway of the A12 from a point 529 metres south of the centre point of the B1029 bridge Stratford St Mary to their junctions with the southwest side of the roundabout at Junction 33;

“the second length of trunk road” means the northbound carriageway and the southbound carriageway of the A12 from a point 129 metres south of the centre point of the B1029 bridge Stratford St Mary, to their junctions with the southwest side of the roundabout at Junction 33;

“the third length of trunk road” means the A12 -

- (a) northbound carriageway from a point 60 metres north of the centre line of its junction with Billys Lane access road at Stratford St Mary to its junction with the southwest side of the roundabout at Junction 33, and
- (b) southbound carriageway from its junction with the southwest side of the roundabout at Junction 33 to a point 74 metres north of the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 30;

“a slip road” means the A12 -

- (a) northbound exit and entry slip roads at Junction 31,
- (b) northbound and southbound entry slip roads at Junction 32A,
- (c) northbound and southbound exit slip roads at Junction 32A,
- (d) northbound and southbound entry slip roads at Junction 32B,
- (e) southbound entry slip road at Junction 33, and
- (f) southbound dedicated link road leading from the exit slip road of the A14 trunk road at Junction 55 to the southbound carriageway of the A12 at Junction 33;

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

“the northbound carriageway” and “the southbound carriageway” mean, respectively, the northbound carriageway and the southbound carriageway of the A12 between points 478 metres north of the centre line of their junctions with Billys Lane access road, Stratford St Mary and 156 metres south of their junctions with the southwest side of the roundabout at Junction 33;

“works” mean carriageway and footway resurfacing, road markings, sign replacement, structural maintenance, loop installation in the carriageway, safety barrier replacement, street lighting upgrades, routine cyclic maintenance activities, installation of average speed cameras and any other associated works;

“the works period” means a period starting at 00:01 hours on Monday 1st December 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.

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

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 7 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or –

- (a) proceed in the third length of trunk road or a slip road,

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

- (b) wait in any lay-by adjacent to the A12 between Junction 30 and Junction 33, or
- (c) proceed in the second length of trunk road with an overall width exceeding 2.8 metres.

5. Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 7 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to overtake any other moving vehicle or –

- (a) enter or proceed in the northbound carriageway, or the offside lane of the southbound carriageway in any direction other than northwards, or
- (b) enter or proceed in the southbound carriageway, or the offside lane of the northbound carriageway in any direction other than southwards.

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.

7. The provisions of articles 4 and 5 shall not apply to a vehicle –

- (a) being used in connection with the works or for traffic officer or winter maintenance purposes,
- (b) being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes,
- (c) proceeding at the direction, or with the permission, of a constable, or traffic officer in uniform, or
- (d) proceeding to or from properties which are accessible from, and only from, the trunk road;

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

8. During the works period, the provisions of Suffolk County Council (Parishes of East Bergholt and Brantham) (Various Roads) (Prohibition of Heavy Commercial Vehicles over 18 Tonnes with Exemptions and Revocation) Order 2011 are hereby suspended in relation to the alternative road.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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24th November 2014

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.