STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 757

ROAD TRAFFIC

The A1 Trunk Road (Hitchcroft to Denwick) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2015

Made - - - - 22nd January 2015

Coming into force - - 1st February 2015

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A1 Trunk Road and connecting roads, in the County of Northumberland, is satisfied that traffic on that trunk road and some of those connecting roads should be restricted and prohibited because essential bridge maintenance and refurbishment works are proposed to be executed thereon:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14(1)(a) and 7 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the A1 Trunk Road (Hitchcroft to Denwick) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2015 and shall come into force on 1st February 2015.

2. In this Order:

"the A1" means the A1 Trunk Road;

"the first length of carriageway" mean the A1 northbound carriageway from a point 380 metres north of its junction with Hitchcroft to a point 380 metres south of the centre point of the A1068 Alnmouth Road overbridge, a distance of 4835 metres;

"the second length of carriageway" means the A1 southbound carriageway from a point 25 metres north of the nose of the southbound exit slip road at Denwick Interchange to a point 440 metres north of the access road leading to West Cawledge Park, a distance of 5100 metres;

"the third length of carriageway" means the A1 northbound carriageway from a point 1640 metres south of the centre point of Shilbottle Road overbridge northwards for a distance of 2000 metres;

"the fourth length of carriageway" means the A1 southbound carriageway from a point 360 metres north of the centre point of Shilbottle Road overbridge southwards for a distance of 2000 metres;

"the northbound carriageway" means the A1 northbound carriageway from the nose of the northbound exit slip road at the A1068 Alnwick Interchange to the nose of the northbound entry slip road at the B1340 Denwick Interchange, a distance of 3032 metres;

"the southbound carriageway" means the A1 southbound carriageway from the nose of the southbound exit slip road at Denwick Interchange to a point 370 metres north of the access road leading to West Cawledge Park, a distance of 5113 metres;

"the first slip road" means the A1 northbound and southbound entry slip roads at Alnwick Interchange;

"the second slip road" means the A1 northbound and southbound exit slip roads at Alnwick Interchange;

"a bicycle" means any pedal cycle having four wheels or fewer not being a motor vehicle;

"the central reservation" means that part of the A1 which separates its carriageways for the safety and guidance of traffic using that road;

"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 first works period" means the period starting at 00:01 hours on Monday 2nd February 2015 and ending when the said works have been completed;

"the second works period" means a period of 10 hours starting at 20:00 hours on Monday 2nd February 2015 and 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 articles 6 and 12 no person shall, during the first works period, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour in the first length of carriageway or the second length of carriageway.
- **4.** Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 12 no person shall, during the first works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the northbound carriageway, the southbound carriageway or the first slip road.
- **5.** Subject as mentioned in article 6 and 12 no person shall, during the second works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the second slip road.
- **6.** The provisions of articles 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 shall apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.
- **7.** (1) During such times, as pursuant to article 6, movement of traffic is prohibited in one or more lanes of the northbound carriageway but is not prohibited in the southbound carriageway, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to:
 - (a) enter or proceed in the offside lane of the southbound carriageway in any direction other than northwards.
 - (b) overtake a moving vehicle in the southbound carriageway, or
 - (c) make a u-turn in the southbound carriageway.
- (2) During such times, as pursuant to article 6, movement of traffic is prohibited in one or more lanes of the southbound carriageway but is not prohibited in the northbound carriageway; no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to:
 - (a) enter or proceed in the offside lane of the northbound carriageway in any direction other than southwards,
 - (b) overtake a moving vehicle in the northbound carriageway, or
 - (c) make a u-turn in the northbound carriageway.
- (3) When, pursuant to article 6, movement of traffic is prohibited in one or more lanes of a length of one carriageway but is not prohibited in the corresponding length of the other carriageway, the provision of this article with respect to that other carriageway shall apply to that length of that carriageway.
- **8.** Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 12 no person shall, during the first works period, cause or permit a bicycle to enter or proceed in the A1 northbound and southbound carriageways between Hitchcroft Junction and Denwick Interchange, a distance of 7500 metres.
- **9.** Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 12 no person shall, during the first works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed through a gap in the central reservation between Deanmoor Road and West Cawledge Park.
- **10.** Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 12 no person shall, during the first works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or leave the A1:
 - (i) northbound carriageway at West Cawledge Park; or

- (ii) southbound carriageway at Greensfield Moor Junction.
- 11. Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 12 no person shall, during the first works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or wait in a layby situated adjacent to the A1:
 - (i) northbound carriageway 390 metres south of West Cawledge Park;
 - (ii) northbound carriageway 770 metres south of the northbound exit slip road at Alnwick Interchange;
 - (iii) northbound carriageway 750 metres north of the entry slip road at Alnwick Interchange; or
 - (iv) southbound carriageway 1300 metres north of Alnwick South Interchange.
 - 12. Nothing in articles 4, 5 and 7 (1) and 2, save paragraphs (a), 8, 9, 10 and 11 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 winter maintenance or traffic officer purposes; or
 - (c) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable 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;

13. 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(a) when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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22nd January 2015