

2013 No. 3252

ROAD TRAFFIC

The A2 Trunk Road (Bean Interchange – West of Darenth Interchange) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2013

Made - - - - *16th December 2013*

Coming into force - - *11th January 2014*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A2 Trunk Road and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted and prohibited on lengths of that trunk road and on some 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 A2 Trunk Road (Bean Interchange – West of Darenth Interchange) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2013 and shall come into force on 11th January 2014.

2. In this Order:

“the trunk road” means the A2 Trunk Road in the County of Kent;

“a first length of trunk road” means on both carriageways of the trunk road between the B258 overbridge west of Darenth Interchange (A282/M25 Junction 2) and Bean Interchange overbridge (B255);

“a second length of trunk road” means –

- (i) the Londonbound carriageway of the trunk road between the link road leading to the anti-clockwise carriageway of M25 at Junction 2 (A282) at Darenth Interchange and the slip road leading from the roundabout at Darenth Interchange (A282/M25 Junction 2), or
- (ii) the coastbound carriageway of the trunk road between the slip road leading to the roundabout at Darenth Interchange (A282/M25 Junction 2) and the link road leading from the clockwise carriageway of the M25 at Junction 2 at Darenth Interchange (A282);

“a third length of trunk road” means both carriageways of the trunk road between a point 300 metres east of the Littledale Viaduct and the M25 Junction 2;

“the Regulations” means the regulation 16(2) of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(b);

(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. 1982/1163; amended by S.I. 1983/374, 1984/1479, 1992/1364, 1995/158, 1996/3053, 2004/3168, 2004/3258 and 2006/594.

“a hard shoulder” means the hard shoulder, within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations, which is adjacent to the first length of trunk road;

“a slip road” means –

- (i) the road leading from the Londonbound carriageway of the trunk road at Darenth Interchange (A282/M25 Junction 2), or
- (ii) the road leading to the coastbound carriageway of the trunk road at Darenth Interchange (A282/M25 Junction 2);

“a link road” means –

- (i) the road leading from the Londonbound carriageway of the trunk road to the anti-clockwise carriageway of the M25 at Junction 2 (A282) at Darenth Interchange, or
- (ii) the road leading from the clockwise carriageway of the A282 to the coastbound carriageway of the trunk road at Darenth Interchange (M25 Junction 2).

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

“abnormal load” means a vehicle having an overall width exceeding 3.2 metres;

“works” mean bridge maintenance and all associated carriageway work;

“a first works period” means a period of 8 hours starting at 2100 hours on Monday 13 January 2014 or on any subsequent day until 10th July 2015; and

“a second works period” means a period of 24 hours starting at 0001 hours on Monday 13 January 2014 or on any subsequent day until 10th July 2015.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 below, no person shall –

- (a) during a first works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in a second length of trunk road, a slip road or a link road; or
- (b) during a second works period, cause or permit any abnormal load to enter or proceed in a third length of trunk road.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5, 6 and 7 below, no person shall, during a second works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on a first 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, traffic officer or fire and rescue authority 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(b) when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

7. During a works period, the provisions of regulations 5 and (insofar as it relates to a vehicle being driven) 9 of the Regulations are hereby suspended, in respect of a hard shoulder, at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

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

(b) S.I. 2011/935.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

16th December 2013

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