

2011 No. 1555

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The A12 Trunk Road (B1375 Rackhams Corner Roundabout,
Blundeston, Suffolk to Links Road Roundabout, Gorleston,
Norfolk) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic)
Order 2011**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>20th June 2011</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>27th June 2011</i>

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A12 Trunk Road (“the A12”), is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that road in the Counties of Suffolk and Norfolk 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 A12 Trunk Road (B1375 Rackhams Corner Roundabout, Blundeston, Suffolk to Links Road Roundabout, Gorleston, Norfolk) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 27th June 2011.

2. In this Order -

“the trunk road” means the –

- (a) northbound carriageway of the A12 between its junctions with the B1375 Rackhams Corner roundabout, Blundeston and Links Road roundabout, Gorleston, and
- (b) southbound carriageway of the A12 between its junctions with Links Road roundabout, Gorleston and Station Road roundabout, Hopton on Sea;

“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;

“central reservation” means that part of the trunk road which separates the carriageway to be used by traffic moving in one direction, from the carriageway which is to be used by traffic moving in the opposite direction;

(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.

“bus stop area” means an area of carriageway on a side of the trunk road intended for the waiting of buses, which is comprised within and indicated by a road marking complying with diagram 1025.1, 1025.3 or 1025.4 in Schedule 6 to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002;

“works” mean the refreshment of road markings, replacement of road studs and maintenance to a weather station;

“the works period” means the period starting at 00.01 hours on Friday 1st July 2011 and ending when the works have been completed;

“a works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 20.00 hours on Friday 1st July 2011 or on any subsequent day until 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 5 and 6 no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle to overtake any other moving vehicle or be driven at a speed exceeding -

- (a) 10 miles per hour on a length of the trunk road whilst traffic signs of a character authorised under section 64 of the Traffic Road Regulation Act 1984 indicating “convoy working” on those lengths are displayed, or
- (b) 50 miles per hour on a length of the trunk road whilst such traffic signs, as specified at (a) above, in relation to those lengths are not displayed.

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

- (a) through any gap in the central reservation of the trunk road, or
- (b) in the bus stop area adjacent to the northbound carriageway of the A12 situated 420 metres north of its junction with the B1375 Rackhams Corner roundabout, Blundeston, during a works period, or
- (c) in any lay-by adjacent to the 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. The provisions of article 4 shall not apply to a vehicle –

- (a) being used for, or in connection with, the works or traffic officer 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 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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20th June 2011

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.