

**2011 No. 1701**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The A66 Trunk Road (East Mellwaters to Bowes) (Temporary  
Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2011**

*Made* - - - - - *4th July 2011*

*Coming into force* - - - - - *12th July 2011*

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A66 Trunk Road, in the County of Durham, is satisfied that traffic on that trunk road should be restricted and prohibited because carriageway resurfacing 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), makes the following Order: -

**1.** This Order may be cited as the A66 Trunk Road (East Mellwaters to Bowes) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 12th July 2011.

**2.** In this Order; –

“the A66” means the A66 Trunk Road;

“the eastbound carriageway” means the A66 eastbound carriageway from a point 4055 metres west of the centreline of the A67 underbridge at Bowes Interchange eastwards for a distance of 3500 metres;

“the central reservation” means that part of the A66 which separates its carriageways for the safety and guidance of traffic using that road;

“the 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(b); and in this definition “carriageway” means any way (other than a cycle track) comprised in the A66 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 works period” means a period of 10 hours commencing at 20:00 hours on Wednesday 13th July 2011 or 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 article 6 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven in the eastbound carriageway at a speed exceeding:

- (a) 10 miles per hour whilst traffic signs of a character authorised under Section 64 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 indicating “convoy working” on those carriageways are displayed; or
- (b) 50 miles per hour whilst such traffic signs in relation to those carriageways are not displayed.

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(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.

4. Subject as mentioned in article 6, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed through the gap in the central reservation approximately 1185 metres west of the centreline of the A67 underbridge at Bowes Interchange.

5. Subject as mentioned in article 6 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or wait in the laybys situated adjacent to the A66 eastbound carriageway approximately 4295 metres, 1135 metres or 790 metres west of the centreline of the A67 underbridge at Bowes Interchange.

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. Nothing in article 4 and 5 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.

7. 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

4th July 2011

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(a) S.I 2011/935.