

2012 No. 101

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The A14 Trunk Road (Junction 48 Crossways Interchange to
Junction 51 Beacon Hill Interchange, Stowmarket, Suffolk)
(Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

Made - - - - - *9th January 2012*

Coming into force - - - - - *16th January 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A14 Trunk Road (“the A14”) and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on 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) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a) hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the A14 Trunk Road (Junction 48 Crossways Interchange to Junction 51 Beacon Hill Interchange, Stowmarket, Suffolk) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 16th January 2012.

2. In this Order –

“Junction 48”, “Junction 49”, “Junction 50” and “Junction 51” mean, respectively, the A14/A1088 Crossways Interchange Junction 48, the A14/A1308 Tot Hill Interchange Junction 49, the A14/A1120 Cedars Interchange Junction 50, and the A14/A140 Beacon Hill Interchange Junction 51;

“tip of the nosing” means, as indicated by the road 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;

“a first length of trunk road” means the A14 –

- (a) eastbound carriageway between the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road from Junction 48 and a point 2100 metres west of the centre line of Junction 50, and
- (b) westbound carriageway between its junction with the entry slip road from Junction 51 and a point 1000 metres east of the centre line of Junction 49;

“the second length of trunk road” means the A14 from the tips of the nosings of the eastbound exit slip road to, and westbound entry slip road from, Junction 40 to the tips of the nosing’s of the westbound exit slip road to, and eastbound entry slip road from, Junction 50;

“a third length of trunk road” means the A14 –

(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.

- (a) eastbound carriageway between points 1000 metres east of Junction 49 and 2400 metres west of Junction 50, and
- (b) westbound carriageway between points 1900 metres west of Junction 50 and 1300 metres east of Junction 49;

“a slip road” means the A14 –

- (a) eastbound entry slip road from and westbound exit slip road to Junction 49, and
- (b) westbound entry slip road from and eastbound exit slip road to Junction 50;

“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(a); and in this definition "carriageway" means a way constituting or comprised in the 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;

“works” mean the installation of traffic management on the A14, bridge jacking and de-jacking and parapet replacements to Hill House Viaduct;

“the works period” means the period starting at 00.01 hours on Wednesday 18th January 2012 and ending when the works have been completed;

“a works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 20.00 hours on –

- (a) Thursday 19th January 2012, or on any subsequent day (other than a Saturday or Sunday), or
- (b) Wednesday 29th February 2012, or on any subsequent day (other than a Saturday), until the works have been completed;

and a reference to a junction is a reference to the centre line of that junction, 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 7 and 8 no person shall, during the works period, drive any vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on a first length of trunk road.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 7 and 8 no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in –

- (a) the second length of trunk road or a slip road, during a works period, or
- (b) the lay-by adjacent to the A14 -
 - (i) eastbound carriageway situated 650 metres, or
 - (ii) westbound carriageway situated 400 metres, east of the eastern end of Hill House Viaduct, during the works period.

5. Subject as mentioned in articles 7 and 8, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle –

- (a) to overtake any other moving vehicle in, or
- (b) with an overall width exceeding -
 - (i) 3.25 metres to enter or proceed in the nearside lane of, or
 - (ii) 3.0 metres to enter or proceed in the offside lane of,

a third length of trunk road.

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 article 4 shall not apply to a vehicle –

(a) S.I. 2002/3113; Part I.

- (a) being used for or in connection with the works or for winter service maintenance or traffic officer purposes;
- (b) being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes, or
- (c) proceeding at the direction, or with the permission, of a constable, or a traffic officer in uniform;

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.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Woodlands, Manton Lane, Bedford
9th January 2012

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.