

2012 No. 1063

ROAD TRAFFIC

The A14 Trunk Road (West of Junction 47 Woolpit/Elmswell Interchange to Junction 49 Tot Hill Interchange, Suffolk) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012

Made - - - - - *2nd April 2012*
Coming into force - - - - - *9th April 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 one of those connecting roads in the County of Suffolk should be restricted and prohibited because works are proposed to be executed thereon:

AND WHEREAS he is also satisfied that provision should be made for the restriction of traffic on the alternative road:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14(1)(a) and 5(b) and (6) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), and with the consent of Suffolk County Council insofar as the alternative road is concerned, hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the A14 Trunk Road (West of Junction 47 Woolpit/Elmswell Interchange to Junction 49 Tot Hill Interchange, Suffolk) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 9th April 2012.

2. In this Order –

“Junction 47” and “Junction 49” mean, respectively, the A1088 Woolpit/Elmswell Interchange Junction 47 and the A14/A1308 Tot Hill Interchange Junction 49;

“the U5967 overbridge” means the U5967 overbridge at Woolpit, located west of Junction 47, that leads to and from the A1088;

“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;

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

(a) westbound carriageway from the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road to Junction 49 to the centre point of the U5967 overbridge, and

(b) eastbound carriageway from the centre point of the U5967 overbridge to a point 950 metres west of the centre point of Haughley Road underbridge;

(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.

“the second length of trunk road” means the A14 westbound carriageway from the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road to Junction 49 to the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road from Junction 47;

“the alternative road” means Tot Hill (Stowmarket) from its junction with the eastern roundabout at Junction 49 to the centre line of its junction with The Folly;

“the slip road” means the A14 westbound entry slip road at Junction 49;

“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;

“operating weight” shall be calculated as provided in section 38 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;

“works” mean joint sealing and defect repairs to a length of concrete carriageway;

“a works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 20.00 hours on Monday 16th April 2012 or on any subsequent day until the works have been completed;

“the works period” means the period starting at 00.01 hours on Monday 16th April 2012 and ending when 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, overtake any other moving vehicle or drive any vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the first length of trunk road.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 no person shall cause or permit any vehicle –

- (a) to enter or proceed in the second length of trunk road or the slip road during a works period,
- (b) which has an operating weight exceeding 7.5 tonnes to enter or proceed in the alternative road during a works period, or
- (b) to enter or proceed in any lay-by adjacent to the first length of 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 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(b) when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations; and nothing in article 4(b) shall apply to a vehicle requiring access to or from Haughley, Haughley New Street, Wetherden or Elmswell.

(a) S.I. 2002/3113; Part I.
(b) S.I. 2011/935.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Woodlands, Manton Lane, Bedford
2nd April 2012

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