

2012 No. 1708

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The A66 Trunk Road (Bowes Interchange to Cross Lanes Junction)
(Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

Made - - - - 20th June 2012

Coming into force - - - 24th June 2012

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, lining and road stud renewal works are proposed to be executed thereon:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14(1)(a) and (7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), makes the following Order: -

1. This Order may be cited as the A66 Trunk Road (Bowes Interchange to Cross Lanes Junction) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 24th June 2012.

2. In this Order; -

“the A66” means the A66 Trunk Road eastbound and westbound carriageways from a point 625 metres east of the centreline of Cross Lanes Junction (B6277) westwards for a distance of 5250 metres;

“the eastbound carriageway” and “the westbound carriageway” mean, respectively, the eastbound and westbound carriageways of the A66 Trunk Road from a point 140 metres east of the centreline of Cross Lanes Junction to a point 430 metres east of the centreline of its junction with the Street, a distance of 3820 metres;

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

“the works period” means the period starting at 00:01 hours on Monday 25th June 2012 and ending when 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 articles 5 and 11 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour in the A66.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 11 no person shall, during the works period,:

- (i) cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the eastbound carriageway or the westbound carriageway; or
- (ii) enter or proceed in the eastbound carriageway or the westbound carriageway.

(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.

5. The provisions of articles 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 shall apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

6. (1) During such times, as pursuant to article 5, movement of traffic is prohibited in one or more lanes of the westbound carriageway but is not prohibited in the eastbound carriageway, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to:

- (a) enter or proceed in one or more lanes of the eastbound carriageway in any direction other than eastwards;
- (b) overtake a moving vehicle in the eastbound carriageway; or
- (c) make a u-turn in the eastbound carriageway.

(2) When, pursuant to article 5, movement of traffic is prohibited in one or more lanes of a length of one carriageway but is not prohibited in the corresponding length of the other carriageway, the provision of this article with respect to that other carriageway shall apply to that length of that carriageway.

7. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 11 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or wait in a layby situated adjacent to the A66 Trunk Road:

- (i) approximately 1750 metres east of its junction with Moorhouse Lane or 280 metres west of its junction with The Street;
- (ii) eastbound carriageway approximately 530 metres west of Clint Lane overbridge; or
- (iii) westbound carriageway approximately 1100 metres west of Boldron Junction.

8. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 11 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed through a gap in the central reservation from Cross Lane Junction westwards for a distance of 3820 metres.

9. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 11 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or leave the A66 Trunk Road eastbound or westbound carriageways from Cross Lane Junction westwards for a distance of 4380 metres.

10. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 11 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to overtake another moving vehicle in the eastbound carriageway or the westbound carriageway.

11. Nothing in articles 4, 6 (1) save paragraph (a), 7, 8, 9 and 10 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 purposes; or
- (c) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable in uniform;

and nothing in article 3 shall apply to any vehicle being used for a purpose specified in paragraph (a) of this article;

and nothing in article 4 shall apply to any vehicle or person proceeding in the A66 Trunk Road to or from premises and property which is accessible for that vehicle or person from, and only from, that road;

and nothing article 4 shall apply to any person engaged or assisting in the said works, or anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a police officer in uniform.

12. 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

20th June 2012

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