

**2012 No. 2582**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The A31 Trunk Road (Rufus Stone) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

*Made* - - - - *8th October 2012*

*Coming into force* - - *27th October 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A31 Trunk Road and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be prohibited on a length of that road and on one of those connecting roads 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 A31 Trunk Road (Rufus Stone) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 27th October 2012.

2. In this Order:

“the trunk road” means the A31 Trunk Road in the County of Hampshire;

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

“the gap in the central reservation” means the gap in the central reservation of the trunk road from the westbound carriageway to the eastbound carriageway (between marker posts 2/4 and 2/5) at Rufus Stone near Minstead;

“the slip road” means the road leading from the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road to Rufus Stone near Minstead;

“the unnamed road” means the unnamed road at its junction with the westbound carriageway of the trunk road at Rufus Stone near Minstead;

“works” mean drainage, essential carriageway repairs and all associated work on the trunk road; and

“a works period” means a period of 8 hours starting at 2200 hours on Monday 29th October 2012 or on any subsequent day until 26th April 2014.

3. Subject as mentioned in article 4 below, no person shall, during a works period -

(a) cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the gap in the central reservation;

(b) cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the slip road; or

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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.

(c) to turn left from the unnamed road into the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road at Rufus Stone near Minstead.

4. The provisions of article 3 above shall apply only at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs, and shall not apply to -

- (a) a vehicle being used in connection with the said works;
- (b) a vehicle being used for police, ambulance, fire and rescue authority or traffic officer purposes;
- (c) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable or traffic officer in uniform; or
- (d) any vehicle being used for winter maintenance purposes.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

8th October 2012

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