

2012 No. 289

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The A12 and A120 Trunk Roads (Colchester Northern Bypass,
Essex) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order
2012**

Made - - - - *30th January 2012*
Coming into force - - *6th February 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A12 Trunk Road (“the A12”) and the A120 Trunk Road (“the A120”) and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on lengths of those roads and on some of those connecting roads in the County of Essex 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 A12 and A120 Trunk Roads (Colchester Northern Bypass, Essex) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 6th February 2012

2. In this Order –

“Junction 26”, “Junction 27”, “Junction 28” and “Junction 29” mean, respectively, the A12/A1124 Eight Ash Green Interchange Junction 26, the A12/A133 Spring Lane Interchange Junction 27, the A12 Severalls Interchange Junction 28, and the A12/A120/A1232 Crown Interchange Junction 29;

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

“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(b); and in this definition “carriageway” means a way constituting or comprised in a 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;

“a first length of trunk road” means the –

(a) southbound carriageway of the A12 from a point 900 metres south of the centre point of Birchwood Road bridge to the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 29,

(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.

- (b) northbound carriageway of the A12 from centre point of Turkey Cock Lane bridge to the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 26, and
- (c) westbound carriageway of the A120 from the centre point of Fox Street bridge to the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 29;

“a second length of trunk road” means the –

- (a) southbound carriageway of the A12 from a point 1350 metres north of the tip of the nosing, to the tip of the nosing, of the exit slip road at Junction 29, and
- (b) westbound carriageway of the A120 from a point 1350 metres east of the tip of the nosing, to the tip of the nosing, of the exit slip road at Junction 29;

“a third length of trunk road” means the –

- (a) southbound carriageway of the A12 from the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 29 to the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Junction 26,
- (b) northbound carriageway of the A12 from the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 26 to the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Junction 29, and
- (c) westbound carriageway of the A120 from the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 29 west for a distance of 1675 metres;

“a fourth length of trunk road” means the –

- (a) southbound carriageway of the A12 from the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 29 to the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Junction 27, and
- (b) westbound carriageway of the A120 at Junction 29 from the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road to the point where it merges with the southbound carriageway of the A12;

“a slip road” means the –

- (a) A12 southbound entry slip road at Junction 29,
- (b) A120 westbound entry slip road at Junction 29,
- (c) A12 southbound and northbound entry slip roads Junction 28,
- (d) A12 southbound entry slip road at Junction 27, and
- (e) A12 northbound entry slip road at Junction 26;

“works” mean bridge joint replacement at Motts Bridge and carriageway resurfacing and road marking works to the southbound A12 between Junction 29 and the A134 Nayland Road underbridge;

“a first works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 20.00 hours on Monday 13th February 2012 or on any subsequent day until the works to a first length of trunk road and a third length of trunk road have been completed;

“a second works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 20.00 hours on Monday 5th March 2012 or on any subsequent day until the works to a second length of trunk road and a fourth length of trunk road have been completed;

“the first works period” means the period starting at 09.00 hours on Monday 13th February 2012 and ending when the works to a first length of trunk road and a third length of trunk road have been completed;

“the second works period” means the period starting at 00.01 hours on Monday 5th March 2012 and ending when the works to a second length of trunk road and a fourth length of trunk road 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 cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on a first length of trunk road, during a first works period, or a second length of trunk road, during a second works period.

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

- (a) a third length of trunk road or a slip road, during a first works period, or a fourth length of trunk road or a slip road, during a second works period, or
- (b) any lay-by adjacent to a third length of trunk road, during the first works period, or a fourth length of trunk road, during the second 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 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 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
30th January 2012

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.