

**2012 No. 410**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The A21 Trunk Road (Morley’s Interchange – Westerham Road Overbridge) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

*Made* - - - - *13th February 2012*

*Coming into force* - - *1st March 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A21 Trunk Road and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted and prohibited on lengths of that trunk road and on some 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 A21 Trunk Road (Morley’s Interchange – Westerham Road Overbridge) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 1st March 2012.

**2.** In this Order:

“the trunk road” means the A21 Trunk Road (Sevenoaks By-Pass) near Sevenoaks in the County of Kent;

“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);

“recovery vehicle” has the meaning given in paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Vehicle Excise and Regulation Act 1994(c);

“overall width” has the meaning given in regulation 3(2) of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulation 1986(d);

“abnormal load” means a vehicle having an overall width exceeding 9 feet 6 inches;

“an A21 lay-by” means a lay-by in –

- (i) the northbound carriageway of the trunk road between Dibden Lane and Back Lane underbridges (at marker post 29/8) and immediately north of Back Lane underbridge (at marker post 28/3), 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.  
(b) S.I. 2002/3113.  
(c) 1994 c.22.  
(d) S.I. 1986/1078; to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

- (ii) the southbound carriageway of the trunk road immediately north of Back Lane underbridge (at marker post 28/3);

“the length of trunk road” means both carriageways of the trunk road between Morley’s Interchange (A225) and Westerham Road (A25) overbridge near Bessels Green;

“a slip road” means –

- (i) the road leading from the A25 (Westerham Road) to the southbound carriageway of the trunk road near Bessels Green, or
- (ii) the road leading from the A225 to the northbound carriageway of the trunk road at Morley’s Interchange;

“works” mean bridge maintenance work on the trunk road;

“a first works period” means a period of 24 hours starting at 0001 hours on Saturday 3rd March 2012 or on any subsequent day until 31st August 2013;

“a second works period” means a period of 9 hours starting at 2100 hours on Saturday 3rd March 2012 or on any subsequent day until 31st August 2013;

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 7, no person shall, during –

- (a) a first works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in, or wait on, an A21 lay-by; or
- (b) a second works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the length of trunk road or a slip road.

**4.** Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 7, no person shall, during a first works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the length of trunk road.

**5.** The provisions of articles 3, 4 and 6 shall apply only at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

**6.** Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 7, no person shall, during a first works period, cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding 6 feet 6 inches to enter or proceed in –

- (a) the offside lane of the northbound carriageway of the length of trunk road; or
- (b) the offside lane of the southbound carriageway of the length of trunk road.

**7.** (1) Nothing in articles 3 or 6 shall apply to -

- (a) a recovery vehicle or 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.

(2) Nothing in article 4 shall apply to a vehicle being used for police, ambulance or fire and rescue authority purposes and to vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemption (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011<sup>(a)</sup> when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

(3) Nothing in article 6 shall apply to an abnormal load.

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

13th February 2012

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