

2012 No. 498

ROAD TRAFFIC

The A47 Trunk Road (Longwater Interchange to Watton Road Interchange, Norwich, Norfolk) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012

Made - - - - *20th February 2012*

Coming into force - - *27th February 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A47 Trunk Road (“the A47”) and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on that trunk road and on some of those connecting roads in the County of Norfolk 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 A47 Trunk Road (Longwater Interchange to Watton Road Interchange, Norwich, Norfolk) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 27th February 2012.

2. In this Order –

“Longwater Interchange”, “Watton Road Interchange” and “Thickthorn Interchange” mean, respectively, the A47/A1074 Longwater Interchange, the A47/B1108 Watton Road Interchange and the A47/A11/B1172 Thickthorn Interchange;

“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;

“the first length of trunk road” means the A47 –

- (a) eastbound carriageway from its junction with Church Lane/Dereham Road Roundabout, Easton to the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Longwater Interchange, and
- (b) westbound carriageway from the centre line of Intwood Road overbridge to the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Watton Road Interchange;

“the second length of trunk road” means the A47 –

- (a) eastbound carriageway between the tips of nosings of the exit slip road at Longwater Interchange and the entry slip road at Watton Road Interchange, and
- (b) westbound carriageway between the tips of nosings of the exit slip road at Watton Road Interchange and the entry slip road at Longwater Interchange;

“a first slip road” means the A47 –

- (a) eastbound exit slip road at Longwater Interchange,

^(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) westbound exit slip road at Watton Road Interchange, and
 - (c) westbound exit and entry slip roads at Thickthorn Interchange;
- “a second slip road” means the A47 –

- (a) eastbound entry and westbound exit slip roads at Longwater Interchange, and
 - (b) eastbound exit and westbound entry slip roads at Watton Road Interchange;
- “lay-by” means an area of carriageway intended for the waiting of vehicles and 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 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;

“works” mean renewal of road markings and installation of road studs;

“a works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 20.00 hours on Wednesday 29th February 2012 or on any subsequent day until 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, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the first length of trunk road or a first slip road.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter -

- (a) or proceed in the second length of trunk road or a second slip road, or
- (b) any lay-by adjacent to the A47 between Longwater Interchange and Thickthorn Interchange.

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,
- (b) being used for winter service maintenance or traffic officer purposes,
- (c) being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes, or
- (d) 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.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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20th February 2012

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