

**2012 No. 603**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The A421 Trunk Road (Bedford Southern Bypass) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

*Made* - - - - *27th February 2012*  
*Coming into force* - - *5th March 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A421 Trunk Road (“the A421”) and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that road and on some of those connecting roads in the Borough of Bedford 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 A421 Trunk Road (Bedford Southern Bypass) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 5th March 2012.

2. In this Order –

“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 trunk road” means the A421 Bedford Southern Bypass -

- (a) westbound carriageway from the centre line of the A603 Cardington Interchange to the centre point of the eastern overbridge at the A6 Elstow Interchange, and
- (b) eastbound carriageway from the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at the A6 Elstow Interchange to the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at the A603 Cardington Interchange;

“a slip road” mean the A421 Bedford Southern Bypass -

- (a) eastbound entry slip road leading from, and eastbound exit slip road leading to, the A603 Cardington,
- (b) westbound entry slip road leading from the A603 Cardington,
- (c) eastbound exit slip road leading to, and westbound entry slip road leading from, the A600 Harrowden, and
- (d) eastbound exit slip road leading to, and westbound exit slip road leading from, the A6 Elstow;

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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.

“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 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 carriageway patching and resurfacing, replacement of road markings and carriageway sweeping;

“a works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 20.00 hours on Monday 12th March 2012 or on any subsequent day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday), until the works have been completed;

“the works period” means the period starting at 00.06 hours on Monday 12th March 2012 and ending when 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 4 and 5 no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in –

- (a) the trunk road or a slip road, during a works period, or
- (b) any lay-by adjacent to the trunk road, during the works period.

4. The provisions of article 3 shall apply only during such times and to such extent as shall, from time to time, be indicated by traffic signs.

5. The provisions of article 3 shall not apply to a vehicle –

- (a) being used for, or in connection with, the works or for winter service maintenance,
- (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 a traffic officer in uniform.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Woodlands, Manton Lane, Bedford  
27th February 2012

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(a) S.I. 2002/3113; Part I.