

2013 No. 1305

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The A5 and A43 Trunk Roads (Towcester Roundabout,
Northamptonshire) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of
Traffic) Order 2013**

Made - - - - - *29th April 2013*
Coming into force - - - - - *6th May 2013*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A5 Trunk Road (“the A5”) and the A43 Trunk Road (“the A43”), is satisfied that traffic on lengths of those roads, at Towcester in the County of Northamptonshire, 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 A5 and A43 Trunk Roads (Towcester Roundabout, Northamptonshire) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2013 and shall come into force on 6th May 2013.

2. In this Order:

“the first length of trunk road” means the northbound and southbound carriageways of the A5 between a point 2000 metres north of the roundabout junction with the A43 and Towcester Road, to that roundabout;

“the second length of trunk road” means the northbound and southbound carriageways of the A43 between the roundabout junction with the A5123 (M1 Junction 15a) and the roundabout junction with Brackley Road (Abthorpe Roundabout) near Towcester, including the circulatory carriageway of the roundabout junction with the A5 at Towcester;

“layby” means an area of carriageway intended for the waiting of vehicles and bounded partly by a traffic sign of the type shown in diagram 1010 in Schedule 6 to the Traffic Signs Regulations 2002(b) and partly by the outer edge of that

(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 No. 3113.

carriageway on the same side of the road as that on which the sign is placed; and in this definition “carriageway” means any way (other than a cycle track) comprised in a length of the trunk road over which the public have a right of way for the passage of vehicles and which has a suitable surface for the exercise of that right;

“bus stop area” means any area of a carriageway on a side of the trunk road, intended for the waiting of buses, which is comprised within and indicated by a road marking complying with diagram 1025, 1025.1, 1025.3 or 1025.4 in Schedule 6 to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002(a);

“the 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 works period” means the period starting at 20:00 hours on Sunday 12th May 2013 and ending when the said 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 9 and 10, no person shall, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the first length of trunk road.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 9 and 10, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the second length of trunk road.

5. Subject as mentioned in articles 9 and 10, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the layby adjacent to -

- (i) the northbound carriageway of the A43 approximately 1100 metres south of its roundabout junction with the A5123;
- (ii) the northbound carriageway of the A43 approximately 500 metres north of its junction with Towcester Road, Blisworth;
- (iii) the southbound carriageway of the A43 approximately 1100 metres south of its roundabout junction with the A5123; and
- (iv) the southbound carriageway of the A43 approximately 500 metres north of its junction with Towcester Road, Blisworth.

6. Subject as mentioned in articles 9 and 10, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or leave the second length of trunk road at its junction with –

- (a) Towcester Road, Blisworth;
- (b) St Johns Road;
- (c) the farm access road opposite the junction with St Johns Road;
- (d) the unnamed road leading to Showsley Grounds;
- (e) Northampton Road, north of Towcester;
- (f) the unnamed road leading to Tiffield 500 metres north east of its roundabout junction with the A5; and
- (g) Towcester Road, leading to Greens Norton.

7. Subject as mentioned in articles 9 and 10, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in any bus stop area situated adjacent to the second length of trunk road.

8. Subject as mentioned in articles 9 and 10, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed through the gap in the central reservation of the second length of trunk road at its junction with –

(i) St Johns Road; and

(ii) the unnamed road leading to Tiffield 500 metres north east of its roundabout junction with the A5.

9. The provisions of articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 shall apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

10. The provisions of:

(a) article 3 shall not apply to any vehicle being used for special forces purposes;

(b) articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 shall not apply to any vehicle –

(i) being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes; or

(ii) proceeding at the direction of, or with the permission of, a police constable; and

(c) articles 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 shall not apply to any vehicle –

(i) being used in connection with the said works;

(ii) proceeding in the second length of trunk road to or from premises which are accessible for that vehicle from, and only from, that road.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

29th April 2013

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