

2015 No. 156

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The A1 Trunk Road (Biggleswade, Bedfordshire) (Temporary
Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2015**

Made - - - - *12th January 2015*

Coming into force - - *19th January 2015*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A1 Trunk Road (“the A1”), is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that road in Central Bedfordshire 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 A1 Trunk Road (Biggleswade, Bedfordshire) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2015 and shall come into force on 19th January 2015.

2. In this Order –

“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;

“Biggleswade North Roundabout” means the B658/A6001 Shortmead Street Roundabout;

“Biggleswade South Roundabout” means the A1/A6001 London Road Roundabout;

“the first length of trunk road” means the northbound carriageway and southbound carriageway of the A1 from the centre line of its junction with Biggleswade Road, Upper Caldecote to a point 800 metres south of its junction with the south side of Biggleswade South Roundabout;

“the second length of trunk road” means the northbound carriageway and the southbound carriageway of the A1 between its junctions with Biggleswade North Roundabout and Biggleswade South Roundabout;

“works” mean ditch re-grading and drainage works and scalping works within the central reserve;

“the works period” means the period starting at 06:00 hours on Monday 26th January 2015 and ending when the works have been completed;

(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.

“a works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 20.00 hours on Monday 26th January 2015 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 the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour in the first length of trunk road.

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

- (a) proceed in the second length of trunk road, during a works period, or
- (b) wait in any layby adjacent to the first length of trunk road or the second length of trunk road, during the 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 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

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12th January 2015

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.