

2011 No. 2153

ROAD TRAFFIC

The A303 Trunk Road (South Petherton, Somerset) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2011

Made - - - - *31st August 2011*
Coming into force - - *3rd September 2011*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A303 Trunk Road (“the A303”), is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that road near South Petherton in the District of South Somerset in the County of Somerset should be prohibited and restricted 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 A303 Trunk Road (South Petherton, Somerset) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 3rd September 2011.

2. In this Order –

“the first length of the A303” means the A303 eastbound from a point 1000 metres west of the western edge of the South Petherton Roundabout to the western edge of that roundabout;

“the second length of the A303” means the westbound carriageway of the A303 from the tip of the nosing of the westbound exit slip road at the A356 Junction to the eastern edge of the South Petherton Roundabout;

“tip of the nosing” means the last point where an exit slip road leaves the carriageway of a trunk road;

“the works” mean resurfacing works;

“a works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 20.00 hours on Monday 5th September 2011 or on any subsequent day and ending when the said works have been completed;

and a reference to an article followed by a number is a reference to an article in this Order which bears that number.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 4, 5 and 6, no person shall, during a works period:

(a) drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the first length of the A303;

(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) drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 20 miles per hour on the first length of the A303 whilst traffic signs of a character authorised under section 64 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 indicating “convoy working” on that road are displayed;
- (c) drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 10 miles per hour on the first length of the A303 whilst traffic signs of a character authorised under section 64 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 indicating “convoy working” on that road are displayed;
- (d) cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed on the second length of the A303.

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 and shall not apply to:

- (a) a vehicle being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes; or
- (b) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable.

5. The provisions of article 3(d) shall not apply to:

- (a) a vehicle being used in connection with the said works or for traffic officer purposes;
- (b) a vehicle proceeding to or from premises that are accessible from and only from the second length of the A303.

6. No speed limit imposed by this order applies to vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011 when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

31st August 2011

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