

2012 No. 2138

ROAD TRAFFIC

The A3 Trunk Road (Hindhead) (Derestriction and Variable Speed Limit) Order 2012

Made - - - - *13th August 2012*
Coming into force - - *27th August 2012*

The Secretary of State for Transport makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 84(1)(c), (1A) and (2), 82(2) and 83(1) and paragraph 27(1) of Schedule 9 to, the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a):-

1. This Order may be cited as the A3 Trunk Road (Hindhead) (Derestriction and Variable Speed Limit) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 27th August 2012.

2. In this Order—

“the trunk road” means both carriageways of the A3 Trunk Road south and east of Hindhead in the County of Surrey from the centre of the Hazel Grove Junction overbridge to a point 280 metres north of the Hindhead Tunnel north portal, this also includes all of the on and off slips along this stretch of the trunk road;

“the northbound carriageway” means -

(a) the northbound carriageway of the A3 Trunk Road, from a point 490 metres south west of the centre of Hazel Grove Junction overbridge to a point 525 metres north of the Hindhead Tunnel north portal, a total distance of approximately 3500 metres and includes the Hazel Grove Junction northbound on and off slip roads;

“the southbound carriageway” means -

(b) the southbound carriageway of the A3 Trunk Road from a point 1115 metres north of the north portal of the A3 Hindhead Tunnel to a point 485 metres south west of the south portal, a total distance of approximately 3500 metres and includes the Hazel Grove Junction southbound off slip road; and

“traffic sign” means a traffic sign which is of a character authorised under section 64 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for indicating that a maximum speed limit is in force, and which is lawfully in place.

3. The trunk road shall cease to be a restricted road for the purposes of section 81 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

(a) 1984 c.27. Section 84(1) and 84(1A) were substituted by the Road Traffic Act 1991 (c.40), section 45(1) and (2); Section 84(2) was amended by the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c.22), Schedule 8, paragraph 61; sections 82(2), 83(1) were amended by the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c.22), section 168 and Schedule 8, paragraphs 59(3) and 60(2) and section 24. There are other amendments which are not relevant to this Order.

4. (1) No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the northbound carriageway and the southbound carriageway when such a speed is indicated by traffic signs.

(2) Nothing in article 4 (1) above shall apply to a vehicle being used for police, ambulance or fire and rescue authority purposes and to vehicles 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.

5. The A3 Trunk Road (Hindhead) (Derestriction and Variable Speed Limit) Order 2011(b) is hereby revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

13th August 2012

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in the Highways Agency

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

The section of the A3 trunk road in this Order will have a system of street lighting and therefore would automatically be subject to a speed restriction of 30 m.p.h. This Order will remove that 30 m.p.h restriction and impose the national speed limit. Sufficient road signs will be provided to make the speed limit clear to road users.

This Order imposes a 40 miles per hour speed limit on the A3 when an incident occurs in the A3 Hindhead Tunnel, or when there is a contra-flow system operating in one of the carriageways of the A3 Hindhead Tunnel, or when preparations are being made to set up a contra-flow system, or when maintenance is taking place in the A3 Hindhead Tunnel. Information about the nature of the incident would normally be displayed on the variable message signs in the A3 Hindhead Tunnel.

(a) S.I. 2011/935.
(b) S.I. 2011/1534.