

2013 No. 2578

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The A12 Trunk Road (Lowestoft, Suffolk to Hopton, Norfolk)
(Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2013**

Made - - - - - *30th September 2013*

Coming into force - - - - - *7th October 2013*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A12 Trunk Road (“the A12”) and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that road and on some of those connecting roads in the Counties of Norfolk and Suffolk 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 A12 Trunk Road (Lowestoft, Suffolk to Hopton, Norfolk) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2013 and shall come into force on 7th October 2013.

2. In this Order –

“the first length of trunk road” means the northbound carriageway of the A12 at Lowestoft from a point 111 metres north of the centre line of its junction with the B1385 Corton Long Lane, Corton to its junction with the southern side of the B1375 Gorleston Road Roundabout (known locally as Rackhams Corner);

“the second length of trunk road” means the

(a) northbound carriageway of the A12 from its junction with the northern side of the B1375 Gorleston Road Roundabout (known locally as Rackhams Corner), Lowestoft to its junction with the southern side of Lowestoft Road Roundabout (known locally as Station Road), Hopton, and

(b) northbound and southbound carriageways of the A12 Katwijk Way, Lowestoft from its junction with the southern side of St Peters Street Roundabout to its junction with the northern side of Gordon Road Roundabout;

“a slip road” means the exit slip road from and the entry slip road to the northbound carriageway of the A12 at Jay Lane, Hopton;

“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

(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.

cycle track) over which the public have a right of way and which has a surface suitable for the exercise of that right;

“works” mean carriageway resurfacing and replacement of road markings and road studs;

“the works period” means the period starting at 00.01 hours on Monday 14th October 2013 and ending when the works have been completed;

“a works period” means a period of 8 hours starting at 22.00 hours on Monday 14th October 2013 or on any subsequent day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) 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 a works period, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on 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 –
(a) or proceed in the second length of trunk road or a slip road, during a works period,
(b) any lay-by adjacent to 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) a vehicle being used for, or in connection with, the works or for winter maintenance or traffic officer purposes,
(b) a vehicle being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes, or
(c) anything done at the direction, or with the permission, of a constable, or a 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 any 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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30th September 2013

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.