

2014 No. 3475

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The A1 Trunk Road (Washington to Seaton Burn) (Temporary
Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2014**

Made - - - - *24th December 2014*

Coming into force - - *1st January 2015*

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A1 Trunk Road, the A1(M) Motorway and connecting roads, in the Districts of Sunderland, Gateshead, Newcastle and North Tyneside, in the County of Tyne and Wear, is satisfied that traffic on that trunk road and that motorway and some of those connecting roads should be restricted and prohibited because survey 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), makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the A1 Trunk Road (Washington to Seaton Burn) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2014 and shall come into force on 1st January 2015.

2. In this Order:-

“the A1” means the A1 Trunk Road;

“the A1(M)” means the A1(M) Motorway;

“the first length of carriageway” means the A1(M) northbound and southbound carriageways from the centre point of the A195 Western Highway Overbridge at Washington to the centre point of Smithy Lane Overbridge at Eighton Lodge, a distance of 5073 metres;

“the second length of carriageway” means the A1 northbound and southbound carriageways from the centre point of the A694 Underbridge at Derwenthaugh to the centre point of the Old Great North Road Overbridge at Seaton Burn, a distance of 14180 metres;

“a connecting road” means any of the following slip roads or access roads:

- (i) A1 northbound entry slip road at Birtley;
- (ii) A1 southbound entry slip road at Eighton Lodge;
- (iii) A1 southbound exit and entry slip roads at Metro Centre;
- (iv) A1 northbound exit and southbound entry slip roads at Swalwell;
- (v) A1 northbound exit and southbound entry slip roads at Blaydon;
- (vi) A1 southbound exit slip road at Scotswood; or
- (vii) the access road from Birchfield Gardens leading to the A1 northbound exit slip road at Denton Burn;

“a layby” 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”

(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.

means any way (other than a cycle track) comprised in the A1 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;

“the works period” means the period of 10 hours starting at 20:00 hours on Friday 2nd January 2015 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 article 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 carriageway or the second length of carriageway.

4. Subject as mentioned in article 6 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in a slip road.

5. Subject as mentioned in article 6 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or wait in a layby situated adjacent to the:

- (i) A1 northbound or southbound carriageways between Denton Burn and Seaton Burn; or
- (ii) A1 southbound entry slip road at Eighton Lodge.

6. The provisions of articles 3, 4 and 5 shall apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs. Nothing in article 4 and 5 shall apply to:

- (a) a vehicle being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes;
- (b) a vehicle being used for, or in connection with, the said works, or for traffic officer or winter maintenance purposes; or
- (c) anything done at the direction of, 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 the purpose specified in paragraph (a) of this article.

and nothing in articles 4 and 5 shall apply to any vehicle proceeding in the A1 to or from premises and property which is accessible for that vehicle from, and only from, that road.

7. 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^(a) when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

24th December 2014

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(a) S.I 2011/935.