

2014 No. 681

ROAD TRAFFIC

The A1 Trunk Road (Blaydon Interchange to Gosforth Park Interchange) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2014

Made - - - - - *20th February 2014*

Coming into force - - - - - *2nd March 2014*

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A1 Trunk Road and connecting roads, in the District of Newcastle upon Tyne, is satisfied that traffic on that trunk road and some of those connecting roads should be restricted and prohibited because layby improvement and routine maintenance 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 (Blaydon Interchange to Gosforth Park Interchange) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2014 and shall come into force on 2nd March 2014.

2. In this Order;

“the A1” means the A1 Trunk Road;

“the northbound carriageway” means the A1 northbound carriageway from the centreline of the underbridge at the A694 Blaydon Interchange to the centreline of the northern overbridge at Westerhope Interchange, a distance of 4576 metres;

“the southbound carriageway” means the A1 southbound carriageway from the centreline of the northern overbridge at Gosforth Park Interchange to the centreline of the southern overbridge at Denton Burn Interchange, a distance of 4725 metres;

“a first slip road” means any of the following A1 slip roads:

- (i) the southbound entry slip road at Gosforth Park Interchange;
- (ii) the southbound entry slip road at Kenton Bar Interchange;
- (iii) the southbound exit and entry and northbound exit slips roads at Westerhope Interchange;
- (iv) the northbound entry slip road at Blaydon Interchange;
- (v) the northbound entry slip road at Scotswood Interchange; or
- (vi) the northbound exit and entry and southbound exit slip roads at Denton Burn Interchange;

“a second slip road” means any of the following A1 slip roads:

- (i) the southbound exit slip road at Denton Burn Interchange; or
- (ii) the southbound exit slip road at Westerhope Interchange;

(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.

“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(a); and in this definition “carriageway” 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 a period of 10 hours starting at 20:00 hours on Monday 3rd March 2014 or any subsequent night thereafter until 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 northbound carriageway, the southbound carriageway or a first slip road.

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 second 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 A1:

- (i) southbound carriageway approximately 550 metres north of the exit slip road at Denton Burn Interchange; or
- (ii) northbound carriageway approximately 700 metres south of the exit slip road at Westerhope Interchange.

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 articles 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 winter maintenance or traffic officer 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 any vehicle being used for a purpose specified in paragraph (a) of this article.

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(b) when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

20th February 2014

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(a) S.I. 2002/3113. Part I.
(b) S.I. 2011/935.