

**2011 No. 1146**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The A1 Trunk Road (Dunston Interchange) (Width Restriction)  
Order 2011**

*Made* - - - - *18th April 2011*

*Coming into force* - - *2nd May 2011*

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1(1) and 2(1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), makes the following Order in the District of Gateshead:

**1.** This Order may be cited as the A1 Trunk Road (Dunston Interchange) (Width Restriction) Order 2011, and shall come into force 2nd May 2011.

**2.** In this Order:

“the A1” means the A1 Trunk Road;

“the specified length of carriageway” means the A1 northbound carriageway from a point 390 metres south of the centreline of Dunston Road Overbridge northwards for a distance of 640 metres.

“overall width” has the meaning given in regulation 3(2) of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986(b);

“traffic officer” means an individual designated as such by the Secretary of State, or by a person authorised by the Secretary of State, in accordance with section 2 of the Traffic Management Act 2004(c).

**3.** (1) No person is to cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding 6’6” to enter or proceed in the offsidemost lane of the specified length of carriageway as indicated by traffic signs.

(2) Nothing in this article shall have effect so as to require a vehicle with an overall width exceeding 6’6” to change lane during a period when it would not be reasonably practicable for it to do so without involving danger of injury to any person or inconvenience to other traffic.

**4.** The restriction in article 3 shall not apply:

- (a) to any person using the offsidemost lane of the specified length of carriageway in accordance with any —
  - (i) direction given by a constable in uniform;
  - (ii) direction given by a traffic officer in uniform; or
  - (iii) traffic sign(d);
- (b) where it is necessary for a person to use the offsidemost lane of the specified length of carriageway in order to avoid or prevent an accident or due to circumstances beyond his or her control;

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(a) 1984 c.27; Sections 1(1) and 2(1) and (2) were amended by the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c.22), Section 168 and Schedule 8, paragraphs 17(2) and 18(2) and (3).

(b) S.I. 1986/1078, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

(c) 2004 c.18.

(d) See section 64 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (c. 27) for the definition of “traffic sign”.

- (c) to any vehicle being used by—
  - (i) a constable in uniform;
  - (ii) a traffic officer in uniform;
  - (iii) a member of an ambulance service; or
  - (iv) an employee of a fire and rescue authority;where such vehicle is used in the exercise of their duties; or
- (d) where it is necessary for a person to use the offsidemost lane of the specified length of carriageway to carry out in an efficient manner—
  - (i) the maintenance, repair, cleaning, clearance, alteration or improvement of the northbound carriageway of the A1 in the vicinity of the offsidemost lane of the specified length of carriageway;
  - (ii) the removal of any vehicle from the northbound carriageway of the A1 in the vicinity of the offsidemost lane of the specified length of carriageway; or
  - (iii) the erection, laying, placing, maintenance, testing, alteration, repair or removal of any structure, works or apparatus in, on, under or over any part of the northbound carriageway of the A1 in the vicinity of the offsidemost lane of the specified length of carriageway.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

18th April 2011

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