

2011 No. 183

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The A421 Trunk Road (A4280 Renhold Interchange to
A600/Harrowden Interchange, Bedford Southern Bypass,
Bedfordshire) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2011**

Made - - - - - *24 January 2011*
Coming into force - - - - - *31 January 2011*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A421 Trunk Road (“the A421”) and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on a length of that road and on one of those connecting roads in the Borough of Bedford in the County of Bedfordshire should be 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 A421 Trunk Road (A4280 Renhold Interchange to A600/Harrowden Interchange, Bedford Southern Bypass, Bedfordshire) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 31 January 2011.

2. In this Order –

“the trunk road” means the A421 westbound carriageway between the centre points of the A4280 Renhold Interchange and the A603 Cardington Road Interchange;

“the slip road” means the A421 westbound entry slip road leading from the A4280 Renhold Interchange;

“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 2002(b); and in this definition “carriageway” means a way constituting or comprised in a trunk road (other than a cycle track) 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;

“works” mean carriageway patching, lighting repairs and barrier maintenance works;

“a works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 20.00 hours on Monday 7 February 2011 or on any subsequent day until the said works have been completed;

“the works period” means the period starting at 00.01 hours on Monday 7 February 2011 and ending when the said works have been completed;

(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.

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 4 no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in –

- (a) the trunk road or the slip road, during a works period, or
- (b) the oxbow lay-by adjacent to the westbound carriageway of the A421 situated 2,100 metres east of the centre point of the A603 Cardington Road Interchange, during the works period.

4. The provisions of article 3 shall apply only during such times and to such extent as shall, from time to time, be indicated by traffic signs and shall not apply to a vehicle –

- (a) being used for, or in connection with, the said works or for winter service maintenance purposes,
- (b) being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes, or
- (c) proceeding at the direction, or with the permission, of a constable, or a traffic officer in uniform.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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24 January 2011

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