

**2011 No. 2112**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The A66 Trunk Road (Blands Corner Roundabout to Morton Palms Roundabout) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2011**

*Made* - - - - - *25th August 2011*

*Coming into force* - - - - - *4th September 2011*

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A66 Trunk Road, in the District of Darlington, is satisfied that traffic on that trunk road should be restricted and prohibited because carriageway resurfacing 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 A66 Trunk Road (Blands Corner Roundabout to Morton Palms Roundabout) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 4th September 2011.

**2.** In this Order; -

“the A66” means the A66 Trunk Road;

“the first length of trunk road” mean the A66 from its junction with the A66(M) Motorway Blackwell Roundabout to a point 800 metres north of its junction with the A67 Morton Palms Roundabout, a distance of 7110 metres;

“the second length of trunk road” means the A66 from its junction with A167 Bland Corner Roundabout to its junction with Morton Palms Roundabout, a distance of 5150 metres;

“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” means any way (other than a cycle track) comprised in the A66 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 9 hours starting at 21:00 hours on Monday 5th September 2011 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 7 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour in the first length of Trunk Road.

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(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.

**4.** Subject as mentioned in article 7 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the second length of trunk road in any direction other than westwards.

**5.** Subject as mentioned in article 7 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or wait in a layby situated adjacent to the A66 approximately:

- (i) 1150 metres or 400 metres east of Blands Corner Roundabout;
- (ii) 400 metres, 1000 metres or 1275 metres east of Neasham Road Roundabout;
- (iii) 300 metres west of Neasham Road Roundabout; or
- (iv) 400 metres south or 400 metres north of Morton Palms Roundabout.

**6.** Subject as mentioned in article 7 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to overtake another moving vehicle in the first length of trunk road.

**7.** The provisions of articles 3, 4, 5 and 6 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, 5 and 6 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;

and nothing in article 4 shall apply to any vehicle proceeding in the A66 to or from premises and property which is accessible for that vehicle from, and only from, that road.

**8.** 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<sup>(a)</sup> when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

25th August 2011

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.