

2011 No. 3005

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M25 Motorway and the A282 Trunk Road (Dartford –
Thurrock Crossing) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of
Traffic) Order 2011**

Made - - - - *5th December 2011*

Coming into force - - *4th January 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M25 Motorway, the A282 Trunk Road and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted and prohibited on a length of that motorway, on lengths of that trunk road and on some of those connecting roads 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) and (7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M25 Motorway and the A282 Trunk Road (Dartford – Thurrock Crossing) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 4th January 2012 and shall apply for a period of twelve months.

2. In this Order:

“the trunk road” means the A282 Trunk Road (Canterbury Way) in the Counties of Kent and Essex and the Borough of Thurrock;

“the motorway” means the M25 Motorway in the County of Essex and the Borough of Thurrock;

“the first length of clockwise carriageway” means the clockwise carriageway of the trunk road from a point 1000 metres south of the centre of the roundabout at Junction 31 (A1306/A1090), at marker post 187.6, to the Kent Toll Plaza near Junction 1A (A206), at marker post 5.4, including the QEII bridge;

“the anti-clockwise carriageway” means the anti-clockwise carriageway of the trunk road from the Kent Toll Plaza near Junction 1A (A206), at marker post 5.4, to a point 900 metres south of the centre of the roundabout at Junction 31 (A1306/A1090), at marker post 187.5, including the eastern Dartford Tunnel;

“recovery vehicle” has the meaning given in paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994(b);

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

(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) 1994 c.22.

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

“the second length of clockwise carriageway” means the clockwise carriageway of the motorway and the trunk road from a point 2100 metres north of the centre of the roundabout at Junction 30 (A13), at marker post 183.4, to a point 1000 metres south of the centre of the roundabout at Junction 31 (A1306/A1090), at marker post 187.6;

“the Junction 30 slip road” means the road leading to the clockwise carriageway of the trunk road from the A13 at Junction 30;

“the Junction 31 slip road” means the road leading to the clockwise carriageway of the trunk road from the A1306/A1090 at Junction 31;

“works” means routine maintenance and/or urgent repair work on the trunk road;

“a works period” means a period of –

- (i) 9 hours starting at 2030 hours on Wednesday 4th January 2012 or on any subsequent day other than a Friday, Saturday or Sunday,
- (ii) 9 hours starting at 2100 hours on Friday 6th January 2012 or on any subsequent Friday,
- (iii) 9 hours starting at 2000 hours on Saturday 7th January 2012 or on any subsequent Saturday, or
- (iv) 9 hours starting at 2030 hours on Sunday 8th January 2012 or on any subsequent Sunday,

until Thursday 3rd January 2013;

and lanes in a carriageway are numbered consecutively from the left hand or nearside lane (lane 1).

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 below, no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle –

- (a) to enter or proceed in the first length of clockwise carriageway or the Junction 31 slip road;
- (b) to enter or proceed in lane 3 or lane 4 of the anti-clockwise carriageway in any direction other than clockwise; or
- (c) having an overall width exceeding 6 feet 6 inches to enter or proceed in lane 3 of the anti-clockwise carriageway.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 below, no person shall, during a works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the second length of clockwise carriageway or the Junction 30 slip road.

5. The provisions of articles 3 and 4 above shall apply only at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

6. Nothing in article 3(a) or (c) above shall apply to -

- (a) a recovery vehicle or a vehicle being used in connection with the said works;
- (b) a vehicle being used for police, ambulance, fire and rescue authority or traffic officer purposes;
- (c) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable or traffic officer in uniform; or
- (d) any vehicle being used for winter maintenance purposes;

and nothing in article 4 above shall apply to a vehicle being used for police, ambulance or fire and rescue authority purposes and 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.

(a) S.I. 2011/935.

7. During a works period, and during such times and to such extent as shall from to time be indicated by traffic signs, the following statutory provisions are hereby suspended:

- (a) the A282 Trunk Road (Dartford East Tunnel) (Weight Restriction) Order 1996^(a); and
- (b) the A282 Trunk Road (Dartford Tunnels and Approaches) (One Way Traffic and Weight Restriction Order 1994^(b)).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

5th December 2011

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(a) S.I. 1996/301.
(b) S.I. 1994/515.