

2011 No. 80

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The A303 Trunk Road (Countess Roundabout, Near Amesbury,
Wiltshire) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic)
Order 2011**

Made - - - - 11 January 2011

Coming into force - - 15 January 2011

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A303 Trunk Road (“the A303”), is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that road near Amesbury in Wiltshire should be prohibited and restricted 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 A303 Trunk Road (Countess Roundabout, Near Amesbury, Wiltshire) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 15 January 2011.

2. In this Order –

“the first length of the A303” means (i) the A303 from the eastern edge of the A360 Longbarrow Roundabout to a point at the eastern edge of the A344 Junction with the A303; and (ii) the A303 westbound from a point at the centre of the Double Hedges Junction to the tip of the nosing of the westbound exit slip road to the Solstice Park Services;

“the second length of the A303” means (i) the A303 eastbound from a point at the eastern edge of the A344 Junction with the A303 to a point 550 metres west of the centre of the Porton Road Overbridge; and (ii) the A303 westbound from the tip of the nosing of the westbound exit slip road to the Solstice Park Services to a point at the eastern edge of the A344 Junction with the A303;

“the third length of the A303” means the A303 from a point 400 metres east of the centre of the A344 Junction to a point 550 metres west of the centre of the Porton Road Overbridge;

“the fourth length of the A303” means the A303 from the eastern edge of Longbarrow Roundabout to the tip of the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road for the Solstice Park Services;

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

“eastbound carriageway” and “westbound carriageway” mean, respectively, the eastbound carriageway and the westbound carriageway of the third length of the A303;

(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. 1986 / 1078, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order;

"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 trunk road 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;

"tip of the nosing" means the first point where an entry slip road joins the carriageway of a trunk road or the last point where an exit slip road leaves the carriageway of a trunk road;

"the works" mean widening, carriageway resurfacing, drainage, barrier, subway re-strengthening, traffic signals installation and associated works at the A303 Countess Roundabout;

"the works period" means the period starting at 00.01 hours on Monday 17 January 2010 or any subsequent day and ending when 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 articles 4, 5, 6 and 7, no person shall, during the works period:

- (a) drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the first length of the A303;
- (b) drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the second length of the A303;
- (c) cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the westbound carriageway;
- (d) cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the outside lane of the eastbound carriageway in any direction other than westwards;
- (e) cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the eastbound carriageway;
- (f) cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the outside lane of the westbound carriageway in any direction other than eastwards;
- (g) cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width in excess of 3 metres to enter or proceed in the fourth length of the A303;
- (h) cause or permit any vehicle proceeding eastwards or westwards in the A303 to turn left or right into the A345 at Countess Roundabout;
- (i) cause or permit any vehicle to enter the A303 at its junction with the A345 at Countess Roundabout;
- (j) cause or permit any vehicle to enter, proceed or remain in the laybys adjacent to the eastbound and westbound carriageways of the fourth length of the A303;
- (k) cause or permit any vehicle on entering the A303 from Stonehenge Cottages to proceed in any direction other than leftwards.

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.

5. The provisions of articles 3 (a), (b), (c), (e), (g), (h), (i), (j) and (k) shall not apply to:

- (a) a vehicle being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes;
- (b) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable.

6. The provisions of articles 3(c), (e), (g), (h), (i), (j) and (k) shall not apply to a vehicle being used for or in connection with the said works, for traffic officer purposes or for winter maintenance purposes.

(a) S.I. 2002/3113; Part I

7. The provisions of articles 3(c) and (e) shall not apply to a vehicle proceeding to or from premises that are accessible from and only from the A303.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

11 January 2011

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