

2012 No. 1589

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The A1 Trunk Road (Astwick, Central Bedfordshire to
Hinxworth, Hertfordshire) Southbound (Temporary Restriction
and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

Made - - - - *11th June 2012*
Coming into force - - *18th June 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A1 Trunk Road (“the A1”), is satisfied that traffic on a length of that trunk road in the District of Central Bedfordshire and the County of Hertfordshire should be restricted and 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 A1 Trunk Road (Astwick, Central Bedfordshire to Hinxworth, Hertfordshire) Southbound (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 18th June 2012.

2. In this Order –

“the trunk road” means the southbound carriageway of the A1 from a point 1500 metres north of the centre line of Hinxworth Road for a distance of 2000 metres in a southerly direction;

“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 and General Directions 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 watercourse improvements and drainage works;

“a works period” means a period of 6 hours starting at 09.30 hours on Monday 25th June 2012 or on any subsequent day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, until the works have been completed;

“the works period” means the period starting at 09.30 hours on Monday 25th June 2012 and ending when the 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 5 and 6 no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour in the trunk road.

(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 articles 5 and 6 no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to enter the –

- (a) lay-by adjacent to the trunk road situated 200 metres north of the centreline of Hinxworth Road junction, during the works period, or
- (b) trunk road from its junction with Hinxworth Road, during a works period.

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

6. Nothing in article 4 shall apply to any vehicle –

- (a) being used in connection with the works,
- (b) being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes, or
- (c) proceeding at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable,

and nothing in article 3 shall apply to a vehicle being used for a purpose specified in paragraph (b) of this article or to a vehicle 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.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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11th June 2012

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