

**2012 No. 2104**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The A421 Trunk Road (Bedford Southern Bypass, Elstow)  
Westbound (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

*Made* - - - - - *6th August 2012*

*Coming into force* - - - - - *13th August 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A421 Trunk Road (“the A421”), is satisfied that traffic on a length of that road in Bedford Borough 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 (Bedford Southern Bypass, Elstow) Westbound (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 13th August 2012.

2. In this Order –

“tip of the nosing” means, as indicated by the road markings on the carriageway, the first point where an entry slip road joins, or the last point where an exit slip road leaves, the carriageway of the trunk road;

“the trunk road” means the westbound carriageway of the A421 Bedford Southern Bypass between the tips of the nosings of the exit slip road and entry slip road at the A6 Interchange, Elstow;

“works” mean repairs to the parapet of the east bridge (Luton Road) at the A421/A6 Elstow Interchange;

“a works period” means a period of 9 hours starting at 21.00 hours on Monday 20th August 2012 or on any subsequent day until 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 article 4 no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the trunk road.

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 works or for traffic officer purposes,

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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) 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

Woodlands, Manton Lane, Bedford  
6th August 2012

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