

2012 No. 2153

ROAD TRAFFIC

The A1(M) Motorway and the A1 Trunk Road (Junction 64 to Eighton Lodge Interchange) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012

Made - - - - - *16th August 2012*

Coming into force - - - - - *27th August 2012*

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A1(M) Motorway, the A194(M) Motorway, the A195(M) Motorway, the A1 Trunk Road and connecting roads, in the County of Durham and the Districts of Sunderland and Gateshead, is satisfied that traffic on those motorways, that trunk road and some of those connecting roads 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) and (7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a) and regulation 16(2) of the Motorway Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(b), makes the following Order: -

1. This Order may be cited as the A1(M) Motorway and the A1 Trunk Road (Junction 64 to Eighton Lodge Interchange) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 27th August 2012.

2. In this Order; –

“the A1(M)” means the A1(M) Motorway;

“the A1” means the A1 Trunk Road;

“the A194(M)” means the A194(M) Motorway;

“the A195(M)” means the A195(M) Motorway eastbound and westbound carriageways;

“the first length of carriageway” means the A1(M) and the A1 northbound carriageways from a point 650 metres north of the centreline of the northern overbridge at Junction 63 (Blind Lane) to a point 100 metres south of the centreline of Smithy Lane overbridge, a distance of 6560 metres;

“the second length of carriageway” means the A1 and A1(M) southbound carriageways from a point 900 metres north of the centreline of the overbridge at Coalhouse Interchange to a point 100 metres north of the centreline of the Washington Services Footbridge, a distance of 6350 metres;

“the third length of carriageway” means the A194(M) northbound carriageway from the nose of the diverge with the A1(M) northbound carriageway to the nose of the northbound entry slip road at the A182 Havannah Interchange, a distance of 2100 metres;

“the fourth length of carriageway” means the A194(M) southbound carriageway from a point 300 metres south of the centreline of the A1231 overbridge southwards for a distance of 842 metres;

“the northbound carriageway” and “the southbound carriageway” mean, respectively, the A1 and A1(M) northbound and southbound carriageways from a point 450 metres north of the centreline of Washington Services Footbridge to a point 400 metres south of the centreline of Smithy Lane overbridge, a distance of 3750 metres;

(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. 1982/1163, as amended by S.I. 1983/374, 1984/1479, 1992/1364, 1995/158, 1996/3053, 2004/3168, 2004/3258 and 2006/594.

“a bicycle” means any pedal cycle having four wheels or fewer not being a motor vehicle;

“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(a); and in this definition “carriageway” means any way (other than a cycle track) comprised in the A1 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;

“a first slip road” means any of the following slip roads:

- (i) the A1(M) northbound exit and entry and the southbound entry slip roads at Junction 64 (Vigo);
- (ii) the A1 northbound entry and southbound exit slip roads at the A1231 Birtley Interchange; and
- (iii) the A1 northbound and southbound exit and entry slip roads at the A167 Eighton Lodge Interchange;

“a second slip road” means any of the following slip roads:

- (i) the A1(M) northbound entry slip road at Junction 64;
- (ii) the A1 northbound entry and southbound exit slip roads at Birtley Interchange;
- (iii) the A1 northbound exit and southbound entry slip roads at Eighton Lodge Interchange; and
- (iv) the A194(M) northbound exit slip road at Havannah Interchange;

“the first works period” means the period starting at 00:01 hours on Tuesday 28th August 2012 and ending when the said works have been completed;

“the second works period” means a period of:

- (i) 10 hours starting at 20:00 hours on Tuesday 28th August 2012 or any subsequent Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Sunday night thereafter until the said works have been completed;
- (ii) 12 hours starting at 20:00 hours on Friday 31st August 2012 or any subsequent Friday until the said works have been completed; or
- (iii) 13 hours starting at 20:00 hours on Saturday 1st September 2012 or any subsequent Saturday 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 articles 5 and 9 no person shall, during the first works period, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour, 40 miles per hour or 30 miles per hour in the first length of carriageway, the second length of carriageway, the third length of carriageway, the fourth length of carriageway, the A195(M) or a first slip road.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 9 no person shall, during the second works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the northbound carriageway, the southbound carriageway, the third length of carriageway or a second slip road.

5. The provisions of articles 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 shall apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

6. (1) During such times, as pursuant to article 5, movement of traffic is prohibited in one or more lanes of the northbound carriageway but is not prohibited in the southbound carriageway, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to:

- (a) enter or proceed in the offside lane of the southbound carriageway in any direction other than northwards,
- (b) overtake a moving vehicle in the southbound carriageway, or
- (c) make a u-turn in the southbound carriageway.

(2) During such times, as pursuant to article 5, movement of traffic is prohibited in one or more lanes of the southbound carriageway but is not prohibited in the northbound carriageway, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to:

- (a) enter or proceed in the offside lane of the northbound carriageway in any direction other than southwards,
- (b) overtake a moving vehicle in the northbound carriageway, or
- (c) make a u-turn in the northbound carriageway.

(3) When, pursuant to article 5, movement of traffic is prohibited in one or more lanes of a length of one carriageway but is not prohibited in the corresponding length of the other carriageway, the provision of this article with respect to that other carriageway shall apply to that length of that carriageway.

7. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 9 no person shall, during the second works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or wait in the layby situated adjacent to the A1 southbound carriageway approximately 1400 metres south of Lobley Hill Interchange or the southbound entry slip road at Eighton Lodge Interchange.

8. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 9 no person shall, during the second works period cause or permit a bicycle to enter or proceed in the A1 northbound or southbound carriageways from Birtley Interchange to Eighton Lodge Interchange, a distance of 1400 metres.

9. Nothing in articles 4, 6 (1) and (2), save paragraph (a), 7 and 8 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 a vehicle being used for the purpose specified in paragraph (a) of this article.

10. 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(a) when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

16th August 2012

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(a) S.I 2011/935.