

2012 No. 341

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The A21 Trunk Road (Tonbridge By-Pass, Stocks Green)
(Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

Made - - - - - *6th February 2012*

Coming into force - - - - - *25th February 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A21 Trunk Road, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted and prohibited on lengths of that road 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 A21 Trunk Road (Tonbridge By-Pass, Stocks Green) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 25th February 2012.

2. In this Order:

“the trunk road” means the A21 Trunk Road (Tonbridge By-Pass) in the County of Kent;

“the first length of southbound carriageway” means the southbound carriageway of the trunk road between points 520 metres north of the centreline of Philpots Lane overbridge and 50 metres south of the centreline of Barnett Wood footbridge near Stocks Green;

“the second length of southbound carriageway” means the southbound carriageway of the trunk road between points 250 metres south of the midpoint of the Hildenborough Railway underbridge and 50 metres south of the centreline of Barnett Wood footbridge near Stocks Green;

“the third length of southbound carriageway” means the southbound carriageway of the trunk road between points 240 metres south of the midpoint of Leigh Road underbridge and 50 metres south of the centreline of Barnett Wood footbridge near Stocks Green;

“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);

“the A21 lay-by” means the lay-by in the southbound carriageway of the trunk road at Barnett Wood Picnic Area near Stocks Green;

“works” mean road marking and signing work on 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.

"a first works period" means a period of 24 hours starting at 0001 hours on Monday 27th February 2012 or on any subsequent day until 24th August 2013; and

"a second works period" means a period of 11 hours starting at 2000 hours on Monday 27th February 2012 or on any subsequent day until 24th August 2013.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 below, no person shall, during a first works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in, or wait on, the A21 lay-by.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 below, no person shall, during a second works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding –

- (a) 10 miles per hour on the third length of southbound carriageway while traffic signs of a character authorised under section 64 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 indicating "convoy working" on that length carriageway are displayed;
- (b) 50 miles per hour on the first length of southbound carriageway when that speed is indicated by a traffic sign; or
- (c) 40 miles per hour on the second length of southbound carriageway when that speed is indicated by a traffic sign.

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. (1) Nothing in article 3 above shall apply to -

- (a) 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.

(2) 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.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

6th February 2012

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.