

2012 No. 657

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The A66 Trunk Road (Rokeby Grange to Smallways) (Temporary
Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

Made - - - - *1st March 2012*

Coming into force - - *11th March 2012*

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A66 Trunk Road, in the County of Durham, is satisfied that traffic on that trunk road should be restricted and prohibited because signing 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), makes the following Order: -

1. This Order may be cited as the A66 Trunk Road (Rokeby Grange to Smallways) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 11th March 2012.

2. In this Order;

“the A66” means the A66 Trunk Road;

“the eastbound carriageway” mean the A66 eastbound carriageway from a point 1050 metres west of the centreline of its junction with Rokeby Grange eastwards for a distance of 2950 metres;

“the first length of westbound carriageway” means the A66 westbound carriageway from a point 380 metres west of the centreline of its junction with Lanehead Lane (at Smallways) westwards for a distance of 2800 metres;

“the second length of westbound carriageway” means the A66 westbound carriageway from a point 450 metres east of the centreline of its junction with Rokeby Grange westwards for a distance of 1550 metres;

“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(b); and in this definition “carriageway” means any way (other than a cycle track) comprised in the A66 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;

“the works period” means the period starting at 00:01 hours on Monday 12th March 2012 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.

(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.

3. Subject as mentioned in article 5 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour in the eastbound carriageway, the first length of westbound carriageway or the second length of westbound carriageway.

4. Subject as mentioned in article 5 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or wait in the layby situated adjacent to the A66 westbound carriageway approximately 700 metres east of Thorpe Grange.

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. Nothing in article 4 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 any vehicle being used for a purpose specified in paragraph (a) of this article.

6. 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

1st March 2012

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.