

**2013 No. 1067**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The A12 Trunk Road (Bentley Longwood to Stratford St Mary,  
Suffolk) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic)  
Order 2013**

*Made* - - - - - *25th March 2013*

*Coming into force* - - - - - *1st April 2013*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A12 Trunk Road (“the A12”), is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that road in the County of Suffolk 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 A12 Trunk Road (Bentley Longwood to Stratford St Mary, Suffolk) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2013 and shall come into force on 1st April 2013.

2. In this Order –

“Junction 30”, “Junction 31”, “Junction 32a” and “Junction 32b” mean, respectively, the A12/B1029 Stratford St Mary Interchange Junction 30, the A12/B1070 Four Sisters Interchange Junction 31, the A12/C472 Capel St Mary Interchange Junction 32a and the A12/C475 Bentley Longwood Interchange Junction 32b;

“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 first length of trunk road” means the A12 –

- (a) southbound carriageway from a point 165 metres north of the centre line of its junction with Cutlers Lane, East Bergholt to the centre point of the B1029 Dedham Road under-bridge at Junction 30, and
- (b) northbound carriageway from a point 79 metres north of the centre line of Stratford Road over-bridge, Dedham to a point 100 metres north of the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Junction 31;

“the second length of trunk road” means the A12 southbound carriageway from a point 1356 metres north of the tip of the nosing, to the tip of the nosing, of the exit slip road at Junction 32b, and

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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.

“the third length of trunk road” means the A12 southbound carriageway from the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Junction 32a to the centre line of its junction with Hughes Road, East Bergholt;

“the fourth length of trunk road” means the A12 southbound carriageway between the tips of the nosings of the exit slip road at Junction 32b and the entry slip road at Junction 32a;

“the first slip roads” mean the A12 –

- (a) exit slip road from the southbound carriageway at Junction 32b, and
- (b) entry slip road to the southbound carriageway at Junction 32a;

“the second slip roads” mean the A12 –

- (a) exit slip road from the southbound carriageway at Junction 32a, and
- (b) entry slip road to the southbound carriageway at Junction 32b,

“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(a); 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 and which has a surface suitable for the exercise of that right;

“the central reservation” means that part of the trunk road which separates the carriageway to be used by traffic moving in one direction from the carriageway which is to be used by traffic moving in the opposite direction;

“works” mean permanent closure of three gaps in the central reservation, carriageway resurfacing and associated road marking and signing;

“a works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 20.00 hours on Tuesday 2nd April 2013 or on any subsequent day until the works have been completed;

“the works period” means the period starting at 00.01 hours on Tuesday 2nd April 2013 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 6 and 7 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the first length of trunk road.

**4.** Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 7 no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding –

- (a) 50 miles per hour on the second length of trunk road, or
- (b) 10 miles per hour, or 50 miles per hour, on a length of the third length of trunk road or the first slip roads whilst traffic signs of a character authorised under section 64 of the Traffic Road Regulation Act 1984 indicating “convoy working” on that length are displayed.

**5.** Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 7 no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to –

- (a) enter or proceed in the fourth length of trunk road or the second slip roads, during a works period,
- (b) enter any lay-by adjacent to the A12 between Junction 30 and Junction 32a, during the works period, or
- (c) proceed through the gap in the central reservation of the trunk road situated opposite its junction with -
  - (i) Stratford Hills Farm access, Stratford St Mary,

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(a) S.I. 2002/3113; Part I.

- (ii) the B1068 Hughes Corner, Holton St Mary, or
- (iii) Stubbins Lane, Holton St Mary,  
during the works period, and
- (d) enter or leave the A12 –
  - (i) northbound carriageway at its junction with Stubbins Lane, Holton St Mary, during a works period, or
  - (ii) southbound carriageway at its junctions with Old London Road, Capel St Mary, Cutlers Lane and Woodgates Road, East Bergholt and the entry and exit slip roads at the BP Service Station, Capel St Mary, during a works period.

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

**7.** Nothing in article 5 shall apply to –

- (a) a vehicle being used for, or in connection with, the works or for winter maintenance purposes,
- (b) a vehicle being used for police, fire and rescue authority, ambulance or traffic officer purposes, or
- (c) anything done at the direction, or with the permission, of a constable, or a traffic officer in uniform;

and nothing in articles 3 and 4 shall apply to a vehicle being used for a purpose specified in paragraph (b) of this article or to any 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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25th March 2013

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.