

2011 No. 2903

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The A5 Trunk Road (Towcester to Weedon, Northamptonshire)
(Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2011**

Made - - - - - *25th November 2011*

Coming into force - - - - - *2nd December 2011*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A5 Trunk Road (“the A5”), is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that road between Towcester and Weedon in the County of Northamptonshire 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 sections 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), and of all other powers enabling her in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as The A5 Trunk Road (Towcester to Weedon, Northamptonshire) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 2nd December 2011.

2. In this Order –

“the trunk road” means the northbound and southbound carriageways of the A5 between its roundabout junction with the A43 (Towcester Roundabout) and its junction with the A45 (Weedon Crossroads);

“layby” means an area of carriageway intended for the waiting of vehicles and bounded partly by a road marking of the type shown in diagram 1010 in Schedule 6 to the Traffic Signs Regulations 2002(b) and partly by the outer edge of that carriageway on the same side of the road as that on which the marking is placed; and in this definition “carriageway” means any way (other than a cycle track) comprised in a length of the trunk road over which the public have a right of way for the passage of vehicles and which has a suitable surface for the exercise of that right;

(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 1.

"the works period" means the period starting at 20:00 hours on Sunday 4th December 2011 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.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 7 and 8, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the trunk road.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 7 and 8, no person shall, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding –

- (a) 40 miles per hour on the trunk road;
- (b) 30 miles per hour on the trunk road; and
- (c) 10 miles per hour on lengths of the trunk road whilst traffic signs of a character authorised under section 64 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 indicating “convoy working” on those lengths of road are displayed.

5. Subject as mentioned in articles 7 and 8, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the layby situated adjacent to -

- (a) the northbound carriageway of the A5 approximately 2.5 kilometres north of Towcester Roundabout;
- (b) the northbound carriageway of the A5 approximately 4.1 kilometres north of Towcester Roundabout;
- (c) the southbound carriageway of the A5 approximately 1.5 kilometres north of Towcester Roundabout; and
- (d) the southbound carriageway of the A5 approximately 3.5 kilometres north of Towcester Roundabout.

6. Subject as mentioned in articles 7 and 8, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to overtake any other motor vehicle on the trunk road.

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

8. The provisions of:

- (a) articles 3, 4, 5 and 6 shall not apply to any vehicle -
 - (i) being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes, or
 - (ii) proceeding at the direction of, or with the permission of, a police constable;
 - (b) article 4 shall not apply to any vehicle being used for special forces purposes;
 - (c) articles 3 and 5 shall not apply to any vehicle being used in connection with the said works; and
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- (d) article 3 shall not apply to any vehicle proceeding in the trunk road to or from premises which are accessible for that vehicle from, and only from, that road.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

25th November 2011

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