

2012 No. 2347

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The A66 Trunk Road (Bowes to the Cumbrian Border) (Temporary
Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

Made - - - - *6th September 2012*

Coming into force - - *16th September 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 carriageway repair 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), makes the following Order: -

1. This Order may be cited as the A66 Trunk Road (Bowes to the Cumbrian Border) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 16th September 2012.

2. In this Order; -

“the A66” means the A66 Trunk Road;

“the first length of carriageway” means the A66 eastbound carriageway from a point 2100 metres west of the Cumbrian Border eastwards for a distance of 11800 metres;

“the second length of carriageway” means the A66 westbound carriageway from a point 400 metres east of the centreline of the A67 underbridge at Bowes Interchange westwards for a distance of 11100 metres;

“the eastbound carriageway” and “the westbound carriageway” mean, respectively, the A66 eastbound and westbound carriageways from a point 200 metres west of the centreline of Clint Lane overbridge westwards for a distance of 9480 metres;

“the slip road” means the westbound entry slip road at the A67 Bowes Interchange;

“the central reservation” means that part of the A66 which separates its carriageways for the safety and guidance of traffic using that road;

“the 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 17th September 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.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 10 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour or 30 miles per hour in the first length of carriageway, the second length of carriageway or the slip 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. Part I.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 10 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the eastbound carriageway or the westbound carriageway.

5. The provisions of articles 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 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 eastbound carriageway but is not prohibited in the westbound carriageway, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to:

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

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

- (a) enter or proceed in the offside lane of the eastbound carriageway in any direction other than westwards,
- (b) overtake a moving vehicle in the eastbound carriageway, or
- (c) make a u-turn in the eastbound 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 10 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed through a gap in the central reservation between Clint Lane overbridge and the Cumbrian Border, a distance of approximately 9600 metres.

8. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 10 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or wait in a layby situated adjacent to the A66 eastbound carriageway or westbound carriageway between Bowes Interchange and a point 1410 metres west of the Cumbrian Border, a distance of approximately 11600 metres.

9. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 10 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to overtake another moving vehicle in the first length of carriageway or the second length of carriageway.

10. Nothing in articles 4, 6 (1) and (2), save paragraph (a), 7, 8 and 9 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;

and nothing in article 4 shall apply to any vehicle proceeding in the A66 to or from premises and property which is accessible for that vehicle from, and only from, that road.

11. 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

6th September 2012

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