

2014 No. 2518

ROAD TRAFFIC

The A282 Trunk Road (Dartford–Thurrock Crossing) (Weight Restriction and One Way Traffic) Order 2014

Made - - - - *8th September 2014*

Coming into force - - *26th October 2014*

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1(1) and 2(1) and (2) of, and paragraph 27(1) of Schedule 9 to, the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a) makes the following Order.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the A282 Trunk Road (Dartford-Thurrock Crossing) (Weight Restriction and One Way Traffic) Order 2014 and comes into force on 26th October 2014.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“the Length of the Western Northbound Carriageway” means the carriageway of the A282 Trunk Road, including the Dartford West Tunnel and Approaches, from a point 760 metres south of the southern portal of the Dartford West Tunnel in the County of Kent, to a point 330 metres north of the northern portal of the Dartford West Tunnel in the County of Essex, a total distance of 2,550 metres;

“the Length of the Eastern Northbound Carriageway” means the carriageway of the A282 Trunk Road, including the Dartford East Tunnel and Approaches, from a point 760 metres south of the southern portal of the Dartford East Tunnel in the County of Kent, to a point 330 metres north of the northern portal of the Dartford East Tunnel in the County of Essex, a total distance of 2,550 metres;

“the Northbound Carriageway of the A282” means the northbound carriageway of the A282 Trunk Road, including the lengths of road specified in the previous two sub-paragraphs;

“the QE11 Bridge and its approach” means the A282 southbound carriageway including the QE11 Bridge from a point 15 metres north of the centre line of the A1090 London Road, West Thurrock as it passes beneath the A282 Trunk Road in the County of Essex, to a point 320 metres northeast of the north eastern face of Junction1A Littlebrook overbridge, where it crosses the centre line of the A282 Trunk Road, in the County of Kent, a total distance of 2,850 metres;

(a) 1984 c.27. Section 1(1) was amended by the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c.22), section 168(1) and Schedule 8, Part II, paragraph 17(2). Sections 2(1) and (2) were amended by section 168(1) and Schedule 18, Part II, paragraph 18 of that Act. Paragraph 27 of Schedule 9 was amended by the Transport Act 2000 (c.38), section 161 and Schedule 11 paragraphs 6 and 8(1) and (2).

“operating weight” is calculated as provided in section 138 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984; and

“Traffic Officer” means an individual designated as such by, or under an authority given by, the Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales in accordance with section 2 of the Traffic Management Act 2004”(a).

Weight Restriction

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a person must not allow any vehicle having an operating weight exceeding 7.5 tonnes to enter or proceed in the furthestmost right hand lane (in the direction of travel) of the Length of the Western Northbound Carriageway, the Length of the Eastern Northbound Carriageway, or the QE11 Bridge and its approach.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any vehicle—

- (a) being used for police, ambulance or fire brigade purposes;
- (b) being used by a Traffic Officer in the execution of his duties;
- (c) being used for incident support, recovery or maintenance at the direction of, or with the permission of the Crossing Operator; or
- (d) being driven under the direction of or with the permission of a police constable or a Traffic Officer in uniform.

One Way Traffic

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a person must not allow any vehicle to enter or proceed on the Length of the Eastern Northbound Carriageway in any direction other than northwards.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any vehicle—

- (a) travelling south to comply with traffic orders, signs or cones diverting southbound traffic to use the Dartford East Tunnel throughout the duration of a closure of the QE11 Bridge;
- (b) being used for police, ambulance or fire brigade purposes;
- (c) being used by a Traffic Officer in the execution of his duties;
- (d) being used for incident support, recovery or maintenance at the direction of, or with the permission of the Crossing Operator; or
- (e) being driven under the direction of or with the permission of a police constable or a Traffic Officer in uniform.

Revocation

5. The following Orders are hereby revoked—

- (a) The A282 Trunk Road (Dartford West Tunnel and Essex Viaduct) (Weight Restriction) Order 1995(b);
- (b) The A282 Trunk Road (Dartford East Tunnel) (Weight Restriction) Order 1996(c); and
- (c) The A282 Trunk Road (Dartford Tunnels and Approaches) (One Way Traffic and Weight Restriction) Order 1994(d).

(a) 2004 c.18.
(b) S.I. 1995/2417.
(c) S.I. 1996/301.
(d) S.I. 1994/515.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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8th September 2014

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Article 3(1) of this Order prohibits (subject to the exemptions in article 3(2)) a vehicle having an operating weight exceeding 7.5 tonnes from using the furthestmost right hand lane of the stretches of road referred to in that article.

Article 4(1) of this Order limits (subject to the exemption in article 4(2)) the use of the stretch of road defined in that article to vehicles travelling northwards.

Article 5 revokes the previous Orders referred to in paragraphs (a) to (c).

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no significant effect on business, charities, voluntary bodies or the public sector.