

**2012 No. 2127**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The A50 Trunk Road (Meir Tunnel, Staffordshire) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

*Made* - - - - 6th August 2012

*Coming into force* - -13th August 2012

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A50 Trunk Road (“the A50”), is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that road, at Meir in the County of Staffordshire should be 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), and of all other powers enabling her in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the A50 Trunk Road (Meir Tunnel, Staffordshire) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 13th August 2012.

2. In this Order:

“the first length of trunk road” means the westbound carriageway of the A50 between its junction with the exit slip road leading to its roundabout junction with the A520 Weston Road/Sandon Road, and its junction with the entry slip road leading from that roundabout;

“the second length of trunk road” means the eastbound carriageway of the A50 between its junction with the exit slip road leading to its roundabout junction with the A520 Weston Road/Sandon Road, and its junction with the entry slip road leading from that roundabout;

“layby” means an area of carriageway intended for the waiting of vehicles and bounded partly by a traffic sign 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 sign 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

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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

(b) S.I. 2002/3113, Part 1.

of way for the passage of vehicles and which has a suitable surface for the exercise of that right;

“the works period” means the period starting at 20:00 hours on Monday 20th August 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 article 5, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the first length of trunk road or the second length of trunk road.

4. Subject as mentioned in article 5, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the layby adjacent to the westbound carriageway of the A50, situated approximately 140 metres west of its junction with Whittle Road.

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 and shall not apply to any vehicle-

- (i) being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes;
- (ii) proceeding at the direction of, or with the permission of, a police constable; or
- (iii) being used in connection with the said works.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

6th August 2012

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