

2014 No. 2608

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The A421 Trunk Road (Bedford Southern Bypass,
Bedfordshire) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of
Traffic) Order 2014**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>22nd September 2014</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>29th September 2014</i>

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A421 Trunk Road (“the A421”) and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that road and on five of those connecting roads in Bedford Borough 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) hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the A421 Trunk Road (Bedford Southern Bypass, Bedfordshire) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2014 and shall come into force on 29th September 2014.

2. In this Order –

“tip of the nosing” means, as indicated by the 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 trunk road” means the –

- (a) eastbound carriageway of the A421 from the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at the A6 Elstow Interchange to the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at the A603 Cardington Interchange, and
- (b) westbound carriageway of the A421 between the tips of the nosings of the exit slip road from and the entry slip road to the A6 at Elstow Interchange;

“a slip road” means the -

- (a) entry slip road to the westbound carriageway of the A421 from the A600 at Eastcotts Interchange,
- (b) exit slip road from the eastbound carriageway of the A421 to the A600 at Eastcotts Interchange,
- (c) exit slip road from the westbound carriageway of the A421 to the A6 at Elstow Interchange,
- (d) entry slip road from the eastbound carriageway of the A421 to the A6 at Elstow, and

(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.

(e) entry slip road from the eastbound carriageway of the A421 to the A603 at Cardington Interchange;

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

“works” mean road resurfacing, renewal of markings, studs and kerb works at lay-bys, scalping drainage works at slip roads and gully cleaning and landscape maintenance;

“a works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 20:00 hours on Monday 6th October 2014 or on any subsequent day until the works have been completed;

“the works period” means the period starting at 12:00 on Monday 6th October 2014 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 5 and 6 no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the trunk road.

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

(a) proceed in the trunk road or a slip road during a works period, or

(b) during the works period, wait in a lay-by adjacent to the-

(i) westbound carriageway of the A421 located 1000 metres east of the centre point of the Wilstead Road overbridge,

(ii) eastbound carriageway of the A421 located 800 metres east of the centre point of the Wilstead Road overbridge,

(iii) eastbound carriageway of the A421 located 1600 metres west of the centre point of the A4280 Water End overbridge, and

(iv) westbound carriageway of the A421 located 1800 metres west of the centre point of the A4280 Water End overbridge.

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.

6. The provisions of article 4 shall not apply to a vehicle –

(a) being used in connection with the works, winter maintenance or for traffic officer purposes,

(b) being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes, or

(c) proceeding at the direction, or with the permission, of a constable, or traffic officer in uniform;

and nothing in article 3 shall apply to a vehicle being used for a purpose specified in paragraph (b) of this article or to a vehicle falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011(b) 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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22nd September 2014

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(a) S.I. 2002/3113; Part I.
(b) S.I. 2011/935.