

2015 No. 528

ROAD TRAFFIC

The A31 Trunk Road (Verwood Interchange – Bere Regis Roundabout) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2015

Made - - - - *16th February 2015*

Coming into force - - *12th March 2015*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A31 Trunk Road, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted and prohibited on lengths of that road 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 A31 Trunk Road (Verwood Interchange – Bere Regis Roundabout) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2015 and shall come into force on 12th March 2015 and shall apply for a period of twelve months.

2. In this Order:

“the trunk road” means the A31 Trunk Road in the County of Dorset;

“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(b);

“bus stop area” means an area of carriageway on a side of the trunk road, intended for the waiting of buses, which is comprised within and indicated by a road marking complying with diagram 1025.4 in Schedule 6 to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002;

“a length of carriageway” means –

- (i) the westbound carriageway of the trunk road between a point 11 metres west of the centreline of King Stream underbridge at Verwood Interchange (B3081) and its junction with the A35 at Bere Regis roundabout, or
- (ii) the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road between its junction with the A35 at Bere Regis roundabout and a point 10 metres west of the centreline of King stream underbridge at Verwood Interchange (B3081);

“an A31 lay-by/bus stop area” means the lay-bys/bus stop areas adjacent to –

- (i) the westbound carriageway of the trunk road between points 357 metres and 174 metres east of the centre of Woolsbridge roundabout, between points 85 metres

(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.

and 127 metres west of the centre of Woolsbridge roundabout, between points 143 metres and 60 metres east of the centre of Boundary Lane roundabout, between points 32 metres and 232 metres west of the centre of Boundary Lane roundabout, between points 385 metres and 514 metres west of the centre of Boundary Lane roundabout, between points 185 metres and 93 metres east of the centre of Azalea roundabout, between points 204 metres and 165 metres east of the centre of Palmersford roundabout, between points 870 metres and 969 metres west of the centre of Canford Bottom roundabout (B3073), between points 781 metres and 882 metres west of the centre of Merley roundabout (A349 – Gravel Hill) near Oakley, between points 385 metres and 532 metres west of the centre of Candys Lane and between points 40 metres and 98 metres west of the centre of “The Botnay Bay” Public House at Winterborne Zelston, or

- (ii) the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road between points 415 metres and 569 metres of the centre of Bere Regis roundabout (A35), between points 11 metres and 63 metres east of the centre of The Street at Winterborne Zelston, between points 271 metres and 412 metres east of the centre of Blandford Road (B3074), between points 604 metres and 693 metres east of the centre of Lake Gates roundabout (B3078 – Julian’s Road), between points 310 metres and 407 metres east of the centre of Merley roundabout (A349 – Gravel Hill) at Oakley, between points 381 metres and 418 metres east of the centre of Palmersford roundabout, between points 143 metres and 60 metres west of the centre of Azalea roundabout, between points 381 metres and 404 metres east of the centre of Azalea roundabout, between points 530 metres and 633 metres east of the centre of Azalea roundabout, between points 57 metres and 26 metres west of the centre of Boundary Lane roundabout, between points 11 metres and 118 metres east of the centre of Oaks Drive at St Leonards, between points 9 metres and 158 metres east of the centre of Braeside Road at St Leonards and between points 240 metres and 461 metres east of the centre of Woolsbridge roundabout;

“works” mean essential carriageway repairs and all associated work on the trunk road; and

“a works period” means a period of –

- (i) 7 hours starting at 2200 hours on Thursday 12th March 2015 or on any subsequent day other than a Friday, Saturday or Sunday,
- (ii) 7 hours starting at 2300 hours on Friday 13th March 2015 or on any subsequent Friday,
- (iii) 9 hours starting at 2200 hours on Saturday 14th March 2015 or on any subsequent Saturday, or
- (iv) 6 hours starting at 2300 hours on Sunday 15th March 2015 or on any subsequent Sunday,

until 11th March 2016.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 below, no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in, or wait on, an A31 lay-by/bus stop area.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 below, no person shall, during a works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding –

- (a) 10 miles per hour on a length of carriageway while traffic signs of a character authorised under section 64 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 indicating “convoy working” on that length of road are displayed; or
- (b) 40 miles per hour on a length of carriageway while the traffic signs specified in paragraph (a) of this article in relation to that length of road are not displayed.

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

6. (1) Nothing in article 3 above shall apply to -

- (a) a vehicle being used in connection with the said works;
- (b) a vehicle being used for police, ambulance, fire and rescue authority or traffic officer purposes;
- (c) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable or traffic officer in uniform; or
- (d) any vehicle being used for winter maintenance purposes.

(2) Nothing in article 4 above shall apply to a vehicle being used for police, ambulance or fire and rescue authority purposes and 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 for Transport

16th February 2015

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^(a) S.I. 2011/935.