

**2012 No. 255**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The A5 Trunk Road (Towcester, Northamptonshire) (Temporary  
Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

*Made* - - - - *23rd January 2012*  
*Coming into force* - - *30th January 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A5 Trunk Road (“the A5”), is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that road, in Towcester in the County of Northamptonshire, should be restricted and 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 A5 Trunk Road (Towcester, Northamptonshire) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 30th January 2012.

2. In this Order:

“the first length of trunk road” means the northbound carriageway of the A5 from its junction with the unnamed road leading to Pury End at the Heathencote crossroads to a point 150m south of its junction with Jenkinson Road;

“the second length of trunk road” means the northbound and southbound carriageways of the A5 from its junction with the unnamed road leading to Pury End at the Heathencote crossroads to its junction with Northampton Road and Brackley Road, in Towcester;

“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

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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 No. 3113.

length of the trunk road over which the public have a right 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 19:00 hours on Monday 6th February 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 9 and 10, no person shall, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the first length of trunk road.

**4.** Subject as mentioned in articles 9 and 10, no person shall, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 30 miles per hour on the second length of trunk road.

**5.** Subject as mentioned in articles 9 and 10, no person shall, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 10 miles per hour on lengths of the second length of trunk road, whilst traffic signs of a character authorised under section 64 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 indicating “convoy working” on those lengths of road are displayed.

**6.** Subject as mentioned in articles 9 and 10, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the second length of trunk road.

**7.** Subject as mentioned in articles 9 and 10, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the layby adjacent to -

- (i) the northbound carriageway of the A5 approximately 50 metres south of its junction with Richmond Road;
- (ii) the northbound carriageway of the A5 approximately 100 metres south of its junction with Richmond Road;
- (iii) the northbound carriageway of the A5 approximately 180 metres south of its junction with Richmond Road; and
- (iv) the northbound carriageway of the A5 approximately 180 metres south of its junction with Vernon Road.

**8.** Subject as mentioned in articles 9 and 10, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or leave any side road leading to or from the second length trunk road;

**9.** The provisions of articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 shall apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

**10.** The provisions of:

- (a) articles 3, 4, and 5 shall not apply to any vehicle being used for Special Forces purposes;
- (b) articles 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 shall not apply to any vehicle –
  - (i) being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes; or
  - (ii) proceeding at the direction of, or with the permission of, a police constable;

- (c) articles 6 and 7 shall not apply to any vehicle being used in connection with the said works; and
- (d) article 6 shall not apply to any vehicle proceeding in the trunk road to or from premises which are accessible for that vehicle from, and only from, that road.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

23rd January 2012

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