

## 2012 No. 88

### ROAD TRAFFIC

#### The A66 Trunk Road (Morton Palms Roundabout to Elton Interchange) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012

*Made*        -        -        -        -        *6th January 2012*

*Coming into force*    -        -        *15th January 2012*

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A66 Trunk Road and connecting roads, in the Districts of Darlington and Stockton-on-Tees, is satisfied that traffic on that trunk road and some of those connecting roads should be restricted and prohibited because carriageway resurfacing, road marking and road stud renewal works are proposed to be executed thereon:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14(1)(a) and (7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), makes the following Order: -

1. This Order may be cited as the A66 Trunk Road (Morton Palms Roundabout to Elton Interchange) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 15th January 2012.

2. In this Order; –

“the A66” means the A66 Trunk Road;

“the first length of carriageway” means the A66 eastbound carriageway from its junction with the A1150 Little Burdon Roundabout eastwards for a distance of 7198 metres;

“the second length of carriageway” means the A66 westbound carriageway from a point 1900 metres east of the centreline of the overbridge at Elton Interchange westwards for a distance of 10107 metres;

“the third length of carriageway” means the A66 from its junction with Little Burdon Roundabout southwards for a distance of 710 metres;

“the eastbound carriageway” and “the westbound carriageway” mean, respectively, the A66 eastbound and westbound carriageways from its junction with Little Burdon Roundabout to a point 40 metres west of its junction with Sandy Leas Lane, a distance of 6750 metres;

“a slip road” means any of the following A66 slip roads:

- (i) the westbound exit and entry slip roads at Sadberge Interchange; and
- (ii) the eastbound and westbound exit and entry slip roads at Long Newton Interchange;

“the layby” 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); and in this definition “carriageway” means any way (other than a cycle track) comprised in the A66 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;

“a bicycle” means any pedal cycle having four wheels or fewer not being a motor vehicle;

“the first works period” means the period starting at 00:01 hours on Monday 16th January 2012 and ending when the said works have been completed;

“the second works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 20:00 hours on Monday 16th January 2012 or any subsequent night thereafter until the said works have been completed;

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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 I.

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 10 no person shall, during the first works period, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding:

- (i) 30 miles per hour in the first length of carriageway, the second length of carriageway or the third length of carriageway; or
- (ii) 50 miles per hour in the first length of carriageway or the second length of carriageway.

**4.** Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 10 no person shall, during the second works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the eastbound carriageway, westbound carriageway or a slip road.

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

**6.** (1) During such times, as pursuant to article 5, movement of traffic is prohibited in one or more lanes of the eastbound carriageway but is not prohibited in the westbound carriageway, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to:

- (a) enter or proceed in the offside lane of the westbound carriageway in any direction other than eastwards,
- (b) overtake a moving vehicle in the westbound carriageway, or
- (c) make a u-turn in the westbound carriageway.

(2) During such times, as pursuant to article 5, movement of traffic is prohibited in one or more lanes of the westbound carriageway but is not prohibited in the eastbound carriageway, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to:

- (a) enter or proceed in the offside lane of the eastbound carriageway in any direction other than westwards,
- (b) overtake a moving vehicle in the eastbound carriageway, or
- (c) make a u-turn in the eastbound carriageway.

(3) When, pursuant to article 5, movement of traffic is prohibited in one or more lanes of a length of one carriageway but is not prohibited in the corresponding length of the other carriageway, the provision of this article with respect to that other carriageway shall apply to that length of that carriageway.

**7.** Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 10 no person shall, during the first works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or wait in a layby situated adjacent to the A66 eastbound or westbound carriageways between Little Burdon Roundabout and Long Newton Interchange.

**8.** Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 10 no person shall, during the second works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or leave the A66 at its junctions with Stockton Road, Darlington Road, Back Lane or Sandy Leas Lane.

**9.** Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 10 no person shall, during the first works period, cause or permit a bicycle to enter or proceed in the A66 eastbound or westbound carriageways from its junction with Little Burdon Roundabout to a point 230 metres east of the centreline of Elton Interchange overbridge, a distance of 9200 metres.

**10.** Nothing in article 4, 6 (1) and (2), save paragraph (a), 7, 8 and 9 shall apply to:

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

and nothing in article 3 shall apply to any vehicle being used for a purpose specified in paragraph (a) of this article;

and nothing in article 4 shall apply to any vehicle proceeding in the A66 to or from premises and property which is accessible for that vehicle from, and only from, that road.

**11.** No speed limit imposed by this Order applies to vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011<sup>(a)</sup> when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

6th January 2012

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<sup>(a)</sup> S.I. 2011/935.