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2009 No. 3429

ROAD TRAFFIC

The A421 Trunk Road (M1 Junction 13 to Bedford) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2009

Made - - - -	*29 December 2009*
Coming into force -	*4 January 2010*

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 a length of that road and on some of those connecting roads in the Districts of Central Bedfordshire and Bedford Borough in the County of Bedfordshire 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, and paragraph 27(1) of Schedule 9 to, the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (**a**), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the A421 Trunk Road (M1 Junction 13 to Bedford) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2009 and shall come into force on 4 January 2010.

2. In this Order –

"the works" mean works associated with construction of the A421 M1 Junction 13 to Bedford Improvements Scheme and reconstruction of the existing A421;

"the longabout" means the circulatory carriageway of the A421 longabout at Marsh Leys junction;

"the first length of trunk road" means the western side of the longabout from the dedicated left turn lane leading from the eastbound carriageway of the A421 to its junction with the eastbound carriageway of the Bedford Western Bypass;

"the second length of trunk road" means the eastern side of the longabout from its junction with Woburn Road, Kempston to its junction with the A421 eastbound carriageway;

"the third length of trunk road" means the A421 from the centre point of its roundabout junction with the M1 at Junction 13 to a point 2 kilometres east of its junction with the A6;

"the slip roads" means any of the slip roads leading to or from the A421 at its junction with the A6 ;

"overall width" has the meaning given in Regulation 3(2) of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 (**b**);

(**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 1986/1078, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

"the works period" means the period starting at 00.01 hours on 4 January 2010 and ending when the said works have been completed;

"a works period" means a period of –

(a) 6½ hours starting at 22.30 hours on Monday 1 February 2010 or on any subsequent day (other than a Friday, Saturday or Sunday),

(b) 8½ hours starting at 22.30 hours on Friday 5 February 2010 or on any subsequent Friday, or

(c) 10½ hours starting at 22.30 hours on Saturday 6 February 2010 or on any subsequent Saturday,

until 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 8 and 9 no person shall during a works period cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the first or second lengths of trunk road.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 8 and 9 no person shall, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding –

(a) 10 miles per hour on a length of the third length of trunk road or the slip roads whilst traffic signs of a character authorised under section 64 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 indicating "convoy working" on that length are displayed, or

(b) 40 miles per hour on a length of the third length of trunk road or the slip roads whilst such traffic signs, as specified at (a) above, in relation to that length are not displayed.

5. Subject as mentioned in articles 8 and 9 no person shall during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the third length of trunk road or the slip roads.

6. Subject as mentioned in articles 8 and 9 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding 3.0 metres to enter or proceed on the third length of trunk road or the slip roads unless escorted by an authorised vehicle.

7. Subject as mentioned in articles 8 and 9 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to –

(a) turn right into or out of the trunk road at its junction with the B530, or

(b) turn right into or out of the trunk road at its junction with Bedford Road (C280), Marston Moretaine.

8. The provisions of articles 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 shall apply only during such times or to such extent as shall, from time to time, be indicated by traffic signs and shall not apply to -

(a) a vehicle being used in connection with the said works or traffic officer purposes,

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

(c) a vehicle being used for winter maintenance purposes, or

(d) proceeding at the direction, or with the permission of a police officer or traffic officer in uniform.

9. The provisions of article 5 shall not apply to a vehicle requiring access to or from properties which are accessible from, and only from the trunk road.

10. The A421 Trunk Road (M1 Junction 13 to Elstow, Bedfordshire) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2009 (**a**) and The A421 Trunk Road (Marston Moretaine, Bedfordshire) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic and Pedestrians) Order 2009 (**b**) are hereby revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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(a) S.I. 2009/285.

(b) S.I. 2009/1158.