2012 No. 142

ROAD TRAFFIC

The A21 Trunk Road and the M25 Motorway (M25 Junction 5 – Morley's Interchange) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012

Made - - - -	*16th January 2012*
Coming into force - -	*4th February 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A21 Trunk Road, the M25 Motorway and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted and prohibited on lengths of that trunk road, restricted on a length of that motorway and prohibited on one of those connecting roads 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 A21 Trunk Road and the M25 Motorway (M25 Junction 5 – Morley's Interchange) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 4th February 2012.

2. In this Order:

"the A21" and "the M25" mean, respectively, the A21 Trunk Road and the M25 Motorway near Sevenoaks in the County of Kent;

"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**);

"the first length of carriageway" means the southbound carriageway of the M25/A21 between points 1500 metres north of Westerham Road overbridge (A25) near Bessels Green and the slip road leading to the westbound A25 at that junction;

"the second length of carriageway" means the southbound carriageway of the A21 between points 500 metres south of Westerham Road overbridge (A25) near Bessels Green and the southbound "off" slip road at Morley's Interchange (A225/B245);

"the slip road" means the road leading to the southbound carriageway of the A21 from the westbound A25 near Bessels Green;

"the A21 lay-by" means the lay-by in the southbound carriageway of the A21 800 metres north of Morley's Interchange (A225/B245);

(**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.

"works" mean carriageway repair work on the A21; and

"a works period" means a period of 10½ hours starting at 1930 hours on Monday 6th February 2012 or on any subsequent day until 3rd August 2013.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 below, no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle –

(a) to enter or proceed in, or wait on, the A21 lay-by; or

(b) to enter or proceed in the second length of carriageway or the slip road.

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 50 miles per hour on the first length of carriageway.

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, traffic officer or fire and rescue authority 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

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16th January 2012

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