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ROAD TRAFFIC

The A1 Trunk Road (Sandy to Wyboston), the A421 Trunk Road (Renhold Interchange to A1 Black Cat Roundabout) (Bedfordshire) and the A428 Trunk Road (Wyboston, Bedfordshire to Hardwick, Cambridgeshire) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic and Pedestrians) Order 2024

Made - - - -

26th February 2024

Coming into force - -

4th March 2024

National Highways Limited(a), as the traffic authority for the A1 Trunk Road ("the A1"), the A421 Trunk Road ("the A421") and the A428 Trunk Road ("the A428"), and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on lengths of those trunk roads and on some of those connecting roads in the Counties of Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire should be restricted and prohibited because works are proposed to be executed thereon and nearby:

National Highways Limited, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14(1)(a) and 15(2) of, and paragraph 27(1) of Schedule 9 to, the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(b) makes the following Order: -

1. This Order may be cited as The A1 Trunk Road (Sandy to Wyboston), the A421 Trunk Road (Renhold Interchange to A1 Black Cat Roundabout) (Bedfordshire) and the A428 Trunk Road (Wyboston, Bedfordshire to Hardwick, Cambridgeshire) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic and Pedestrians) Order 2024 and shall come into force on 4th March 2024.

2. In this Order -

"tip of the nosing" means, as indicated by the markings on the carriageway, the first point where an entry slip road joins, or the last point where an exit slip road leaves, the carriageway of the trunk road;

"a first length of trunk road" means the -

- (a) A421 eastbound carriageway from a point 1140 metres west of the centre point of Woodend Lane overbridge, Roxton to its junction with the western side of the A1 Black Cat Roundabout,

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(b) 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) A1 northbound carriageway from the centre point of Tempsford junction overbridge to its junction with the southern side of the A1 Black Cat Roundabout,
- (c) A1 southbound carriageway from the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Wyboston junction to its junction with the northern side of the A1 Black Cat Roundabout,
- (d) A428 eastbound carriageway from the centre line of its junction with the B1040 at Eltisley, to the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Cambourne Interchange,
- (e) A428 westbound carriageway from the centre point of Bourn (Broadway) overbridge to the centre line of its junction with the B1040 at Eltisley, and
- (f) circulatory carriageway of the A428 Caxton Gibbet Roundabout;

“a second length of trunk road” means the –

- (a) A1 southbound carriageway from its junction with the southern side of the A1 Black Cat Roundabout to the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road leading to Barford Road, Tempsford,
- (b) A1 northbound carriageway from its junction with the northern side of the A1 Black Cat Roundabout to the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Wyboston junction, and
- (c) circulatory carriageway of the A1 Black Cat Roundabout;

“a third length of trunk road” means the –

- (a) A421 eastbound carriageway from the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Renhold Interchange to its junction with the western side of the A1 Black Cat Roundabout,
- (b) A421 westbound carriageway from its junction with the western side of the A1 Black Cat Roundabout to the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Renhold Interchange,
- (c) A1 northbound carriageway from its junction with the northern side of Sandy Roundabout, Sandy, to the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Wyboston junction,
- (d) A1 southbound carriageway from the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Wyboston junction to its junction with the northern side of Sandy Roundabout, Sandy,
- (e) A428 eastbound carriageway from its junction with the eastern side of Barford Road Roundabout, St Neots, to the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Cambourne Interchange, and
- (f) A428 westbound carriageway from the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Hardwick Interchange to its junction with the eastern side of Barford Road Roundabout, St Neots;

“a fourth length of trunk road” means the A421 westbound carriageway from its junction with the western side of the A1 Black Cat Roundabout to the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Renhold Interchange;

“a slip road” means the –

- (a) A421 eastbound and westbound exit and entry slip roads at Renhold Interchange,
- (b) A1 northbound and southbound exit and entry slip roads at Wyboston junction,
- (c) A428 eastbound and westbound entry and exit slip roads at Cambourne Interchange, and
- (d) A428 eastbound and westbound exit and entry slip roads at Hardwick Interchange;

“overall width” has the meaning given in regulation 3(2) of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986(a);

“footway” means a way comprised in a highway which also comprises a carriageway, being a way over which the public have a right of way on foot only;

“contraflow” means a part of a carriageway of a road where traffic is authorised to proceed in the opposite direction to the usual direction of traffic on that part;

(a) S.I. 1986/1078.

“outside lane” means the right hand or off side lane of a carriageway with 2 or more lanes;

“the northbound carriageway” means the northbound carriageway of the A1 from its junction with the northern side of the A1 Black Cat Roundabout to the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Wyboston junction;

“the southbound carriageway” means the southbound carriageway of the A1 from the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Wyboston junction to its junction with the northern side of the A1 Black Cat Roundabout;

“the eastbound carriageway” means the eastbound carriageway of the A428 from its junction with the eastern side of Caxton Gibbet Roundabout to the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Cambourne Interchange;

“the westbound carriageway” means the westbound carriageway of the A428 from the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Cambourne Interchange to its junction with the eastern side of Caxton Gibbet Roundabout;

“the footway” means – the footway adjacent to the A1 northbound carriageway from a point 10 metres south of its junction with School Lane, Roxton to a point 461 metres north of its junction with Chawston Lane, Chawston;

“central reservation” means that part of the trunk road that separates the carriageway to be used by traffic moving in one direction from the carriageway which is to be used by traffic moving in the opposite direction;

“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 part 4 of Schedule 11 to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016(a); and in this definition “carriageway” means a way constituting or comprised in a trunk road (other than a cycle track) 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;

“works” mean –

(a) major construction of a new three-tier junction on the A421 at the A1 Black Cat Roundabout, the construction of new dual carriageway between the A1 Black Cat Roundabout and A428 Caxton Gibbet Roundabout, new bridges and dumbbell junctions, upgrade of existing A428 to dual carriageway, installation and removal of systems of traffic management, carriageway resurfacing, renewal of road markings and road studs, gully cleansing, lighting and electrical installation works, site clearance, bridge works, surveys, road sweeping, installation of road signs, drainage repair, safety barrier and traffic sign maintenance and renewal, and

(b) general routine maintenance to include, but not limited to, carriageway repairs, bridge repairs, drainage and geotechnical works and surveys, technology works, maintenance of lighting columns and road signs, verge maintenance and litter picking;

“a works period” means a period of 9 hours starting at 21.00 hours on Monday 4th March 2024 and on any subsequent day until the works have been completed;

“the works period” means the period starting at 00.01 hours on Monday 4th March 2024 and ending when the 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 7 and 8 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle overtake another moving vehicle or to be driven at a speed exceeding –

(a) 40 miles per hour, 50 miles per hour or 60 miles per hour on a first length of trunk road, a fourth length of trunk road, or a slip road,

(b) 40 miles per hour or 50 miles per hour on a second length of trunk road,

(a) S.I. 2016/362.

- (c) 10 miles per hour on a first length of trunk road, a second length of trunk road, a fourth length of trunk road, or a slip road, whilst traffic signs of a character authorised under section 64 of the Traffic Road Regulation Act 1984 indicating "convoy working" on that length are displayed, or
- (d) 40 miles per hour on a first length of trunk road, a second length of trunk road, a fourth length of trunk road, or a slip road, whilst such traffic signs, as specified at (c) above, in relation to that length are not displayed;
4. Subject as mentioned in articles 7 and 8 no person shall cause or permit any -
- (a) vehicle to enter or proceed in a third length of trunk road or a slip road, during a works period,
 - (b) wait in any lay-by adjacent to a third length of trunk road, during the works period, or
 - (c) pedestrian to enter or proceed in the footway, during the works period.
5. Subject as mentioned in article 7, during the works period, a contraflow will be in operation and no person shall, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the -
- (a) outside lane of the northbound carriageway in any direction other than southwards,
 - (b) outside lane of the southbound carriageway in any direction other than northwards,
 - (c) outside lane of the westbound carriageway in any direction other than eastwards, or
 - (d) outside lane of the eastbound carriageway in any direction other than westwards.
6. Subject as mentioned in articles 7 and 8 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding -
- (a) 2.0 metres to enter or proceed in a first length of trunk road, a second length of trunk road or a slip road, or
 - (b) 3.2 metres to enter or proceed in a fourth length of trunk road.
7. Articles 3, 4, 5 and 6 apply only during such times and to such extent as is indicated by traffic signs.
8. The provisions of articles 4, 5 and 6 shall not apply to—
- (a) a vehicle being used in connection with the works, winter maintenance or traffic officer purposes,
 - (b) a vehicle being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes,
 - (c) any constable or pedestrian -
 - i. engaged with the works, or
 - ii. engaged in the ambulance, fire and rescue authority or traffic officer service,
 - (d) anything done at the direction, or with the permission, of a constable, or traffic officer in uniform,
 - (e) a vehicle requiring access to premises that are accessible from, and only from the trunk road, and
 - (f) any pedestrian being escorted past the works or requiring access to or from premises that are accessible from, and only from, the footway,

and nothing in article 3 applies to a vehicle being used for a purpose specified in paragraph (b) of this article or to any vehicle 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.

(a) S.I. 2011/935.

9. National Highways Limited is satisfied that the execution of the works will take longer than a period of eighteen months starting on the date when this Order comes into force.

10. The A1 Trunk Road (Sandy to Wyboston), the A421 Trunk Road (Renhold Interchange to A1 Black Cat Roundabout) (Bedfordshire) and the A428 Trunk Road (Wyboston, Bedfordshire to Hardwick, Cambridgeshire) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic and Pedestrians) Order 2023(a) is hereby revoked.

Executed by National Highways Limited Acting by C Davies



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C Davies
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