S T A T U T O R Y I N S T R U M E N T S

2009 No. 2791

ROAD TRAFFIC

The A66 Trunk Road (Bowes Bypass) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2009

Made - - - -	*12 October 2009*
Coming into force - -	*18 October 2009*

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A66 Trunk Road and connecting roads, in the County of Durham, is satisfied that traffic on that trunk road and some of those connecting roads should be restricted and prohibited because carriageway resurfacing and construction 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 (Bowes Bypass) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2009 and shall come into force on 18 October 2009.

2. In this Order; –

"the A66" means the A66 Trunk Road;

"the first length of carriageway" means the eastbound and westbound carriageways of the A66 between a point 3875 metres west of the centreline of Clint Bridge (at Bowes) and a point 1560 metres east of the centreline of its junction with the B6277 Cross Lane, a distance of approximately 11600 metres;

"the first length of eastbound carriageway" and "the first length of westbound carriageway" mean, respectively, the A66 eastbound and westbound carriageways between a point 560 metres west of the centreline of Clint Bridge and a point 1195 metres west of the centreline of its junction with The Street (at Bowes), a distance of approximately 1015 metres;

"the second length of eastbound carriageway" and "the second length of westbound carriageway" mean, respectively, the A66 eastbound and westbound carriageways between a point 390 metres east of the centreline of its junction with The Street and a point 125 metres west of the centreline of its junction with the B6277, a distance of approximately 3850 metres;

"a slip road" means the A66:

(i) eastbound exit slip road connecting to the A67 at Bowes; and

(ii) westbound entry slip road connecting from the A67 at Bowes;

"the central reservation" means that part of the A66 which separates its carriageways for the safety and guidance of traffic using that road;

(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.

“a 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**(a)** 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 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;

“the works period” means the period starting at 00:01 hours on Monday 19 October 2009 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 5 and 11, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour in the first length of carriageway.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5, 6 and 11, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the first length of eastbound carriageway, the first length of westbound carriageway, the second length of westbound carriageway, or a slip road.

5. The provisions of articles 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 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 the first length of eastbound carriageway but is not prohibited in the first length of westbound carriageway, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to:

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

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

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

(3) When, pursuant to article 5, movement of traffic is prohibited in 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 11, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to overtake another moving vehicle in the first length of carriageway.

8. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 11, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed through the gaps in the central reservation from, and including, the gap opposite Pasture End (approximately 3780 metres west of Clint Bridge), to, and including, the gap opposite Punder Gill (approximately 300 metres east of Boldron Road).

9. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 11, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or wait in any layby situated adjacent to the first length of carriageway.

(a) S.I. 2002/3113; Part I.

10. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 11, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or leave the A66 at its junctions with any side roads from, and including, its junction with The Street to, and including, its junction with the road leading to Timpton Hill (approximately 520 metres west of the B6277).

11. Nothing in articles 4, 6 (1) and (2), save paragraphs (a), 7, 8, 9, and 10 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 police officer 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.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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